Water Management Practices for the End of Rice Season

GCID is reminding all water users to adhere to the District's *Water Management and Conservation Policy* to conserve and manage the District's water supply efficiently for the remainder of the season. More water was used in June than was planned and scheduled, which resulted in additional costs. In July and August the District relies on Project Water and this water is much more expensive than the Base Supply water used in the other months under the District's Sacramento River Settlement Contract.

In order to conserve water and minimize costs, please **make sure that all notched weir boards are in place** throughout the entire season, as required by the *Water Management and Conservation Policy.*

Also, when preparing for rice harvest, water users should turn off the water to rice fields as early as possible and **hold the water at least 7 to 10 days before draining the fields.** Water operators will work with water users to return water to the top check if they should dry out faster than anticipated.

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