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Irrigation Development Applications

The EID will accept applications for new water rights in all areas of the District. The District will approve up to 500 acres of new water rights each of the next four years in areas with no reservoir support (Bassano, Rosemary, Duchess, Cassils, Antelope Creek, Rainier, Scandia areas).

The District will also add irrigation acres when landowners convert to more efficient methods throughout the District, and new acres below reservoirs, such as Crawling Valley and Lake Newell.

Deadline for water applications is September 30th.

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.

EID Scholarship Program

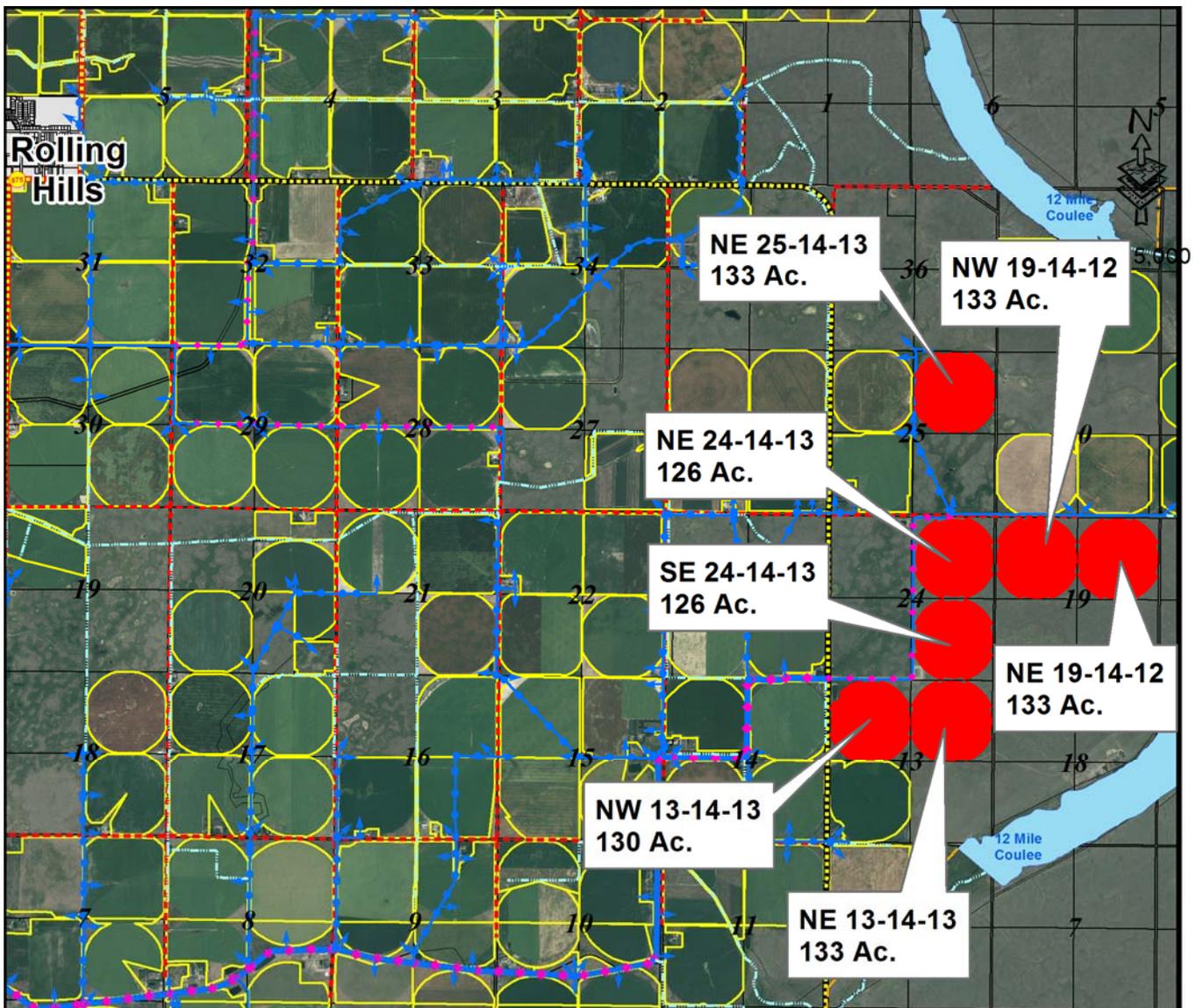
Application deadline for the Eastern Irrigation District Scholarship Program is **Monday, September 30th, 5:00 p.m.** Please visit our website (www.eid.ca, under the Information tab) to find eligibility details and application requirements. Feel free to contact us at (403) 362-1400 or eid@eid.ca for any additional enquiries.



New Irrigation Development

The District is developing 7 quarter sections in Rolling Hills and 3 quarter sections in Gem as long term irrigation leases.

