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**KPDRA Applications Now Open**

***The Klamath Project Drought Response Agency has announced the  
2024 No-Irrigation Program details.***

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. - The Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) is currently accepting applications for the 2024 No Irrigation Program (Program), which will provide financial incentives to local farmers and ranchers who typically irrigate with water from the Klamath Project.

The KPDRA anticipates having approximately \$8.5 million in funding for its program. However, the amount received from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) may be more or less than this amount. The Program is expected to offer up to \$450 per acre to qualifying participants who agree not to irrigate from March 1 through October 1, 2024. However, Program payments are contingent on Reclamation approval and funding and participants' eligibility and compliance.

The Program provides two tiers of compensation for eligible unirrigated parcels.

1. Full-season payments: Eligible parcels unirrigated from November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2024.
2. Partial-season payments: Eligible parcels irrigated between November 1, 2023, and February 29, 2024, but unirrigated from March 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024. These payments are calculated at 50 percent of the full-season payment.

Application forms may be obtained in person from the offices of the Klamath Irrigation District, Tulelake Irrigation District, Parks and Ratliff, or Klamath Water Users Association. They can

also be downloaded from [klamathwaterbank.com](http://klamathwaterbank.com). Additional methods to request an application include emailing [info@klamathwaterbank.com](mailto:info@klamathwaterbank.com) or calling (541) 630-0752.

Program application deadline is June 14, 2024.

Visit [klamathwaterbank.com](http://klamathwaterbank.com) for complete details on eligibility and how to apply. Applications must be postmarked by June 14 or physically delivered to Parks and Ratliff (620 Main St, Klamath Falls) by 5:00 p.m.

The KPDRA will offer workshops on May 21-22 to assist in completing program applications. Please check the website for times and locations.

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#### **About Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA)**

The Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) was formed by an Intergovernmental Cooperation and Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (Agreement) in 2018 to do all things necessary or incident to the maximization of water supply for the members of the KPDRA and all irrigation water users in the Klamath Reclamation Project, including but not limited to, the design and implementation of conservation and management programs through the coordination, incentives, and compensation indicated in the Recitals of the Agreement to the extent permitted by the laws and regulations governing such operations.

#### **About Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA)**

Since 1953, the KWUA is a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation representing the interests of Klamath Project farmers and ranchers. KWUA members include rural and suburban irrigation districts, public agencies, and private individuals who operate on both sides of the California/Oregon border. These entities and individuals typically hold water delivery contracts with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The Project is home to over 1,200 family farms and ranches; KWUA's member districts deliver irrigation water to over 170,000 acres of some of the most incredibly productive farmland in the Western United States.

KWUA's mission is to preserve and enhance the viability of irrigated agriculture for our membership in the Klamath Basin for the benefit of current and future generations.

KWUA is governed by an eleven-member Board of Directors representing Project districts. The Association employs an Executive Director and staff to execute policy decisions.