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RE: Upcoming FID Proposition 218 Election

Dear FID Landowner,

For over 100 years, Fresno Irrigation District (FID) landowners like yourself have invested in a legacy of water by financially contributing to infrastructure, facilities, and supply to support the production of bountiful crops, local jobs, and community growth.

Continuing this legacy will require further investments in activities that increase water supply capture and delivery efficiency; build infrastructure to help make the District drought resilient; and protect and defend local water rights for the future. At its Board meeting on January 12, the Board of Directors unanimously approved proceeding with a Proposition 218 election in 2023. As an FID landowner, you will be asked to vote in an upcoming Proposition 218 election to assist in these key areas. Ballots to vote in the election will be mailed to your parcel address in April.

Benefits of the increased investments will be focused in three key areas:

- **Surface water infrastructure:** Both new and improved water delivery infrastructure and services including necessary upgrades to aging infrastructure, to make sure we get water where it needs to go – to your farms and businesses.
- **Groundwater sustainability:** We plan to continue building new recharge basins and adding interties to as many existing basins as possible. We must continue progress towards achieving the benchmarks of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and other regulatory programs. Not only does this keep local control over our groundwater supply, but it also helps stabilize the local groundwater table.
- **Legal and water rights defense:** There are active threats against our water rights. FID will be enabled through Prop 218 investments to continue to protect and defend our area's precious surface water supplies against both existing and future threats.

To continue FID's next century of service, the Proposition 218 election proposes an initial Water Service Rate increase in 2024 to \$89/acre with additional increases over time to reach \$128.75/acre in 2028*. This equates to \$35.60 per acre-foot of water delivered in

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2024 which remains some of the lowest rates when compared to neighboring irrigation districts.

There are several ways to learn more and have your questions answered by engaging with us over the coming months in the following ways: visit our Prop 218 webpage at www.fresnoirrigation.com/prop218 where you'll find resources like FAQs and the Engineer's Report; attend upcoming FID grower meetings this April (dates to be announced in February 2023); or reach directly out to our staff by phone at 559-233-7161 or email Prop218@fresnoirrigation.com.

It's time to invest in the next era – to continue FID's legacy of providing reliable water and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William R. Stretch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Stretch
General Manager