

# KLAMATH DROUGHT RESPONSE AGENCY

## Summary of 2020 Programs

(May 12, 2020)

The following is a brief summary of the various programs developed to receive available drought relief funding for the 2020 season. As conditions have changed, the DRA has attempted to adapt to accommodate the fair and reasonable distribution of available funds. This is only a brief summary. The full policies, including eligibility criteria and applications should be referred to and are located on the DRA website, [www.klamathwaterbank.com](http://www.klamathwaterbank.com). Questions may be directed to (541) 630-0752 or [info@klamathwaterbank.com](mailto:info@klamathwaterbank.com).

### **Groundwater Supplementation**

- The purpose of this program is to add groundwater supply to the minimal project water supply allocated by Reclamation.
- The DRA will compensate groundwater well owners for pumping groundwater to supplement the surface water supply.
- The compensation would be the power cost, including the load and demand charges incurred by the groundwater well owner. In addition, an additional increment may be paid.
- All groundwater would need to be pumped consistent with state and local requirements, and for use within the project area served by the Klamath River and Upper Klamath Lake.
- Deadline for filing has been extended to **5 pm on June 10, 2020**.

### **Focused well**

- Due to the uncertainty of the surface water supply the DRA pursued this program.
- This program was targeted at the Top 30 efficient groundwater wells that participated in both the DRA's 2018 Program as well as KWAPA's 2015 Program. The Top 30 was determined based on 2015 data from KWAPA.
- The DRA instructed staff to verbally contact these 30 groundwater well owners and follow up with contract arrangements.
- The DRA will compensate the groundwater well pumper for the power cost, including the load and demand charges, plus \$20 per acre foot.
- All groundwater would need to be pumped consistent with state and local requirements, and for use within the project area served by the Klamath River and Upper Klamath Lake.
- Deadline for filing has been extended to **5 pm on June 10, 2020**.

## **Drought Response**

- The purpose of this program was to reduce the demand within the project by compensating irrigators who do not irrigate their crop(s).
- As in past years, the requirement was to not apply water from any source other than natural precipitation during the period of November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020; Program in-full.
- Payment for the program in-full will be made on a per acre basis, in an amount to be determined by the DRA
- The DRA elected to include winter-irrigated lands in a partial program by allowing participation for lands irrigated between November 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020, but not after March 1, 2020; Program in-part. It was agreed that payment for this program in-part would be 67% of the program in-full.
- This program applied to lands in the Klamath Project that receive water from the Klamath River and Upper Klamath Lake.
- Deadline for filing is has been extended to **5 pm on June 10.**

## **Limited Irrigation Drought** (Approved at May 11<sup>th</sup> DRA meeting)

- Due to the lack of information relating to the dire surface water supply and the continued decline of the available surface water supply based on the May 1 forecast, this program was approved.
- Would allow an irrigator of land that was not irrigated between November 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020, was irrigated on or after March 1, 2020, but was not irrigated after 5:00 pm on May 12, 2020 to participate in this partial season program.
- Like the drought response program in-part described above, payment per acre will be 67% of the program in full.
- Deadline for filing is **5 pm on June 10.**