

March 7, 2011



Re: Possible Curtailments of Water Bank Water in the 2011 Irrigation Season

Dear Water Bank Lessee:

As the holder of an Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) Water Bank lease, we are contacting you to inform you that there is a possibility that your Water Bank lease may be curtailed during the 2011 irrigation season.

At the meeting of the MRGCD Board on February 14, 2011, based on snow pack data and the amount of water in storage, the Board was informed that there may be insufficient water for a full irrigation season for all MRGCD irrigators in 2011. If there is insufficient water available, then curtailment will be required under the MRGCD's Water Bank Rules and Regulations.

This letter is being sent to you regarding the Rules and Regulations that govern use of water from the MRGCD's Water Bank. These Rules bind all Water Bank lessees. Specific Rules relating to curtailment of Water Bank leases in times of shortage are as follows:

6. All applications for Water Bank leases are subject to water availability, as determined by the MRGCD. [Rule 23-4.00 (H)].
7. In times of shortage, as determined by the MRGCD Board of Directors, Water Bank leases of non pre-1907 water rights will be the first users to have their supply curtailed, with a minimum of five (5) days notice. If water becomes available, leases may be reinstated. [Rule 23.4.00 (G)].
9. In times of curtailment, there shall be no refunds to Water Bank lessees. [Rule 23-4.00 (G)].

While storm events and other weather systems may pass through that alter this forecast, thereby providing a greater water supply for the 2011 irrigation season, we wish to be clear that curtailment of Water Bank leases is a possibility for you this irrigation season. This means that with as little as five (5) days notice you may be required to cease irrigating at any time in the irrigation season.

The MRGCD will be strictly enforcing scheduling for irrigation to maximize use of the water available. Please consider all of these factors in making plans for use of Water Bank water under your lease.

If you have any questions regarding the above Rules and Regulations, please contact the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District at (505)247-0234.

Sincerely,

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