

DESCHUTES WATER BANK

Additional information on the 2023 Water Bank pilot program:

Do I need to submit anything other than filling out the interest form on www.deschuteswaterbank.org?

Not currently. Once you fill out the interest form, we have your contact information. We will begin an initial review and submit your information to the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID). The District will vet the parcels to determine eligibility based on operations and requirements for beneficial use. Once COID provides the Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC) with the final determinations on eligibility, we will notify all who expressed interest.

What is the cut-off date for enrollment? November 1, 2022

When does the project start and end?

The 2023 Water Bank Pilot Program will begin when the 2023 irrigation season begins (mid-April), and will end when the 2023 irrigation season ends (mid-October).

Can I use the water I forego to the program?

No. Foregoing a portion of water will require the patron to identify the area they are taking out of irrigation on a map prepared by COID. Patrons cannot irrigate the foregone acreage in 2023.

Can I participate in the program if I am on a rotation?

No, you cannot participate if you are on a COID organized rotation.

Can I participate in the program if I am served by a subsidiary?

No, patrons served by subsidiaries cannot participate in the program.

What is the payment for participants?

Eligible patrons will be paid \$100/ac for the acres on which they forego water use for the 2023 irrigation season. This is a one-time payment. Payment will be sent to participating patrons in January/February 2023.

Can I use a portion of my water, but not all?

A minimum of 1 acre is required to be included. Whole and partial acreages are eligible (for example: you irrigate 10 acres but only want to include 5 in the water bank).

Can enrollment in this Water Bank be considered Beneficial Use for my acreage?

Not currently. COID will encourage patrons who have not used their water for 3+ years, and who require beneficial use, to complete an application to lease the unused water instream. Leasing in-stream for beneficial use is not part of this program and is handled separately by COID.

Am I committed to participating if I express interest/submit the form?

No. You are not committed to participate.

What other information will be required to receive payment?

DRC will provide an agreement and W9 to be filled out/signed by the patron and returned DRC to receive payment.

Who can I speak with for additional information?

If you have additional questions, please reach out to the DRC at waterbank@deschutesriver.org