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# **Irrigation Development Application**

**O**ver the past five years on-farm conversions to a more efficient method of irrigation have saved more water than the increase in assessment, therefore the District will accept applications to irrigate additional land in areas without reservoir support, as well as those below Lake Newell and Crawling Valley.

Applications must be received by November 1, 2008 to be considered in this special review. All successful applications must pass the District's Irrigation Development Criteria, where higher scores are given to the following:

- parcels with existing irrigation requiring less than 50 acres of new irrigation (intensification)
- good soils
- efficient delivery to the parcel and an efficient method of irrigation

Capital Asset charges for acres added through efficiency gains and intensification (less than 50 acres per quarter where there is existing irrigation) will be \$300/acre.

Capital Asset charges for new parcels or parcels receiving more than 50 additional acres will be \$700/acre.



#### Please note the following deadlines:

Irrigation **Development:** November 1, '08 Scholarships: September 12, '08 **Private Grazing** Leases: September 30, '08 **Dial-Up Internet:** November 30, '08 Inside this issue: New 2 Irrigation Development EID 3 Scholarship Program

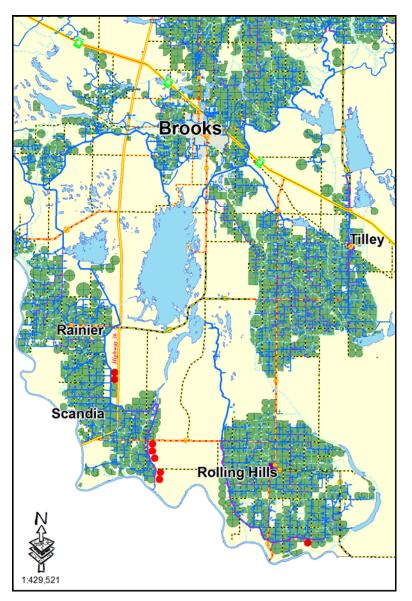
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#### **New Irrigation Development**

THE EID PLANS TO DEVELOP 8 PARCELS OF LAND FOR IRRIGATION IN 2009.

- these parcels will be developed under a 10 year lease/purchase agreement
- eligible water users (must own 100 acres of land with a minimum 40 acres of water rights and reside within the EID) will be allowed to bid on the lease
- the parcel will be leased for 10 years with the leaseholder having the option to purchase the parcel at the end of the lease
- the annual lease payment will be 7% of the purchase price bid with 2% applying to the purchase if the leaseholder chooses to purchase the parcel at the end of the lease
- the District retains all oil and gas surface lease rentals on existing leases during the term of the lease

More information and bid packages will be available at the District office in October.



- NE 05-16-15 W4M
- SE 05-16-15 W4M
- Pt. NW 11-15-15 W4M & Pt. NE 11-15-15 W4M
- Pt. SW 11-15-15 W4M & Pt. SE 11-15-15 W4M
- NE 02-15-15 W4M
- NW 35-14-15 W4M & Pt. NE 35-14-15 W4M
- SW 35-14-15 W4M & Pt. SE 35-14-15 W4M
- Pt. NE 04-14-13 W4M & Pt. SE 09-14-13 W4M

## **EID Scholarship Program**

The Eastern Irrigation District would like to announce a new Scholarship Program. The District plans to give out up to 20 scholarships annually.

- 10 of the scholarships will be given out to students whose parents are 1st water users, or employees of the EID.
- 10 of the scholarships will be given out to students who reside within the EID.

Eligible applicants must:

- be entering their 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th year of post-secondary education at a Canadian or American university or technical school; or
- be entering their 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of a certified trade school
- provide marks from previous years of education

- provide three references, at least one being a previous employer
- provide an outline of the applicant's education and career objectives (all career fields are eligible, however careers such as agriculture, water resources, engineering, land-use management, mechanics, electricians, automotive technicians, GIS and engineering technologies will receive preferential consideration).

Scholarships awarded to students in post-secondary education at a university or technical school will be \$2,000.

Scholarships awarded to students in a certified trade will be \$1,000.

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Applications may be sent to the:

Eastern Irrigation District P.O. Bag 8 Brooks, AB T1R 1B2

Fax: (403) 362-6206 Email: eid@eid.ab.ca Phone: (403) 362-1400

Application deadline is September 12, 2008.

#### **Private Grazing Leases**

A reminder to all private grazing leaseholders that you must decide which option you want at the termination of your lease and to notify the EID by September 30, 2008.

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### **Dial-Up Internet Customers**

After 13 years of offering dial-up internet service, we've decided to phase out that part of EIDNet's services, effective November 30, 2008. Our dial-up equipment is old, parts are difficult to find and the equipment can no longer be updated. Additionally, many of our dialup customers have switched to EIDNet's high speed wireless service. Any customers who have prepaid accounts that extend past the termination date will have their money refunded or, if requested, transferred to a wireless account. We regret any inconvenience this decision may cause and will try to assist our customers with any changes they may wish to make.

EIDNet high speed wireless service is available in most areas of the county. If you're interested in knowing more about a high speed wireless account, please call Randy Hayes at (403) 362-1401. The installation and equipment charge for a standard residential account is \$400. The monthly subscription fee is \$40 for a regular account or \$25 for customers who own irrigation acres (1st water rights). GST is extra. If you prepay for 11 months, the 12th month is free. Business accounts are available as well.

If you're currently a dial-up customer and wish to remain on a dial-up service, we suggest you contact Telus at 310-2255.