



April 5, 2026

RE: 2026 Allocations (April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027)

Dear Member,

The 2025-2026 Winter snowpack has been very disappointing. Typically, March is one of the wettest months to increase snowpack in the mountains. Instead, March 2026 was warmer than normal and drier than normal. These conditions were detrimental to the snowpack, and soil moisture conditions continued to worsen locally. The Division of Water Resources is very concerned about the yields from LAWMA's replacement sources. Replacement sources, such as the Fort Lyon Canal, Highland Canal, and the Fort Bent Canal, are expected to have minimal runs based on current conditions. Additionally, the moisture equivalency in the snowpack is the worst on record. The Division 2 Engineer's Office (DEO) is comparing this year to 2002 and 2012.

On April 2, 2026, at 9:00 pm, LAWMA received formal notification from the DEO that LAWMA's 2026 allocation is 20%, with the contingency of increasing allocations if the sources yield sufficiently to justify a higher allocation later in the season. You will likely see Division 2 Water Commissioners in the field more this year. They have notified LAWMA that they will be monitoring the well pumping very closely and will immediately tag over-pumped wells.

In this mailing, you are receiving your 2026 pumping allocations. The "Total Allocation" column is the Acre Feet that is allocated to each Farm Unit. Any leases received after February 25, 2026 are not included in this allocation. LAWMA will be initiating a water transfer for any additional leased received after that date. Members should be able to use their meter readings to calculate acre-feet. Not all meters are the same, so if you need help with this, please contact the LAWMA office.

Please self-monitor your monthly pumping to prevent any over usage. The Division of Water Resources will implement fines for not reporting monthly meter readings. Monthly meter readings are due by the 6th of every month (even in winter months). The state will impose "Well Head Orders" (tag) to cease pumping and a \$500 fine on users who fail to provide monthly meter readings on time. Below are conditions 37-38 of the DEO's initial approval.

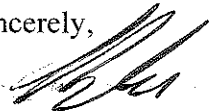
37. Each month, the Division Engineer provides a list of members who have pumped more than their allocation. LAWMA must either provide an amendment or water transfer to allocate additional pumping **within 5 business days** of receiving this report, or the member wells will be placed under well head order. This Order is a cease and desist diversion order and violation of this Order could result in court proceedings for members. Members who have pumped 100% of their allocation will be tagged until their allocation is increased by at least 10% of their original allocation.

38. The current hydrology and weather projections are all trending towards a drought year. The Division Engineer will conduct a review of allocations and replacement yields before the post-June 1 Approval, in order to prevent injury. This review could result in adjusting pumping allocations in the post-June 1st approval.

If you are leasing other members' pumping, please notify the office ASAP. It is critical to get the pumping transferred to your Farm Unit before you get into an over-pumping situation. Please remember that all transfers must be approved by the State, which adds more time to the process of transferring the pumping to your well.

Please contact LAWMA office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Cue", written over a horizontal line.

Roy Cue
Manager

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Preliminary 2026 ALLOCATION NOTICE

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FARM UNIT	PLAN	IDENT	Suf	PDF	Common Shares	Preferred Shares	Leased C. Shares	Leased P. Shares	Share Alloc	PCA	APOD	Leased Water	Total Alloc	Total WHD
140	Rule 14	6706208	A	0.50	2	0	0	0	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	10.00
	Rule 14	6706209	A	0.50	2	0	0	0	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	10.00
	Rule 14	6706210	A	0.90	1	0	0	0	5.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.54	5.00
	Rule 14	6706211	A	0.90	1	0	0	0	5.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.54	5.00
	Rule 14	6706212	A	0.50	1	0	0	0	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	5.00
	Rule 14	6706213	A	0.50	1	0	0	0	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	5.00
Farm Unit Total:					8	0	0	0	71.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.1	40.0

KEEP THIS ALLOCATION PAGE FOR YOUR RECORD

This notice sets forth your current pumping allocation based on available water resources for augmentation use by LAWMA during the current plan year. The Pumping Allocation (ALLOC) is the allocation to the LAWMA shares dedicated to the well based on the current allocation percentage designated by the LAWMA Board of Directors. Please be advised that the pumping you are allocated may be all of the pumping you have for the current plan year because there is no guarantee that additional LAWMA shares will be available for lease during the plan year. Any overpumping will result in a reduced allocation next year.

The Pre-Compact Pumping Allocation (PCA) was derived for individual wells with pre-compact pumping and considering the possibility of a call on the river by a senior water right. The PCA cannot be transferred from the pre-compact well and is included in the overall seasonal and plan year pumping allocation for that well.

The Alternate Point of Diversion Pumping Allocation (APOD) was derived for the wells that are authorized by a Water Court decree to operate as alternate points of diversion for a senior surface water right where the member has an agreement with LAWMA for such additional pumping allocation.

We would like to advise members that pumping allocations transferred from tributary alluvial wells to mainstem alluvial wells during the plan year do not provide the same volume of pumping that was initially allocated to the tributary alluvial wells. This could be as much as only 4% of the tributary well pumping allocation.

Only The farm unit(s) listed below will be verified by the water commisioners in the fall of This Year