



**TO:** PRRIP WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** PRRIP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE  
**SUBJECT:** FEBRUARY 2025 LEASING, RECHARGE, AND RECAPTURE PROJECTS  
UPDATE  
**DATE:** JANUARY 28, 2025

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This document provides a summary of recent activities related to Program water leasing and recharge projects. Reports are based on invoices, data files, or other information provided by the districts.

**TBNRD Augmentation Project**

Includes 7 recapture wells near Cottonwood Ranch plus the Cook recapture well

- No recapture pumping since July 6, 2024.
- Cumulative pumping for calendar year 2024 = 2,440.2 AF

**CNPPID Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Lease Projects**

Phelps County Canal, Elwood Reservoir, and Cottonwood Ranch

- Groundwater Recharge – Excess Flow Diversions
  - Excess flows were available November 19-December 9.
  - Phelps County Canal
    - Diverted excesses November 19-22 and December 2-9
    - 658 AF (75% of total) recharge for the Program
    - 1,402 AF cumulative recharge for the Program in 2024
  - Elwood Reservoir
    - Diverted excesses November 23-December 9
    - 3,485 AF (50% of total) recharge for the Program
    - 5,423 AF cumulative recharge for the Program in 2024
  - Cottonwood Ranch
    - Delivered excess flows December 6-19 (south cells only)
    - 346 AF (100% of total) recharge for the Program
    - 1,144 AF cumulative recharge for the Program in 2024
  - Remaining pre-paid credit balances
    - Phelps/Elwood = \$8.62 million
    - Cottonwood Ranch = \$860,000
- Surface Water Leases
  - CNPPID irrigator lease
    - Amendment approved to extend 1 year (expires December 31, 2025)
    - Program paying \$160/acre in 2025
    - Enrollment open January 1-February 15
    - 865 acres enrolled as of January 28 (1,053 acres enrolled in 2024)



**NPPD Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Lease Projects**

Gothenburg and Dawson County canals

- Groundwater Recharge
  - No recent excess flow diversions for recharge
- Surface Water Leases
  - Negotiations for longer-term lease ongoing

**CPNRD Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Lease Projects**

Thirty Mile, Cozad, and Orchard-Alfalfa canals

- Groundwater Recharge
  - No longer active Water Action Plan project
- Surface Water Leases
  - Negotiations for longer-term lease ongoing