February 27, 2020

Dear Landowners:

The District has received notification from the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) that 2020 has been designated a Non-Critical Water Year and that the District will receive 100% of its Level 2 water supply (125,000 AF). Level 2 water comprises 69% (125,000 of 180,000 AF) of our total contract water supply. Incremental Level 4 (IL4) water accounts for the remaining 31% (55,000 of 180,000 AF) of the District’s contract water supply. The Bureau has indicated that they plan to acquire a minimum of 30,000 AF of IL4 water for the south-of-Delta refuges, of which 20,100 AF will be made available to the District. The volume of IL4 water may increase as the year proceeds. However, despite an allocation of only 36.5% of our IL4 water the District feels confident it will be able to provide landowners water for a single spring irrigation given our groundwater pumping program, recirculation program and water rescheduled from 2019 into 2020.

That being said, water conservation should continue to be everyone’s highest priority. Please replace leaky screw gates, ensure pond levees are in good condition, and be mindful of water elevations and spill.

Enclosed, you will find the 2020 Spring & Summer Water Order Form. We ask that you fill it out, sign and return it to the District office no later than March 13, 2020. The Water Order Form may be mailed to the District office, faxed to (209)826-4984, or emailed to Ken Swanson, District Engineer/Watermaster, at kswanson@gwdwater.org.

Included on the Water Order Form is the opportunity to donate to the Grassland Fund. The Grassland Fund provides critical funding for legal defense focused on protecting your water supplies and to support our Grassland Environmental Education Center (GEECe). Also, for your convenience, donations may be made through the District’s website (http://gwdwater.org).

Please note the District needs up to date email addresses for all club members and club contacts. Space has been included on the back of your Water Order Form for this purpose. Please contact us at 209-826-5188 with any questions.

Wet Regards,

Ric Ortega, General Manager
GRASSLAND WATER DISTRICT

2020 Spring & Summer Water Order Form

Club Name __________________________ Club Officer _______________ Phone (_____) _______________

Address _____________________________________ City _____________________________ State ______
Zip ____________________ Email address _____________________________________________
Water contact person ________________________________________ Phone (_____) __________________

IMPORTANT!

Please indicate by checking yes or no if you would like to request spring and summer water.

YES______               NO______

If you plan on providing brood habitat, please indicate the number of acres of brood ponds __________

Prior to your delivery date, please contact your water tender 48 hours in advance.

WATER RATE = $4.00 PER ACRE FOOT – FROM MARCH 1st THROUGH AUGUST 14th.

If you would like to make an additional per acre foot contribution to the Grassland Legal Defense Fund, Please indicate by checking below.

+ $1/AF_______        ++ $2/AF_______      +++ $3/AF_______

__________________________________________________
Authorized Signature

Water deliveries require a signed water order form. Please return at your earliest convenience, but no later than:

March 13, 2020

To: Grassland Water District – 200 W Willmott Ave, Los Banos, CA 93635
Email Ken Swanson at kswanson@gwdwater.org or Fax 209-826-4984

“The Grassland Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation, education and the legal defense of the Grassland Wetlands of Merced County. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law”