



EPIC Allocation Buy-Back Program Fact Sheet

Sign-up: February 19 – March 1, 2019

Scoring: By the End of March

- Program Purpose: provide grant funds for innovative agricultural practices to realize water savings, nitrate reduction, soil health, wildlife and habitat conservation, and other natural resources goals.
- Eligibility: Any resident of the District may apply for funds. Primary focus areas are the Pumpkin Creek Basin and overappropriated area.
- Payment amount for allocation buy-down will be at a flat rate of \$20 per acre-inch. Payments for approved applications will be made one time.
 - If you overuse your remaining allocation after receiving a buy-down payment through EPIC, you will be required to repay to the District the money you received. You will also be subject to the allocation penalties outlined in Chapter 6 or 7 of the District's rules and regulations.
- Title search: If your application is approved, the District will conduct a title search to determine whether payments under the program must be sent to additional entities. You will be required to sign a form consenting to the title search.
 - Any lienholders must consent to your participation in the EPIC Program.
- Allocation buy-down is available to groundwater-only irrigators only and applicants must schedule an appointment with NRD Staff.
- Applications will be ranked and scored with applicants being notified in mid to late March.
- Corporate applicants: If you are applying to this program on behalf of a corporation, you must provide to the District proof that you are eligible to sign the application and all other documents on behalf of the corporation.
- For more information, contact the NPNRD office at 632-2749 or go to www.npnrd.org.