



# Federal Irrigation System

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT USING IRRIGATION WATER

- Water may only be used on lands classified as "Irrigable".
- The water is NOT potable and cannot be consumed.
- Connecting an irrigation water line to the domestic water is a direct cross-connection, a violation of state law, even if separated by a valve and will not be allowed under any circumstance.



- Water will **NOT** be turned on until you've paid your assessment.
  - Your annual allotment is 36 inches of water, per irrigable acre.
  - All plumbing after the turnout is the responsibility of the property owner to design, install and maintain. Please use a Romac coupler or union to connect to the outside valve.
  - The system allows for 8 gallons per minute (gpm), per acre.
  - If you exceed your allowance, your water will be shut off. This is crucial to abide to in order for us to keep enough water in our tanks to service everyone.
- **SHARED TURNOUTS:** Irrigation turnouts are often shared by multiple owners. It is up to the benefited property owners to file agreements for maintaining any shared service mainlines and for having easements in place to access the irrigation water. LCRD is only responsible for providing water to the meter.
- **IRRIGATION EXCESS:** LCRD will read the meters at the end of October for a final read. If you have used more water than you are allotted, you will receive an irrigation excess bill on December 1st. If you are on a shared turnout, then the total excess amount will be divided by acreage and a portion is assigned to each property owner.
- Our policy states that you design your own private irrigation system. We recommend the installation of a filter system, a pressure reducing valve and pressure gauges. It is your responsibility to protect your own system from potential damage and pressure spikes.
- Never try reducing flow by partially opening the outside valve. Doing so will destroy the valve over time. Either its fully open or its fully closed.
- The irrigation system is not designed for frost protection or for fruit cooling purposes. The irrigation season will not be forwarded or extended for these purposes.
- All of the Districts irrigation mainlines and turnouts are within a 50 feet easement benefiting the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. They are called out as "25 feet on each side of the irrigation pipe as it lays". No buildings or permanent structures may be placed upon these easements.

