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# IRRIGATION UPDATE



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## Eastern Irrigation District

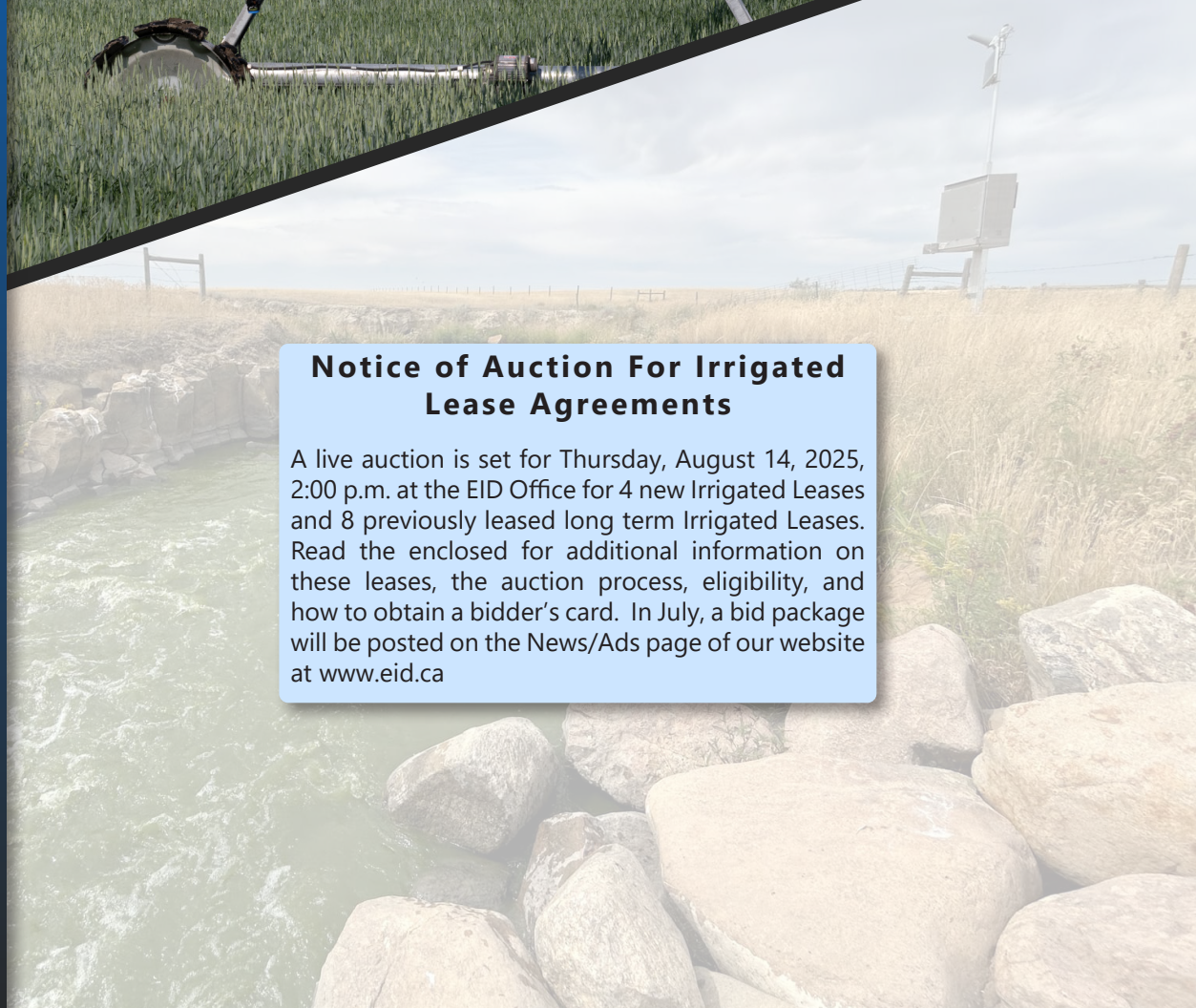


### Notice of Auction For Irrigated Lease Agreements

A live auction is set for Thursday, August 14, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at the EID Office for 4 new Irrigated Leases and 8 previously leased long term Irrigated Leases. Read the enclosed for additional information on these leases, the auction process, eligibility, and how to obtain a bidder's card. In July, a bid package will be posted on the News/Ads page of our website at [www.eid.ca](http://www.eid.ca)

