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Water Delivery Date

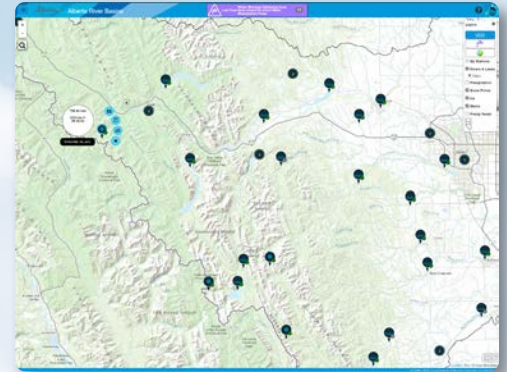
Since the AGM, it became apparent that an earlier water delivery date was needed this year. To meet this earlier delivery date, Construction, Maintenance and Operation crews worked diligently and prioritized the necessary projects which required completion. In April, the feasibility was confirmed, and the Board approved a water delivery date for the week of April 25, 2022. It was anticipated that the majority of the District would be ready for deliveries during the week of April 25th, although some systems will have a delayed start where unknown winter damage had occurred.



IRRIGATION UPDATE

Snowpack Report

The District follows data on 6 mountain snowpack pillows for accumulation and spring melt, signaling spring and summer river flows. Upper and lower quartiles, previous year, and current year data are displayed. Of equal importance to accumulation is the timing and speed in which snowpack melts, with seasonal temperatures and rain in the mountains both contributing to melt and river flows. Data as of the end of April 2022 indicates all the monitored snow pillows tracking well above the upper quartile, with average decline at this point.



Click [HERE](https://rivers.alberta.ca/) to view the Snow Pack Data (<https://rivers.alberta.ca/>)

Irrigation Recording and Management App (IRMA)

IRMA is a web mapping tool that is used by EID Water Operators to record water usage, irrigation method, and crop type on all irrigated parcels during the irrigation season. Water users may access IRMA to view their water usage in real time for the current water season on a smart phone, tablet, laptop or computer. Planned future enhancements to IRMA include water consumption reports, map based water ordering, potential soil moisture estimation, and the ability to send out District notifications to water users. Other in-house advancements have improved Field Staff capabilities, communications, and reporting, and plans are to integrate the District's infrastructure automation system. Contact Mark Porter for any questions you may have and to get signed up for this useful app.

Click [HERE](https://gis.eid.ca/maps/irma.html) to view IRMA (<https://gis.eid.ca/maps/irma.html>)

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Flow Rates

A parcel's total water usage for the irrigation season is calculated using the irrigation system's designated flow rate and the periods of time quantified between ON date & time and OFF date & time water orders. Water users may contact their Water Operator to obtain flow rates and usage volumes for their parcels; however, for fully accessible, real time information and monitoring of your water usage, please refer to the above IRMA article.

All types of irrigation methods have a designated or measured flow rate. If you have any concerns or questions regarding a flow rate on any of your irrigation systems, please contact your Water Operator or your Divisional Superintendent so that remeasuring may occur at the outset of the irrigating season. In particular, **the District encourages water users to have their pivot or wheel flow rates metered for accuracy** if, for example, the equipment has been renozzled.

Farm Delivery Design Flow Rates	
Method	Cubic Feet/Second
Flood Irrigation	
20 acres	1.0 cfs
40 acres	2.0 cfs
60 acres	3.0 cfs
80 acres	4.0 cfs
120 acres	5.0 cfs
> 150 acres	6.0 cfs
Sprinkler Irrigation	
< 40 acres	1.0 cfs
80 acres	2.0 cfs
80 - 135 acres	3.0 cfs
135 - 250 acres	3.0 cfs - 4.5 cfs
> 250 acres	7 gal/min/acre

Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw

The *Irrigation Districts Act* allows for a Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw to be made. Bylaw #959 (2022) [\[see website\]](#) limits the maximum amount of water per irrigation season that may be delivered to each assessed acre. In normal weather conditions and water supply, each assessed acre is limited to 24" of water (the "**Irrigation Cap**"), with the full operational use across the District required to be an average of 18"/acre or less to the farm gate to stay within the District's licensed volumes. This model permits water users to irrigate some heavier demand crops because the balance of lower demand parcels ensures the District remains under its 18" license maximum limit.

In times of decreased or forecasted shortages of water due to drought or any other reason, the Irrigation Cap may be reduced. If so, certain stage(s) of the drought plan guidelines within the bylaw would then be enacted.