ROLLING HILLS parcels

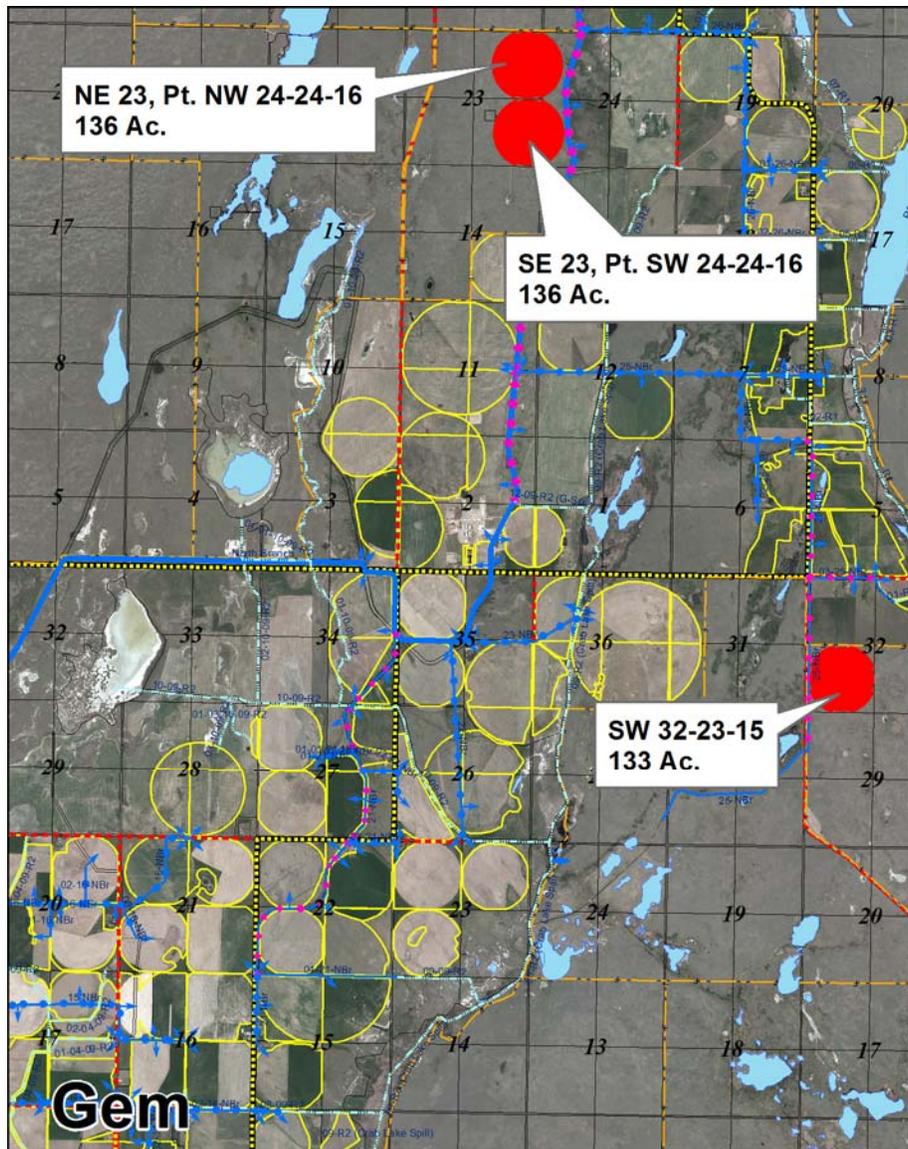


The leases will be auctioned off October 17th.

Bidder packages will be available at the District Office after September 25th. All bidders must be EID irrigators, and must be pre-qualified and given a bidder number by October 16th.



GEM parcels



County of Newell Rural Water Project Funding Initiative

To provide support for the County of Newell Rural Water Project and the Water Users who committed to the project, the Board of Directors has created the County of Newell Rural Water Project Funding Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to contribute funds to the County of Newell to reimburse 1st and 2nd Water Users connecting to the Rural Water Project. A one-time reimbursement of \$2,000 per Water User is available provided that:

- the Water User met the conditions of the County of Newell's April 29, 2011 registration deadline, and

- the Water User hooks up to the Rural Water Line within 3 years of the line being installed.

Application forms are available from the EID Office, or may be downloaded from the EID website (www.eid.ca). Once your property is hooked up to the Rural Water Line, the completed application form can be dropped off or mailed to the EID Office.

Once applied for and approved by the EID, payment for the reimbursement will be made to the Water User by the County of Newell on behalf of the EID.

EIDNet

The Internet of 2013

The internet now looks a lot different than the internet of 2004 when the EIDNet started offering high-speed internet services. Although it has been constantly growing and changing, the EIDNet has been growing and changing with it. Our current network of 18 towers gives us coverage over most areas of the EID and we are the only provider that offers guaranteed speeds and completely unlimited usage. All of our administrative and technical services are now provided from our Main Brooks Office location by dedicated and knowledgeable EID staff with combined experience of over 60 years. This lets us react quicker to installs, service calls or any issues that may arise.

As the internet changes, so does your bandwidth needs. Most websites are now incorporating video and other types of multi-media which increases the bandwidth needed just to open them. The connection speed that you require is going to depend on two things: the number of devices

connected in your home (things such as iPads and tablets, smartphones, laptops, computers, etc.) and the types of things you do on the internet. If you have a home computer and only use email or use email and do an occasional bit of web browsing then the lower speeds may be fine for you. As the number of devices used in the house increases, your bandwidth requirements will also increase as your bandwidth is split between the devices. If you use Facebook, FaceTime or stream video through YouTube or Netflix then you should be looking to the higher speed plans, especially if there are multiple devices being used in your house. If you are on the internet and things seem to be sluggish or halting when someone else starts something on a different device, you may need a faster plan.

Remember that your EIDNet staff are here to help you. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 403-362-1401 and we can help find the speed that fits your need.