



EPIC Allocation Buydown Program Fact Sheet

Sign-up: February 13 – February 24, 2023

Scoring: By the End of March

- **Program Purpose:** provide funds for innovative agricultural practices to realize water savings, nitrate reduction, soil health, wildlife and habitat conservation, and other natural resources goals.
- **Eligibility:** Any groundwater only irrigator within the over appropriated area of the District, including the Pumpkin Creek Basin, may apply for funds.
- **Application:** Individuals wishing to apply for this Program must schedule an appointment with the District Water Department staff to complete an Application.
- **Allocation Buydown Amount:** Any Applicant will only be allowed to buydown their available annual allocation for WY2023. The available annual allocation for WY2023 will be a maximum of 14 acre-inches in the over appropriated area of the District and 12 acre-inches in the Pumpkin Creek Basin. It will also include any reduction for irrigation that has occurred between October 1, 2022, and February 28, 2023. Flow meter inspections and readings will be conducted at the conclusion of Program sign ups to determine if any such irrigation has occurred. If there are any changes to the available annual allocation as a result of the flow meter inspection and readings Applicants will be contacted via phone.
- **Scoring and Approval:** Applications will be ranked and scored by the end of March 2023. Applicants will be notified before the end of March as to the approval or denial of their Application.
- **Title search:** You will be required to sign a form consenting to a title search on the subject property. If your application is approved, the District will conduct a title search to determine if there are any liens against the subject property. Any lienholders must consent to your participation in the EPIC Program and will be provided the option to be included as a payee on any payments made for participation in the Program.
- **Payment:** Allocation buydown will be paid at a flat rate of \$15 per acre-inch. Flow meter inspections and readings will occur after September 30 (end of the water year) to determine Program compliance. Payments will be made before the end of the calendar year, but not before flow meter inspections and readings.
- **Entity Applicants:** If the Applicant is an entity (Corporation, LLC, Trust, Estate, etc.), documentation must be provided to the District authorizing the signatory to execute the Application and all other documents on behalf of the entity.
- **Powers of Attorney:** If an Application is being completed on behalf of an individual who is unable to execute the Application or any other documents required by the District, a valid Power of Attorney must be presented at the time of application.
- For more information, contact the NPNRD office at 632-2749 or go to www.npnrd.org.