



CONTINUE THE LEGACY

FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION

Background on Proposition 218

Proposition 218 is a constitutional initiative (Article XIID, Section 4) approved by California voters in 1996. It **requires new or increased assessments to be approved by landowners through a special election process**. FID has complied with Prop 218 requirements as part of its current election including preparing an Engineer's Report, identifying landowners, mailing a public notice and ballots, and setting a Public Hearing.

Passing the Prop 218

Proposition 218 elections require the **SUPPORT** of voters – **FID LANDOWNERS** – to **INVEST** in activities that **INCREASE** water supply capture and delivery **EFFICIENCY**, **REPLENISH** our groundwater supply, and **PROTECT** our precious and long-held water rights.

The Prop 218 election **WILL PASS IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES RECEIVED ARE IN FAVOR** of the assessment rate increase (50%+). Votes are weighted by acreage: one acre is equal to one vote. This correlates to the financial obligation of the affected property per acre.

Election Success: Assessment Rates

Landowner Assessment Rates by Classification:

RATE CLASSIFICATION		2023 (current)	2024*	2025	2026	2027	2028
Water Service	Landowner receives gravity flow surface water	\$53.76	\$89.00	\$99.00	\$109.00	\$119.00	\$128.75
Underground Water Service	Landowner does not receive surface water, but benefits from District surface water recharge that offsets groundwater use	\$38.78	\$64.20	\$71.41	\$78.63	\$85.84	\$92.87
Pump from Ditch	Landowner must pump from FID canal to receive water	\$47.10	\$77.97	\$86.74	\$95.50	\$104.26	\$112.80
Lift Pump	Surface water must be pumped by FID along canals to reach landowner (no gravity flow)	\$62.08	\$102.77	\$114.32	\$125.87	\$137.42	\$148.68

*Many landowners are asking why the first year of the proposed assessment is so significant. FID is primarily funded through land-based assessments and is severely underfunded. A significant increase in 2024 is needed to address critical needs such as complying with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and defending our water rights as soon as possible. Additionally, the proposed assessment increases will pay for projects necessary to work towards compliance with SGMA and critical infrastructure improvements.



Did you know?

FID has **infrastructure that is more than 100 years old** and **43% of the total revenues will be used for surface water infrastructure projects**.

FID is a member agency of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency and is **committed** to doing **groundwater recharge projects**. A separate assessment will not be charged by the NKGSA.

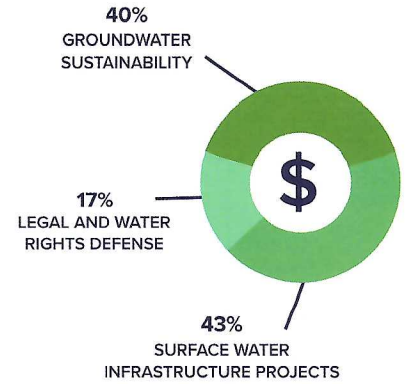


FID's **rates remain highly competitive** compared to other districts. Even with the proposed increase, the estimated cost of water per acre-foot is among the **lowest in the San Joaquin Valley**.



Visit www.fresnoirrigation.com/prop218 to see our rate comparison table.

BENEFITS Received through the Proposed Rates:



LEGAL AND WATER RIGHTS DEFENSE

Increase investment in legal and water rights defense so FID can protect our water supply from current and future attacks **\$11.8 million through 2028**

- Current attack: Kings River Fully Appropriated Stream hearings with the State Board
- Anticipated surface water rights and groundwater challenges
- Address complex and increasing regulatory requirements

SURFACE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Improve the reliability of our storage conveyance systems so water gets efficiently delivered to your farms and businesses **\$28.6 million through 2028**

- Pipeline replacement and inspection
- Canal measurement and concrete liners
- Canal and basin dredging
- Big Dry Creek and Fancher Creek maintenance
- Road improvements
- Trash cleanup
- Other misc.

GROUNDWATER RECHARGE

Capture more surface water during wet years to replenish the groundwater aquifer **\$26.9 million through 2028**

- Add 375 acres of recharge basins, increasing the amount of recharge to 25,000 AF per month.
- Intertie four existing Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District basins for additional recharge benefit
- Improve recharge rates of existing basins to increase the amount of water that can be recharged

We know we are accountable to our landowners, and plan to report on how assessment dollars were invested every year in our Annual Reports moving forward.