



## IMPORTANT AG WATER NEWS

### Agricultural Water Customers

As agricultural water customers you should be aware that the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) recently changed the **TSAWR** water discount program in several ways:

- On 01/01/2021, **TSAWR** became the **Permanent Special Agriculture Water Rate (PSAWR) Program**;
- **PSAWR** will be **open** to all eligible commercial agriculture water users effective January 1, 2021;
- There is no minimum amount of land dedicated to agriculture purposes to qualify for the new **PSAWR Program** (previously it was 1 acre minimum); and
- For current Agricultural Customers and customers who currently receive the TSAWR rate to enroll in the **PSAWR Program**, the subject property(ies) must be in the one of four different eligibility programs:
  1. **San Diego Growers LIST- Pesticide Use;**
  2. **Active Certified Producers Certificate- County of San Diego**
  3. **Organic Producers- United States Department of Agriculture;**
  4. **San Diego Reginal Water Quality Control Board General Agricultural Order Enrollment Program.**

#### **Next Steps...**

Agricultural customers who wish to join the new **PSAWR Program** must carefully read, fully complete and return the enrollment form to our office at 34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley, CA 92061; mail to Yuima Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 177, Pauma Valley, CA 9261; E-mail to [yuima@yuimamwd.com](mailto:yuima@yuimamwd.com); or Fax to 760-742-2069. Contact us at 760-742-3704 if you should have any questions.

**New PSAWR** applicants meeting the eligibility requirements will start receiving the water rate differential of \$163/AF (as of 01/01/2021) on water used after January 1, 2021 or the enrollment date, whichever is the latter of the two, in return for a lower level of water supply reliability and increased exposure to supply reduction during droughts or water supply emergencies as determined by the Metropolitan Water District and the SDCWA.

**Thank You**

**Yuima Municipal Water District**

# How to Enroll in the PSAWR Program

For both *current TSAWR participants* and *new applicants*, complete the steps listed below:

1<sup>st</sup>  
Step

Ensure that your parcel is enrolled in one of the 4 Eligibility Lists below:

## 1 General Ag Order Enrollment List

You may contact *The San Diego Farm Bureau* at (760) 745-3023 on Eligibility for San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board General Agricultural Order Enrollment Program or go directly to the RWQCB website listed below:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/commercial\\_agriculture/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/commercial_agriculture/)

## County of San Diego Department of Agriculture Lists

You may contact *The San Diego County Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures* at (760) 752-4700 (San Marcos Office) for eligibility on the Programs listed below or go directly to their websites also listed below:

## 2 Growers Pesticide Use

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/pesticides.html>

## 3 Active Certified Producers

[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/farmers\\_markets/CPC.htm](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/farmers_markets/CPC.htm)

## 4 Organic Producers

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/organic.html>

2<sup>nd</sup>  
Step

Complete an Enrollment Form for the PSAWR available from Your Retail Water Agency.

3<sup>rd</sup>  
Step

Submit the Completed Application to Your Retail Water Agency