

North Unit Irrigation District

2021 DAS Drought Relief Credits:

The final round of 2021 DAS Drought Relief Grant Credits were applied to eligible patron accounts December 1, 2022. Eligibility required an active NUID account, and the property must not have been sold during the year. The *per acre* dollar amount credited to eligible patrons was \$13.60. The total amount of your credit will be reflected on a credit summary, which will be enclosed with your 2023 Notice of Charge. The balance due on the 2023 Notice of Charge reflects any credits and is your current balance due. Any accounts that still have a credit balance after 2023 charges have been assessed, will receive a refund check by June 2023. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the NUID office.

2023 Explanation of Charges:

The following charges are billed in December and become delinquent April 15:

Operation & Maintenance Charge (O&M) \$68.79 / acre

This charge is for the operation & maintenance of the district and includes items such as building, canal, auto, and equipment repairs and maintenance. It also includes wages, taxes, safety, training, weed control, and other miscellaneous expenses necessary for the district to maintain its infrastructure and deliver water. The charge varies yearly and is dependent upon the budget adopted by the board of directors.

Account Charge \$225 / account

The district implemented an account charge in 2005. The charge covers administrative costs incurred by the district staff when performing name changes, balance transfers, easements, maps, and other miscellaneous items for patrons.

Legal \$5.88 / acre

The district established a legal assessment to cover the costs of the HCP, Oregon Spotted Frog litigation, Crooked River Legislation, and the public relations support, communication, and marketing for these issues.

Construction \$2.35 / acre

This charge is a repayment to the Bureau of Reclamation for the construction of the project.

Safety of Dams

The Bureau of Reclamation completed a modification on Wickiup Dam and the district is required to pay \$5,766,972 of the total cost, over a 30-year period. Repayment is \$6.00 per acre with an additional account charge of \$15.18 per account for any landowner with 10 acres or less of water rights. Only Deschutes water right acres are subject to this charge.

Excess \$41.27 1st ft, \$48.15 2nd ft

At the end of the water season, usage over your minimum is calculated and bills for excess water are sent towards the end of October and become delinquent April 15th of the following year. This is required under the district's contract, with the Bureau of Reclamation. If available, this allows a minimum of 2.0-acre feet of water per acre on Deschutes water rights and 1.0-acre foot per acre on Crooked River water rights before excess will be charged.