## Subdistrict No. 6 Pumping Reduction Program

Dear Subdistrict Member,

Subdistrict No. 6 (SD6) is implementing a Pumping Reduction Program (PRP) for the 2024 irrigation season. The goal of the PRP is to compensate Subdistrict Members that reduce their groundwater withdrawals on Farm Unit basis to assist in maintaining the sustainability of the Confined Aquifer underlying Subdistrict No 6. The following outlines some of the PRP details:

- SD6 will pay Subdistrict Members \$220.00 for every acre-foot of verified groundwater withdrawal reduction based on a Farm Plan's total 5-year pumping average between 2018 and 2022.
- Applications will be accepted by mail or hand delivery starting at 8:00 am on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Subdistrict staff will review and rank all applications based on the ability to verify pumping reductions and present the results to the SD6 Board on March 15<sup>th</sup> for review and possible approval. Applications with equal rankings will be further prioritized by when the applications were received, first-come, first served.
- There is limited funding for this program and the program will stop enrollment when those funds are committed.
- Participation in this conservation program will not negatively impact a Member's well in regards to Division of Water Resources non-use/abandonment criteria.

If SD6's PRP is something that you'd like to participate in, please fill out and submit the included application form and either mail or hand deliver it to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District's (RGWCD) office. Please address envelopes or packages containing applications to:

Subdistrict No. 6 Program Manager RE: PRP Rio Grande Water Conservation District 8805 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101

If you have questions or need help filling out your application then please call either Angelo or Rose at (719) 589-6301.