



MID Urges Growers to Use Water Allocations prior to Sept. 15

Officials with the Merced Irrigation District are urging growers to use their water allocations by Sept. 15.

The irrigation season will end when Lake McClure reaches 85,000 acre feet. That capacity represents a modified minimum pool variance approved earlier this year by the State Water Resources Control Board. It is currently estimated that Lake McClure will reach the modified minimum pool in the middle of September.

That date is based on a host of factors, including grower orders and demand.

Updates on current and projected Lake McClure storage will be posted weekly on the MID homepage at www.mercedid.org.

Once Lake McClure reaches 85,000 acre-feet, all irrigation diversions will cease and the irrigation season will end. No water will be available to growers who have not used their allocation prior to that time.

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