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Cawelo Water District Landowners:

Water outlook for 2020 continues to be very poor with extremely low rainfall and snow pack impacting supplies from the State Water Project (SWP) and local water supplies. Current allocations from local water sources are very low and SWP supplies are estimated to be at 15%. The lack of water not only restricts the quantity of water available to the district, it restricts the District's ability to meet peak summer demands. In order to supplement supply, the District will be running all available groundwater wells from April through September. Despite the extraordinarily low supplies of Kern River and SWP, and due to the significant investment in groundwater recovery facilities, the District expects to deliver **1.4 acre-feet per acre in the service areas for the March to October period in 2020.**

We are asking all water users to make your best efforts to utilize this small allocation to best benefit your crops. Please schedule your irrigations throughout the week including weekends. Spreading the irrigation needs throughout the weekends allows the maximum amount of water to enter the system and wells are not shut off.

Additionally, this year Supplemental Water supplies are not available at this time. District is working to acquire supplemental supplies, but we do not have price or volumes secured.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the District office.

Sincerely,

David R. Ansolabehere,
General Manager