



# PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Dear Landowners and Water Users,

The Board of Directors of Pathfinder Irrigation District held a special meeting on April 27, 2026 to discuss the timing of the 2026 irrigation season. The meeting was well attended by landowners and water users. We genuinely appreciate the participation and discussion as we work together to navigate the difficult season ahead.

After careful consideration and with input from District water users, the Board has established a tentative delivery start date during the first week of July.

The most recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) reports that the District has 132,955 AF available for irrigation. This amount equals approximately 44 days. Based on the current conditions and the USBR forecast, the District anticipates an allocation of approximately 0.60 acre-feet per acre.

Currently, the Board of Directors is not in favor of borrowing water for the 2026 irrigation season, due to the cost per acre-foot and the requirement to pay back the water before next irrigation season.

This letter intends to provide a general outlook and the tentative decisions at this time, but please be advised that weather conditions and other operational factors will influence final decisions as we move forward. Accordingly, the delivery schedule, allocation, and borrowing water remain subject to change.

When water gets turned on, we ask all landowners to be mindful of their water usage and implement conservation measures wherever possible. Your cooperation is essential as we work through this challenging year together.

The District remains committed to keeping all users informed and will provide updates as additional information becomes available. For questions or further information, please contact our office at 308-623-1022, visit our website at [pathfinderirrigation.com](http://pathfinderirrigation.com), or check our facebook page for updates.

Sincerely,

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