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Pixley 2023 Water Run update –

- With the higher temperatures and crop demand over the last week, the water orders on the Friant Kern Canal have been more than the capacity of the canal. Since Pixley is not a Friant contractor and is taking delivery of water transferred from other Districts, Pixley is one of the first Districts that has to reduce deliveries. This has resulted in portions of Pixley's canal system to be shut down.
- For tomorrow, we will have to make more cuts. We are working hard to minimize the impact as much as possible.
- Tomorrow the following canals will be off: Ave 116 canal, westside lateral #1, westside Lateral #2, Harris ditch and Townsend ditch.
- If we are not able to return the flows in the next day or two. We will turn off lateral #3 and turn some of these laterals back on in order to get everyone some water if we can.
- **The Friant Kern Canal is generally at capacity from Monday through Thursday during the week; the main thing growers can do to help, is shift irrigation schedules to Friday, Saturday and Sunday if you can. The more growers that can do that, should reduce the District demand during from Monday through Thursday and thus, reduce the amount of growers we have to shut off during the week.**
- This is something we will have to deal with over the next few weeks and potentially throughout August as it is hot and irrigation and recharge demands on the Friant system are high.
- The office will continue to be in contact with water users that are affected by these reduced deliveries and system shutoffs and we will continue to do our best to get the water back into the system as Friant capacity opens back up.

Please be patient with office staff as we work through these issues.

As always if there are any questions please call the office.

Sincerely,

Eric Limas

General Manager