In anticipation of upcoming years when weather conditions may be drier and hotter than normal and water supply is still available, the Board of Directors approved Bylaw #959 (2022) to allow for additional deliveries of water. The increased demand arising from hot and dry conditions in some areas of the District coupled with certain crops may cause some irrigators to require more than 24" per acre to complete their crop.

As an alternative to being shut off by the District for exceeding the 24" water limit, Bylaw #959 permits an irrigator, subject to water availability and obtaining the written approval of the General Manager, to purchase the delivery of additional inches/acre of water in excess of the 24" water limit:

- in 1"/acre increments up to a maximum of 4", and
- **in order for the irrigator to complete irrigating his/her current year's crops.**

No deliveries of water may be purchased for any reason other than completing a current crop.

The following water delivery surcharges as stated in the Rate Bylaw #957 (2022) apply and must be paid for prior to water delivery occurring:

- \$20.00/inch/acre for the initial 1" of water in excess of the Irrigation Cap.
- \$30.00/inch/acre for the 2nd inch of water in excess of the Irrigation Cap.
- \$40.00/inch/acre for the 3rd inch of water in excess of the Irrigation Cap.
- \$80.00/inch/acre for the 4th inch of water in excess of the Irrigation Cap.

If you will be nearing the 24" water limit for any of your parcels and anticipate requiring additional water to complete your crop, it is required that you attend the EID Office to complete an application, receive approval, and submit payment prior to any additional water being delivered by the District. Parcels which have reached the 24" cap will not receive additional water without first purchasing the allotted deliveries.

The District requests that you continue to be mindful of your water use:

- **Phoning or texting your Water Operator at least 48 hours prior to your intended irrigation start-up and at least 24 hours in advance of your intended shut-down is required.**

These measures ensure the efficient operation of the irrigation delivery system and accurate recording of your water use per parcel. **Current year to date water usage data for your irrigated parcels can be viewed through the EID IRMA web application. Call the EID to sign up for this FREE app.**

Water Orders

It is important to communicate with your Water Operator for ON/OFF requests of your irrigation systems. Please remember to **phone or text at least 48 hours prior to your intended irrigation start-up and at least 24 hours in advance of your intended shut-down**. This helps ensure the most efficient operation of the irrigation delivery system. Irrigators are kindly asked not to request water deliveries to be made on Sundays.

IRRIGATION UPDATE

Behind the Matter...Terminable Acres

Irrigation Acres and Terminable Acres (more accurately “acres under terminable agreements”), commonly referred to as “1st Water” and “2nd Water”, both receive water for irrigation purposes and the water acres are assessed to the parcel. However, there are significant differences between them, as summarized below:

	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres
Landowner may apply to the district for water acres	✓	✓
Approval from the district includes being subject to land classification (soils testing), the ability of the district to deliver sufficient quantities of water, and the district's expansion limit	✓	✓
Acres are assessed to the parcel (acres are added to the Assessment Roll of the district)	✓	✓
Acres are authorized to receive water for irrigation purposes	✓	✓
Landowner pays the applicable rate per acre in effect	✓	✓
Acres cannot be removed without the landowner's consent	✓	✗
Acres continue under agreement until either the district or landowner elects to terminate agreement	✗	✓
Landowner pays a capital charge to purchase the acres	✓	✗
Landowner pays a capital charge to convert the acres to irrigation acres	n/a	✓
Landowner pays an annual surcharge if the acres are eligible to convert and the landowner has not converted the acres to irrigation acres	n/a	✓
Acres may be sold back to the district	✓	✗
Acres may be transferred to another parcel	✓	✗
Acres may be used to irrigate an alternate parcel	✓	✗
Right to vote in an election for director of the district	✓	✗

It is also worth noting that if there were ever to be a shortage of water, terminable acres are curtailed, or shut off, ahead of irrigation acres.

In addition to the above, EID policy limits access to a number of programs and grants for owners of terminable acres due to the nominal conversion charge and the nature of their temporary status, including access to grazing rights and Farm Improvement grants; however, a District cost-share grant exists to aid the landowner in infrastructure costs if approved to convert terminable acres to irrigation acres.

