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Lower Tule River Irrigation District
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218 Election Update

August 2010



Assessment Changes in Other Local Districts

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Dear Raul,

We have received several questions asking what other Friant Districts are doing relative to assessment changes for the new contracts. While many are still in the early stages of determining how best to pay the bond debt, some of our closer neighbors have held elections to change the assessment or will in the next several months.

How does Lower Tule compare?

The Lower Tule Board is proposing to shift costs from the water to the land through an assessment increase of roughly \$15 per acre. The current average assessment is \$20 per acre per year. If the increase passes by a vote of the landowners, then the capital portion of the water rates could be reduced by approximately \$10 per acre-foot. If the assessment vote fails, the water rates will need to be increased by approximately \$3-\$5 per acre-foot.

The table below provides information on how Lower Tule compares to other Districts in the area of assessments, proposed increases, and the status of their assessment votes:

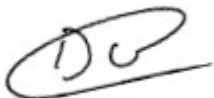
	Current Rate per Acre	Proposed per Acre Increase	Total Proposed Assessment	Election Status
Lower Tule	\$20	\$15	\$35	September 2010
Porterville ID	\$29	\$44	\$73	October 2010
Delano Earlimart	\$44	\$28	\$72	Passed in Aug by 95%
Shafter Wasco	\$28	\$15	\$43	Passed in April by 84%

Two things have been determined

The District will sign a new contract providing a permanent right to a water supply from the Friant Division. The District will also issue bonds to cover the debt.

The question being posed to the landowners of the Lower Tule is: Do you want only the water users to pay that debt service through the water rates, or should everyone who benefits from the surface and groundwater pay through a land based assessment change?

This is a historical moment in the history of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District. Please take time to read the Engineer's Report and all the related documents on the [District's website](#). Please do not hesitate to contact the office or your Board representative for more information.



Dan Vink - General Manager

Landowner Meetings Scheduled to Provide Information on Assessment Vote

The District will be holding two separate open meetings to provide additional information and answer any questions related to the upcoming election. In addition, your Board Division representative will be holding a meeting specific to the Division in which you farm.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday August 16 at 10:00 am

Friday August 20 at 10:00 am

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