



# LAGUNA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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## NEWSLETTER

April 14, 2026

Hello Laguna Landowners!

In our continued efforts to keep our Landowners informed, Laguna Irrigation District has prepared this newsletter to update you on current events and projects in the area.

In this newsletter we have included various sections with information related to Water Conditions, Projects, and Local Groundwater Conditions.

In addition to this newsletter, you will find a flyer prepared by our Engineers, Montgomery and Associates (M&A). There you will find information on Recharge Projects & Management Actions, Groundwater Conditions, and Sustainability as they relate to SGMA. M&A has been working with District Staff to gather factual and defensible groundwater data to minimize future pumping restrictions for you, our landowners.

We will continue to post news and information on the District Website ([www.lagunaid.com](http://www.lagunaid.com)) as things occur. In recent weeks, our office has been calling to update contact information and verify email addresses to be included for all online notifications. Notifications, such as meeting announcements, projects, surface water allocations, and information from the North Fork Kings GSA, will be automatically sent when they occur. If you believe that you are not receiving notifications, please go to the website and sign up, or contact the District Office.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you have any suggestions for topics we should consider including in future newsletters, please contact the District by clicking on the "Contact Us" Menu Item on the website located at [www.lagunaid.com/contact-us](http://www.lagunaid.com/contact-us) or call us. You can contact me directly at (559) 352-7947.

I hope you find this newsletter helpful.

Sincerely,

*Scott Sills*

Scott Sills  
General Manager

## Water

When will Laguna have water in the canals this year?

- We expect to have Ditchwater available beginning the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. This can change with water conditions, but it is our best estimate at this time.

How much canal water can I expect to receive in 2026?

- Due to dryer than average conditions and the variations in the weather this year, Laguna's initial allocation will be 0.60-acre feet/ acre. There may be an increase, if possible.

When can I start ordering water?

- Water ordering directions and timeline will be posted to the website at [www.lagunaid.com](http://www.lagunaid.com) as the information becomes available. Begin looking for this information on the website around May 11<sup>th</sup>. All initial water orders need to be placed through the office 559-923-6800 ext. 1.

What is the Coordinated Run and how does that benefit me, the water user?

- The Coordinated Run is a period of time set by the Lower Kings River Board each year prior to when most water agencies deliver their water. The start and end dates of the run depend upon water conditions for that year. The Coordinated Run Period incentivizes more diverters to concentrate water deliveries within this period. By doing so more water is put in the river which equates to a lower percentage of water going to river seepage and a higher percentage of water making it to each district or water company's headgates. A Kings River diverter can run their water anytime during the period to take advantage of this benefit without harming other water agencies. For example, in 2025, the Coordinated Run began on June 1<sup>st</sup> and ended on August 15<sup>th</sup>, about 75 days. Laguna ran water from Pine Flat Reservoir for 54 days beginning June 15<sup>th</sup> and ending at Pine Flat on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We ran our water well within the parameters of the Coordinated Run Period and due to ending in the latter portion, we had more certainty of the delivery percentage which allowed us the ability to increase the per acre allocation to our water users.

## Website

The District website, [www.lagunaid.com](http://www.lagunaid.com), posts include District News, meeting notices, surface water allocation updates, newsletters, projects, and other pertinent information, and will automatically generate email notifications to all email addresses that have joined the Email List on the site.

## Projects

In addition to regular maintenance, the District has made numerous improvements to our facilities over the last two years. Many of these projects were completed with funding from FEMA and CalOES.

Below are brief descriptions and photos for your review.

## ***Island Weir Levee***

The Island Weir is unique in that it does not span the width of the flood channel in the river. The flood channel is about a quarter mile wide, and the weir is 200 feet wide. In order to operate in this situation, an interior levee is required to connect to the weir and control flows. This levee was rebuilt and reinforced. It should withstand future flood events.

Before

After



## ***Island Weir***

The Island Weir is located at the Forks of the Kings River east of Highway 41 and is what holds back the river to deliver water into the Island Canal and the South Fork channel. The weir was damaged in the flood event of 2023, and much work was done to bring it back to full operation.

Work completed is described below:

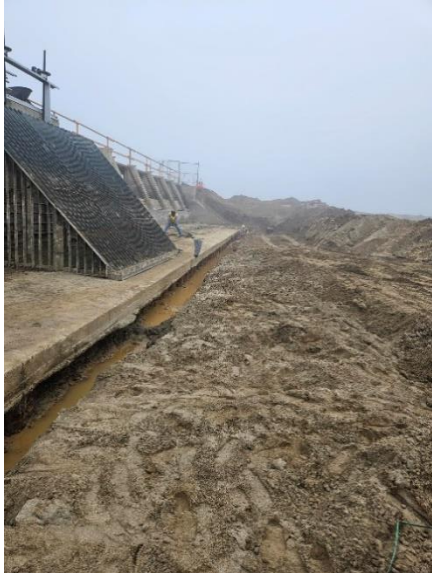
- The damaged walkway was repaired and widened to allow equipment to safely operate from the deck to remove debris that collects on the weir during flood events.

Completed



- A new concrete “cut-off wall” was poured on the upstream side of the weir to eliminate erosion under the Weir.

Before



After



- Repairs of the concrete structural components of the weir were also made. (vertical wall replacement and resurfacing concrete)

Before



After



## ***Island Siphon***

The Island Siphon which supplies water to the Island Canal in dry years catastrophically failed during the 2023 Flood Event. The 60” diameter Siphon was over 120 years old and had definitely served the District well during its life. Below are some photos of the damage, replacement construction in progress, and the completed project.

Before



During



After



## ***Highway 41 Project and Laguna's Involvement***

Most recently, there has been much activity related to the Highway 41 Widening/4 Lane Project. Due to the District having five conveyances under the highway, we have worked with Caltrans to extend our facilities for the construction of the new Northbound Lanes of the roadway. Granite Construction was hired by Laguna to complete the work. The costs related to this work are being reimbursed by Caltrans so that the District is made whole for all expenses for this project. Below are some photos of the completed work.

G Ditch/Hampy Pipeline Complex



Camden Ditch



Wheeler Pipeline



B Ditch Extension