Of the current 310,390 acres on the EID Assessment Roll, 3,388 terminable acres exist, which largely consist of small, inefficient parcels that have been grandfathered since the 1980's. Through infrastructure rehabilitation, pipeline extensions, and water availability from efficiencies, approximately 15,940 terminable acres have been converted to irrigation acres since 2003. In certain cases, and with prior notice given to the landowner, terminable acres have been withdrawn where there is no ability for the District to deliver water to the parcel or, following rehabilitation of the delivery system or on-farm irrigation development only a small number of terminable acres remain assessed to the parcel.

For further information or questions in regard to your terminable acres, please contact Staci Connauton.

Irrigation Applications

Landowners with projects requiring 50 or less irrigation acres to be added to existing irrigation parcels may submit applications throughout the year.

For applications greater than 50 acres, or to develop parcels which are currently dry (have no assessment), please contact Staci Connauton and submit your application on or before September 30, 2022.



What Happens When My Irrigation Development is Approved?

Once an application for irrigation development is approved by the Board of Directors, a letter will be forwarded to the applicant informing them of the Board's decision and outlining a number of conditions (e.g. delivery locations, being subject to meeting soils requirements, adding an irrigable unit to the parcel, obtaining County approval for road allowance use, installing shutoffs or pivot stops, limiting the maximum flow rate, etc.) The applicant is required to contact the EID to confirm that they will be proceeding with the project and also after the infrastructure is in place and all conditions have been met.

Once surveyed by the District, the irrigated area will be mapped into the GIS system and irrigation acres verified. Full payment must be received and all conditions met, and if satisfactory, the project will be given final approval.

Please remember to contact Staci Connauton to ensure your development project receives final approval.

IRRIGATION UPDATE

General Assessment – Penalty for Unreconciled Parcels

From Board direction in early 2016, a general assessment was conducted of all irrigated parcels to identify any discrepancies in the assessment roll prior to expansion modelling. The District has been working with landowners to reconcile parcels with excess irrigation and encroachment issues. Of the approximate 3,500 parcels within the District, over 2,300 parcels required no change. The District contacted landowners of the remaining 1,200 parcels requiring changes and resolved nearly all the identified issues. As of September 2021, only 4 landowners and 5 parcels remained to be resolved.

Landowners now who have parcels identified with unauthorized irrigation acres (acres in excess of assessment) that wish to continue irrigating those acres, are required to apply for irrigation development through the standard process for the identified acres, and if the project rates high enough to be approved, must:

- meet all requirements (soils testing, etc.) and
- pay 150% of the new acre rate in place at the time of application,

to purchase the acres.

If the landowner does not apply for irrigation development or the project is not approved, the landowner must cease irrigating the identified acres.

Under the *Irrigation Districts Act*, districts must maintain an assessment roll of all irrigated acres, terminable acres, annual agreement acres, their legal description locations, and corresponding landowner names and addresses, within its boundaries. The District encourages clear communication be made with the office of any changes in irrigation infrastructure. When there is any question as to a parcel's official assessment, please contact Staci Connauton.

Farm Improvement Policy

Removal of Funding for Section 8.0 and Section 9.0

Over the past 5 years, the District has approved over \$7.5 M in Farm Improvement grants. Water users are reminded that the District will no longer be funding expenditures incurred after **September 30, 2022**, for:

- **Section 8.0**
(upgrades such as panels, pumps, nozzles, and pivot modifications) and
- **Section 9.0**
(corner arms and subsurface corners)

as set out in the Farm Improvement Policy. If you wish to take advantage of the grant within the remaining timeframe, you must complete your project and submit your application on or prior to September 30, 2022. Contact Staci Connauton.

[see website for policy] (https://www.eid.ca/bylaw_policy.html)

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Completed Rehabilitation Projects

Over the previous 20+ years, the District has directed over \$400 million (mostly from oil & gas revenues) into infrastructure rehabilitation. This \$20 million/year average has resulted in a conveyance system of 13 storage reservoirs, 1,300 km of pipelines, 750 km of canals, 2,000 km of drains, and over 2,500 water control structures. In recent years, an emphasis has also been put on automation (control structures, potential for systems, and IRMA – Irrigation Recording & Management App). This past construction season saw the EID install 29 km of PVC pipeline over 5 different projects where crews installed almost 5 km of the largest PVC pipe available at 60" (1500 mm) in diameter. As is typical, the majority of the projects were designed, managed, and constructed in-house by EID staff. The District completed the following rehabilitation projects this past construction year at a cost of \$29,731,800:

