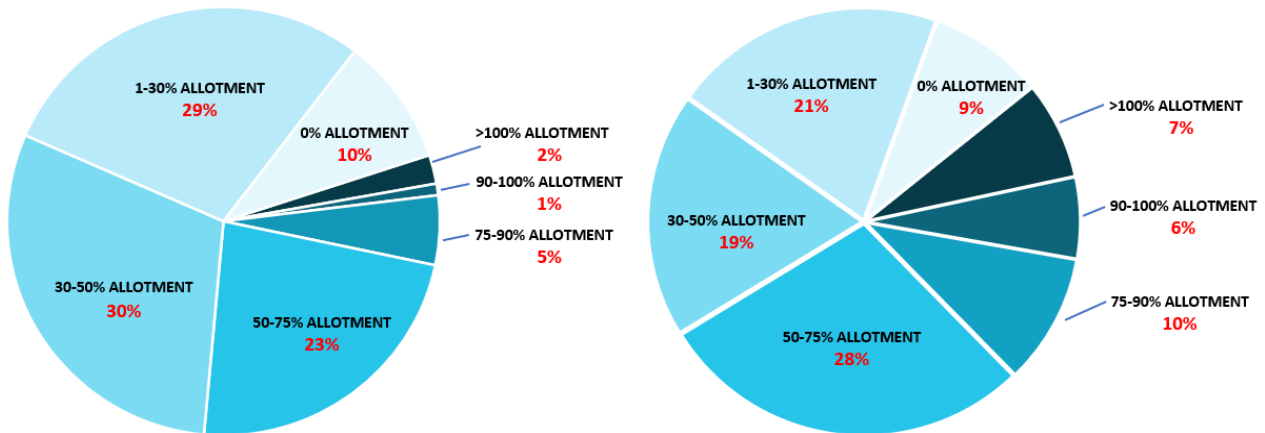


**💧 GEID Adopts More Equitable Water Rates for Agricultural Customers**

In the fall of 2021, GEID’s Board of Trustees reviewed agricultural water consumption, revenue data and usage summaries for 2020 (a wet year) and 2021 (a dry year). The review concluded that on average, or even in an extremely dry year, the current water rate structure of paying a set parcel tax for a set irrigation allotment is inequitable for the majority of our agricultural customers. **Under the current rate structure, the less water a customer uses, the more they pay per cubic meter for that water.**

**USAGE OF IRRIGATION ALLOTMENT BY FARM PROPERTIES IN 2020 (LEFT) AND 2021 (RIGHT)**



After considering four scenarios with combinations of a reduced annual tax rate plus a cubic metre usage rate, the GEID Board of Trustee’s approved a parcel tax of **\$38 per acre** plus a usage rate of **\$0.04 per cubic metre** of water. If you use the same amount of water in 2022 as you did in 2021 you will be paying less!

**💧 The Agricultural Water Rate Structure Rewards Water-Use Efficiency and Supports Climate Change Adaptation**

Climate change is bringing warmer overall temperatures, less rain in the summer, more extreme dry periods, and changes to the amount and timing of rain and snow throughout the year. These changes will impact water demands and may also affect the amount of water we can store and release for use during the growing season. Water-use efficiency keeps water in our lakes and reservoirs so we can make it through drought years without needing increased restrictions. **The new rate structure rewards the water conservation efforts of farmers – saving water will also save you money.**