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## Water License Transfer

The EID Board of Directors proposes to transfer 1,000 acre feet of water license to the County of Newell at this time, plus up to 460 acre feet, in the future, to one or more of the County of Newell, Town of Bassano, Village of Rosemary, Village of Duchess and Village of Tilley to meet their needs, if their growth projections are accurate.

Before the Board can transfer any portion of their water license, the water users must approve the transfer through a plebiscite.

Public meetings to discuss the proposed water license transfer, irrigation development, online water recording system and advance polls for the license transfer will be held **Wednesday, January 16th**, 2:00 p.m. at the Heritage Inn; and **Wednesday, January 23rd**, 2:00 p.m. at the Duchess Hall.

The plebiscite will be held at the EID office **Wednesday, January 30th** from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

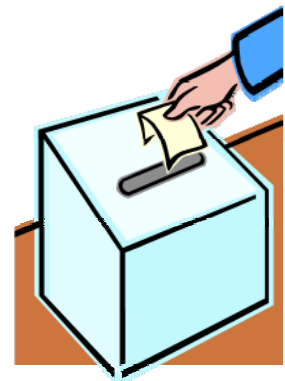
## Information Meetings

The Board of Directors is inviting all water users to meet with the Board and Management of the Eastern Irrigation District. Information on the following topics will be presented:

- **Water License Transfer to the County of Newell**  
*[Advance Voting from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.]*
- **Irrigation Development**
- **Electronic Water Recording System (iDaRS)**  
*[opportunity to sign up for farm use log-in]*
- **Infrastructure Rehabilitation**

along with other information about ongoing activities of the District.

**Information Meetings will be held:**



<b>Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Heritage Inn</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Duchess Hall</b>

## Water License Transfer

### Details of Proposed Water License Transfer

Estimated water use of the rural residents being hooked up to the County of Newell Regional Water System is 730 acre feet.

- most of these are being served through the District's conveyance system under our license today
- it is proposed to transfer this water to the County of Newell for \$1.00

The projected growth of the towns, villages, hamlets and rural residences within the Eastern Irrigation District (not the City of Brooks) over the next 20 years is estimated to need 600 acre feet of water.

- the District is proposing to transfer this water license to the various municipalities when required (200 acre feet to the County of Newell now)
- this 200 acre feet will have a price of \$2,000/acre foot (this will work out to \$700/house for future hookups to the Regional Water System; currently new irrigation water rights cost \$700/acre or approximately \$500/acre foot)

Alberta Environment will hold back 10% of any transfer to improve in-stream flows.

Therefore the proposed transfer is:	
800 acre ft	for current use
<u>660</u> acre ft	for potential growth (200 now & 460 at a future date)
1,460	
<u>&lt; 146 &gt;</u>	hold back
1,314 acre ft	Net Transfer



## Water License Transfer

### Estimated Water Use

EID Water License = 680,000 acre feet		
	Dry Year <i>[acre feet]</i>	Extremely Dry Year - 2001 <i>[acre feet]</i>
Reserved for Other Uses	5,000	5,000
Acreages & Farmyards	11,000	12,000
Seepage & Conveyance Losses	15,000	15,000
Operational Spill	50,000	50,000
Evaporation from Reservoirs	80,000	85,000
Farm Delivery	466,000 (18"/acre)	510,000 (19.7"/acre)
Proposed Transfer	1,460	1,460
<b>Total Diversion</b>	<b>628,460</b>	<b>678,460</b>

The proposed transfer equals .056"/acre.



Sample

**Irrigation Districts Act**  
(Section 11)  
**Plebiscite Ballot**

The Eastern Irrigation District presently has a water license that allocates a total of 680,000 acre feet of water to the District. The Board of Directors has determined that 678,540 acre feet of water is sufficient for the District's needs. The Board of Directors is seeking the approval of the irrigators to apply to transfer up to 1,460 acre feet of the water allocated in that license to the following municipalities within the Eastern Irrigation District:

- 1,000 acre feet to the County of Newell at this time, plus
- up to 460 acre feet, in the future, to one or more of the County of Newell, Town of Bassano, Village of Rosemary, Village of Duchess and Village of Tilley to meet their needs, if their growth projections are accurate.

**Do you approve:**

Yes, I am in favor of this proposed transfer.

No, I am against this proposed transfer.

**Opportunities to vote:**

**Advance Votes:**

January 16, 2013; 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m., Heritage Inn, Brooks

January 23, 2013; 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m., Duchess Community Hall

**Regular Vote:**

January 30, 2013; 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m., EID Office, Brooks