Construction Projects Completed During the 2021/2022 Construction Season

Project	Status	Approved Estimate
Capital Project – Earthworks		
West Bantry Canal – Reach 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the West Bantry Canal serves 21,798 irrigation acres through a total length of 10 km it has a bed width of 7 m and a flow of 410 cfs the project has been separated into 3 phases Reach 1 was completed in the 2019/2020 construction season Reach 2 was completed in the 2021/2022 construction season Reach 3 is planned for 2022/2023 	\$650,000
Capital Projects – Pipeline		
Scott Pipeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> currently serves 3,809 acres but now enables irrigation expansion of approximately 3,250 additional acres the tailout supplies a further 889 acres via the Summit Drain a resituated inlet and stilling pond and 17 km of pipeline converted the open Scott Canal to a closed gravity system 	\$16,324,000
08-A & 08-B Springhill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enabled 393 terminable acres to be converted to irrigation acres and inefficiencies reduced by no longer creating artificial spill to deliver from the creek 2 pipelines totalling 6 km replaced access off Matzhiwin Creek 	\$924,000
12 Springhill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> serves 5,118 irrigation acres and enables spill to remain in Rock Lake twin 54" pipeline 1.2 km in length replaced existing open canal 	\$4,674,000
13-H West Bantry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> serves 175 acres 900 m of closed pipeline replaced existing canal 	\$377,000
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Earthworks		
Bow Slope Canal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> serves 23,559 irrigation acres 3.2 km of canal side slopes were trimmed, armoured, and fenced to mitigate erosion 	\$1,010,000



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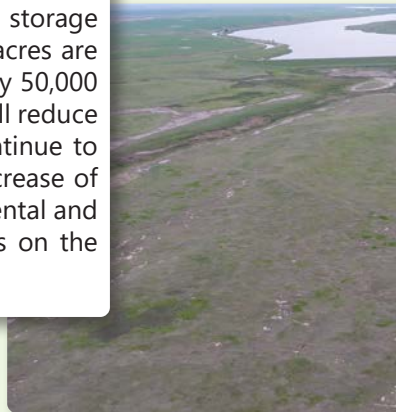
Annual General Meeting Update

At the Annual General Meeting, the following questions and topics were put forward, and water users were encouraged to give their input to Directors in the coming months:

- Should the expansion of irrigation acres be done more quickly or differently? Demand for irrigation acres is particularly high in river supported areas, and relatively weaker in the reservoir supported areas.
- When should the District develop its own lands for irrigated farm or irrigated grazing leases? When the 1,200 irrigation acre allotment for reservoir supported areas is not fully subscribed, should the District then participate?
- Should the 15-year long-term grazing leases expiring at the end of 2023 be extended to current leaseholders or bid out as in 2008? The District plans to have public meetings this fall with a decision made late 2022 – early 2023.
- The District is willing to consider all industries/commercial activities that are looking to locate in the County of Newell to diversify revenue streams, including renewables.

Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

The proposed Snake Lake Reservoir expansion plan will increase the reservoir live storage by approximately 53,000 acre-feet to 67,000 acre-feet. Currently, 140,000 irrigated acres are either unsupported by a reservoir or receive limited reservoir support. Approximately 50,000 of these acres are downstream of the Snake Lake Reservoir. This expansion project will reduce the unsupported acres in the District by 35%. The remaining 90,000 acres will continue to be unsupported by a reservoir but will see increased indirect support due to the increase of acres being supported from the expansion. The lands have been acquired, environmental and engineering investigations are underway, and discussions with government officials on the regulatory approval process are occurring.



Kinbrook Connection Pathway System

The EID's vision is dedicated to providing water security to the area and managing a manner that will provide the greatest economic, social, and environmental benefit. The value of the recreational and economic opportunity that the Kinbrook Connection has been working with the County of Newell and the City of Brooks in developing t

In support of the pathway project, the EID is willing to contribute, at no additional associated rights-of-way required to complete the pathway across EID lands.

Subject to completion of geotechnical investigations, surveying and associated financing. In April 2022 to assist in finalizing the pathway location, the approximate location of the pathway is shown in red on the map to the left. The pathway will provide an enjoyable pedestrian and bicycle route from Lake Newell Reservoir and greatly increase highway safety by offering an alternative route to and from Lake Newell Reservoir.

The completion of a pathway project such as this is also consistent with other projects undertaken or participated in to help improve the quality of life of residents and the City of Brooks.

