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2025 NEWSLETTER

PREPARING FOR IRRIGATION SEASON

The 2025 irrigation season is shaping up to be an average water season. The Susan River Watermaster Service entails multiple waterways, points of diversion, points of storage, various distribution methods, and schedules of usage. However, this entire system uses an extensive conveyance system, and the maintenance of the conveyance system is the responsibility of each water user. Ensuring your ditches, channels, culverts, and headgates are clear of vegetation overgrowth, debris, and silt buildup ensures the available water is deliverable, for you and your neighbor.

REMINDERS:

- The Deputy Watermaster may notify you of maintenance concerns/issues of your portion of the conveyance system.
- The Deputy Watermaster and the Watermaster Advisory Committee (WAC) can be contacted for advice or suggestions on conveyance maintenance issues.
- Maintenance, upkeep, repairs, servicing, cleaning, or any other task needed to ensure serviceability of any type of diversion, dam, headgate, ditch, culvert, pipe, stream, or channel is the responsibility of the water user.
- A blatant disregard of maintenance, upkeep, or repairs that hinders the deliverability of otherwise available water to the next downstream user, is a violation of Paragraph 58 of the Decree.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

The Honey Lake Valley RCD received grant funding from CA DWR to assist City of Susanville and Lassen Irrigation Company (LIC) with necessary upgrades to the Johnstonville Dam to aid in reducing flood water impact and ensure consistent distribution. It's estimated that this project will be completed in December 2025.

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WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Watermaster Advisory Committee (WAC) is available to assist with questions or concerns regarding the decree or Watermaster Service. In addition, the WAC reviews the proposed annual budget, and offers recommendations on various issues.

The WAC meets every second Thursday of each odd-numbered month at 5:30PM.

2025 MEETING DATES:

- January 9th
- March 13th
- May 8th
- July 10th
- September 11th
- November 13th

CURRENT WAC MEMBERS:

- Representative of the Water (RCD) Board – Wayne Langston
- Representative of the Farm Bureau – Jesse Midgley
- **Upper Susan River – VACANT**
- Lower Susan River – Todd Swickard
- **Baxter Creek – VACANT**
- Willow Creek – Darren Hagata
- Lassen Irrigation Company – Ramsey Wood

The WAC currently has two representative vacancies: Upper Susan River and Baxter Creek. If you are interested in representing your area on the WAC, please reach out to the current members of the WAC, the RCD Board of Directors, the Deputy Watermaster, or the RCD District Manager.

TECHNOLOGY:

Interactive mapping of the SRWMSA is available on the RCD's website. The Deputy Watermaster also utilizes trail cameras and data loggers to monitor and effectively distribute water.

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