



TO: PRRIP WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PRRIP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2021 WAP LEASING AND RECHARGE PROJECT UPDATES
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This document provides a summary of recent activities related to Program water leasing and recharge projects. Unless otherwise specified, reports are based on invoices, data files, or other information provided by the districts.

CPNRD Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Lease Projects

Thirty Mile, Cozad, and Orchard-Alfalfa canals

- Groundwater Recharge
 - No recent recharge diversions at CPNRD canals.
- Surface Water Lease
 - The Program will attempt to negotiate another single-year agreement for 2021.

NPPD Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Lease Projects

Gothenburg and Dawson County canals

- Groundwater Recharge
 - Dawson County Canal net recharge between November 17 and December 3 totaled 984 AF.
 - Dawson County Canal diverted about 800 AF for recharge from January 7-14.
- Surface Water Lease
 - The Program will attempt to negotiate another single-year agreement for 2021.

CNPPID Groundwater Recharge, Irrigator Lease, and No-Cost NCCW

Phelps County Canal, Elwood Reservoir, and Cottonwood Ranch

- Groundwater Recharge
 - Phelps: Recharge diversions between September 21 and December 3 totaled 1,075.3 AF. Additional 595 AF was diverted January 7-14.
 - Cook recapture well: Pumped 180.75 AF between September 2 and November 17. Total pumping in 2020 was 217 AF.
 - Elwood: CNPPID plans for Elwood to be back to full operation by mid-November 2021.
- Irrigator Lease
 - For 2021, the unit cost for the irrigator lease program was reduced from \$220/acre to \$100/acre (effectively \$133.33/AF).
 - Enrollment in the irrigator lease program for 2021 is 1,030 acres, down from 2,989 acres in 2020.