Tilley Solar Project

The EID has entered a lease agreement covering 160 acres of EID land in relation to a solar project being proposed by Acestes Power ULC. The proposed Tilley Solar Project is located on SE 05-18-12 W4M, south of the Tilley A Reservoir and just north of Hwy #1. For ease of reference, the approximate location is shown on the map below.

Although a lease with Acestes has been entered, construction cannot proceed until all regulatory approvals have been obtained. The approval process begins with a project proponent informing and engaging with stakeholders who may be impacted by the project. Acestes recently circulated an initial stakeholder notification in February

2022. The Acestes notification contained a preliminary project schedule indicating a May 2022 application submission to the Alberta Utilities Commission, with an anticipated project construction date of March 2023 in the event all approvals were obtained by September 2022.

The Acestes notification indicates the solar plant will produce up to 23.6 megawatts (MW) of power onto the local electric distribution grid, enough to power approximately 7,000 homes per year.

On April 21, 2022 Acestes filed its application with the AUC.



Solar Krafte Project Update

A four day regulatory hearing before the Alberta Utilities Commission recently concluded in mid-March 2022 with respect to the Brooks Solar farm being proposed by Solar Krafte Utilities Inc. This solar project is located near the AltaLink Cassils Substation (Township 18/Range 15) off Hwy #36. The AUC will be providing its decision on this project by June 15, 2022.



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IRRIGATION UPDATE

Notice of Fall Meeting Regarding Expiring Private Grazing Leases

In 2008, 93 grazing parcels were leased to individuals, 17 of which were under annual agreement. Subject to being in good standing, lessees of the 76 leases expiring at the end of that year were given 3 options:

1. Let the lease go; the District would evaluate the fences and make an offer to purchase them, or the lessee could sell the fences to the next leaseholder or remove the fences.
2. Enter into a new 15 year lease with the District that was only transferable within the family (father, mother, sibling, niece, nephew) for a fee of 50% of the 2007 lease amount.
3. Request that the lease be put up for bid and have the right to match the high bid. This lease would be for 15 years, with an option, if in good standing, to extend the lease for an additional 15 years.

23 lessees chose Option 3 and the leases were put up for sealed bid; all current lessees matched the high bid.

53 lessees chose Option 2 and entered into new 15 year leases with the District. These leases will be expiring at the end of 2023 and contain no renewal provisions. Board direction from 2008 provided that upon expiration of the leases at the end of 2023 the leases be rebid without a right to match the high bid. A public meeting in fall is being considered to receive feedback from water users on whether to follow the original direction or to adopt a new proposal.

Did You Know?

- The EID leases pasture lands to 10 Community Grazing Associations and has 3 separate swing fields to aid in range management, comprising 535,000 acres of native (500,000) and improved (35,000) dryland pastures.
- On average, 17,000 cow/calf pairs are grazed each year on EID community pastures. Approximately 625 bulls are added to the pastures during the breeding season.
- The District also leases out smaller grazing pastures to 100 individuals (Private Grazing Leases of varying size and length of terms) that total 50,000 acres.



Board of Directors Elections

Members of the Board of Directors are elected by the irrigators. The Eastern Irrigation District has adopted a practice of staggered elections, in which two directors are elected in one year, two directors are elected the next year and three directors are elected in the following year. This method of elections provides for long-term stability in the governance, administration and operation of the District.

2022 Election Summary

- **Division 2:**
Mr. David Peltzer was elected by acclamation; this is Mr. Peltzer's 2nd term of office
- **Division 4:**
Mr. Brian Schmidt was elected by acclamation; this is Mr. Schmidt's 2nd term of office
- **Division 7:**
Mr. Tracy Hemsing was elected by acclamation; this is Mr. Hemsing's 2nd term of office

Operations Manager / Staffing Update

With some planned restructuring to the Operations department, the Operations Manager position has been reinstated. Brent Kroschel has been promoted to this position and will be responsible for maintaining the operations of the irrigation works (canals, pipelines, dams, drains, structures, culverts, buildings, etc.), and to act as a liaison to Divisional Superintendents in their responsibilities. Mr. Kroschel may also be a point of contact for water users and can be reached as follows:

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Additional Operations contact information is listed below.

