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To: All Central Valley Project Water Contractors

Subject: New Process to Repay Trinity Public Utilities District (PUD) Assessment

Dear Water Contractor:

Beginning in March 2007, Reclamation had a process where collections for the Trinity Public Utility District (PUD) Assessment were made by water users based on an assessment per acre-foot of water delivered. This assessment was collected from CVP project contractors as a separate charge. The accounting for this process was burdensome for both Reclamation and the water users.

Starting with 2024 water rates, Reclamation is taking a different approach which significantly streamlines the recovery of the Trinity PUD Assessment and the remittance to Trinity PUD. We are beginning a pilot program with Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District to pay the annual amount in a lump sum to Reclamation each year and have a corresponding amount credited to them through the O&M rates and Water Contractor Accountings of the same year. The Trinity PUD rate will be collected from all CVP project contractors through the O&M water marketing cost pool. Please do not remit Trinity PUD surcharge after March 1st, 2024.

Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District will receive a credit against their obligation of O&M in exchange for their lump sum payment to cover the Trinity PUD Assessment and an offset will be required for all other water users to pay. The amount added to O&M will be assessed based on delivered water. This will increase the Water Marketing rate by approximately 15 cents an acre-foot beginning with the 2024 Water Rates.

If there are any questions, please contact Robert Ward at 916-978-5359 or [rward@usbr.gov](mailto:rward@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,

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