Water Operations

North Division			South Division		
Position	Name	Cell	Position	Name	Cell
Superintendent	Scott Beddows	363-5607	Superintendent	Don Syvret	363-5604
N1 Bassano/Bassano Dam	Levi Lepp	363-5630	S1 Antelope Creek/Brooks	Frank Klassen	363-5620
N2 Pitau	Dustin Fika	363-5631	S2 Kitsim	Duce Currie	363-5621
N3 Gem	Derek Kroschel	363-5632	S3 Bow Slope	Peter Thiessen	363-5623
N4 Rosemary	BJ Hasper	363-5634	S4 Aqueduct/Bantry	Troy Canning	363-5624
N5 Duchess	Taylor Berg	363-5636	S5 Elizabeth	Dale Williams	363-5626
N6 Cockerill	Gord Leland	363-5635	S6 Tilley	Stuart Cleland	363-5627
N7 Millicent	Lee Deschamps	363-5638	S7 Roilling Hills North	Jim Olund	363-5628
N8 Patricia	Scott McInnis	363-5639	S8 Rolling Hills South	Dallas Beirbach	363-5629

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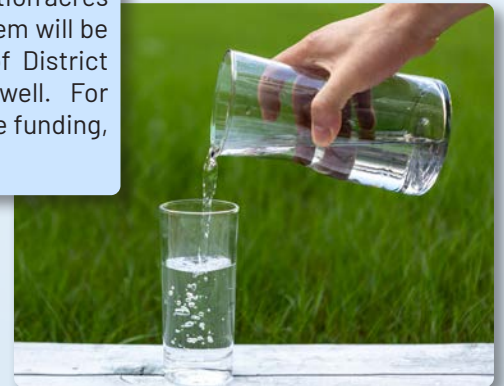


EID 1st Calls

The EID will locate its waterlines at no cost to water users and residential landowners. If you plan to do any digging, please call Brent Kroschel before you dig.

County of Newell Water Project - Phase 2

The District has confirmed its continuation of support for the County Of Newell Water Project, recognizing Phase 2 of the project. Water users(landowners with assessed irrigation acres or terminable acres) who have connected to the system will be reimbursed \$2,000 per household. Coordination of District funding remains directed through the County of Newell. For any questions regarding the water project or available funding, please call the County of Newell at 403-362-3266.



2022 Scholarships

The Eastern Irrigation District Scholarship Program was established in 2008. To date, \$612,000 has been granted to 317 local recipients over the past 13 years. Both residents and water users may apply, and all career fields are eligible! Scholarships are awarded for trades, diplomas, certificates, or degrees:

- Post-Secondary Education at a university - \$2,000
- Diploma or Technical programs - \$2,000
- Certified Trades - \$1,000

Master's program or second trade, diploma, certificate, or degree do not qualify. To obtain an application form and review requirements download the form from www.eid.ca under the Information tab or visit or call the District Office 403-362-1400.



Revised Bylaws & Policies

With a focus on bylaw and policy at this winter's Corporate Planning, the following noteworthy bylaws and policies were approved in January: [\[see website for bylaws and policies\] \(https://www.eid.ca/bylaw_policy.html\)](https://www.eid.ca/bylaw_policy.html)

2022 Rate Bylaw #957

Required by the IDA, this bylaw is reviewed and approved on an annual basis. Rates for annual agreements, irrigation, and terminable agreements are set, along with various surcharges.

2022 Fees Bylaw #958

The IDA allows for a Fees Bylaw to be made; the EID chooses to review and approve the bylaw on an annual basis. Fees are set for Household Purposes, Rural Water, and Other Purposes agreements, as well as for Conveyance Agreements. Discounts and penalties applicable to these agreements are also set by this bylaw.

Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #959

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Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #960

The IDA allows for a Capital Charges Bylaw to be made. Bylaw #960 maintains the capital asset charges from the prior bylaw. Clarification was added for eligible irrigation works costs, and the irrigation works cost-share percentage was decreased to align with other District cost-share grants available to water users. The decreased cost-share will apply to irrigation development applications that have yet to be approved; applications already approved will continue under the prior bylaw.

Contribution Towards Special Infrastructure Policy

This policy aids in the evaluation of converting terminable acres to irrigation acres and allows for a cost-share with the District for the required infrastructure. The revised policy decreases the infrastructure cost-share percentage to align with other District cost-share grants.

Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy

This policy applies to landowners affected by District rehabilitation projects and provides grants for those that improve their method of irrigation to pivot, or to those that change the location of their delivery, while saving the District money or improving the landowner's farm operations. Clarity was added to the policy that a grant request must be submitted while the rehabilitation project is still in the design stage.

Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

This policy is a comprehensive policy which establishes guidelines for design and construction of rehabilitation projects. Costs for additional farm turnouts were increased, clarity was added that additional Rural Water Use or Household turnouts are at the full cost to the landowner, and some amounts payable to landowners for construction and permanent easements were increased.

Farm Improvement Policy

This policy addresses on-farm developments that improve the irrigation farm operation and improves the District's infrastructure or saves a significant amount of water. Additional clarity was adopted concerning acres ineligible for grants and providing and hauling backfill material for pivot crossings. In addition, the maximum District contribution cost-share amount in section 10.0 for on-farm work to accommodate more efficient irrigation was increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

In general, the District does not market any of its land for sale. However, in the event that a sale of land is being considered, this policy provides guidelines for the request, evaluation, and approval process. The guidelines also outline responsibilities for associated costs and an annual review of the policy. The revised policy includes additional language indicating the owner of an adjacent ¼ section would have an initial opportunity to consider acquiring fragmented parcels no longer required by the District.

IRRIGATION UPDATE

Public Access

The sport fishing season for most EID reservoirs re-opens on May 8, 2022. As a reminder, the main public access rules for the EID Community Pastures include:

- Highway vehicles are required to remain on established roads and trails, if no designated route is present, and park on the shoulder (approximately one vehicle width) off the trail or road.
- Off-highway vehicles, campfires, and camping are not permitted.

In the event of another warm, dry spring additional public access restrictions to EID lands may be in place. Please check the EID website or call the EID Office to confirm current restrictions before heading out. These additional

restrictions typically include vehicles being restricted to mowed, graveled, or graded trails only and asking the public to refrain from smoking while on EID land and to carry some type of fire extinguishing device in their vehicle.

As part of the updated EID Access Policy, starting in the Fall of 2023 trappers will be required to label all their traps used on EID land with a unique, permanent identification number assigned to them by the EID. Any trappers who did not trap on EID land in 2021/2022 and wish to be assigned their trap identification number prior to Fall 2023, please contact Daniel Buell.

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Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program

As movement of aquatic invasive species into new areas mainly occurs by travelling watercraft, the EID initiated the AIS Prevention Program in 2018. **ALL BOATERS** wishing to access EID reservoirs must follow approved prevention procedures and each year complete a watercraft information form. The District's major reservoirs and downstream canal systems continue to be monitored; no signs of mussels within District infrastructure have been found to date. Additional AIS information and reservoir access rules may be found on the District's website.

Help do your part to prevent the introduction of invasive mussels to this area. To enroll in the program or for more information, contact Brandi Doerksen.

<https://www.eid.ca/ais.html>

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IRRIGATION UPDATE

Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

Subject to weather conditions, the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground will open for the season this year at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022, and close at noon on Friday, September 30, 2022. If you've never visited our campground, please consider stopping by this increasingly popular destination to have a look at all that is offered.

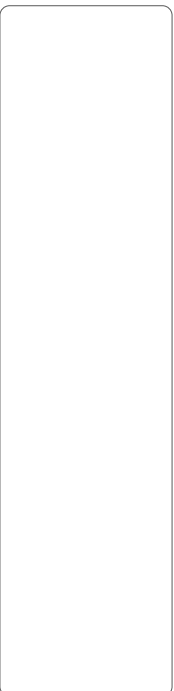
Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

	Fees	Booking / Reservations / Draw
Daily Camping 110 daily sites	\$40/night (GST included) plus \$5/day for 50 amp sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">all daily sites are on a first-come, first-served basiswater users may reserve daily sites up to 48 hours in advance, with payment by credit card, by calling the campground directly 403-363-5603public may hold a site the day of, by calling the campground directly
Group Camping 2 group areas of 5 single sites each	\$200/night, minimum of 2 nights, plus \$25 reservation fee (GST included)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">group areas may be reserved through payment, up to 2 camping seasons in advance, by calling the EID Office 403-362-1400a minimum of 2 nights must be reserved for a group area, up to a maximum stay of 14 nights
Seasonal Camping 35 seasonal sites	\$3,200/season + GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the deadline for submitting an application for a seasonal camping site was April 1st with the draws being held April 6th (water users) and 7th (public)
Boat Slips 75 boat slips	\$10/day (GST included) \$60/week (GST included) \$475/season + GST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">daily, weekly, and seasonal boat slips can be reserved through the campground office during the season



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