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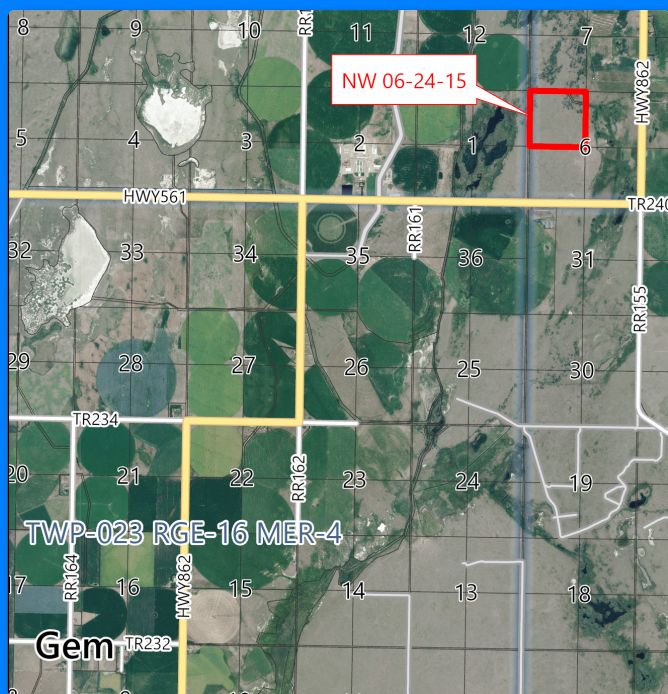
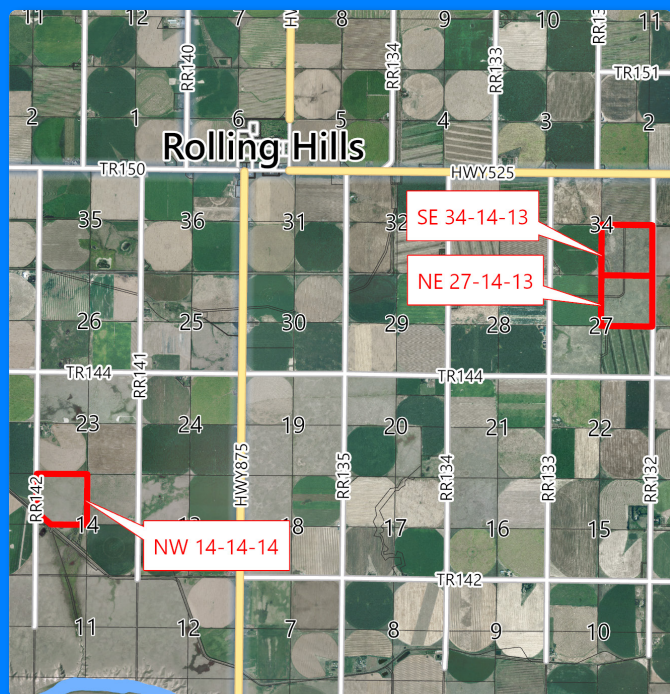
## New Irrigated Leases

In continuance of the District's mandate to maintain and promote irrigated agriculture, 4 new pivots on reservoir supported District lands were approved for development as Irrigated Leases:

- SE 34-14-13 W4M – 124 irrigation acres (farmable acres)
- NE 27-14-13 W4M – 153 irrigation acres (farmable acres)
- NW 14-14-14 W4M – 148 irrigation acres (farmable acres)
- NW 06-24-15 W4M – 154 irrigation acres (farmable acres)

Individual parcels will be bid via a live public auction:

- for the right to acquire the lease agreement
  - based on a price/farmable acre that will be applied as the annual rent each year;
- lease term from September 15, 2025 to December 31, 2030;
- with the EID installing pivot, corner arm, mainline, and pump;
- the Lessee being responsible for equipment maintenance and repairs;
- the Lessee being responsible for all aspects of farming the parcel, including breaking and leveling; and
- the Lessee abiding by a crop management plan for specialty crops, and other terms and conditions as outlined in the lease agreement
- the Lessee will be allowed to break and level the parcel in the Fall of 2025 in preparation for Spring 2026 planting season.





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## Auction Date & Process

**Irrigated Lease Auction**  
**Thursday, August 14, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at the EID Office**

A live auction has been set for:

- Bidding will begin at 2:30 p.m.
- Qualified bidders will receive a bid card when registering at the auction (please arrive early).
- A random process will be used to auction the leases; they will not be bid in numerical order.
- Each lease will be summarized, and particular factors noted prior to the bidding beginning.
- Successful bidders may not turn back their newly acquired Irrigated Lease at any time during the auction process, or at any time prior to executing the applicable agreement to be provided by the District.
- 50% of the first year's rent is to be paid by the successful bidder upon execution of the lease agreement.
- Deadline to sign lease agreement and provide payment is September 12, 2025.

## Preregistration & Bid Package

All bidders must preregister to be eligible to bid at the auction:

- Irrigators are required to preregister at the EID Office from July 7, 2025 to August 8, 2025; proxy bidders may be designated. Irrigators and proxy bidders that are not registered or designated before August 8, 2025; will be denied bidding privileges.
- A bid package containing maps, soils information, sample lease agreement, and other details of the 12 Irrigated Leases to be auctioned will be provided; information will also be available on the District's website.
- Bidders, or proxy bidders, must register at the auction to receive their bid card.
- Only verified eligible irrigators/proxy bidders will receive a bid card.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to bid on these Irrigated Leases, a bidder must own land within the Eastern Irrigation District with assessed irrigation acres. Residency within the District is not required. A leaseholder may only lease up to a maximum of 640 acres of all irrigated leases held with the District, including these new Irrigated Leases. Irrigators that currently have an irrigated lease may bid at the auction; however, if they are successful and exceed the limitation, they must turn back their original irrigated lease to the District.

## Bid Payment & Annual Charges

The bid amount will establish the annual rent of the lease. The Lessee is also responsible for obtaining insurance, and payment of property taxes, irrigation rates, and utility costs. Except for the first year of the lease, the annual rent is invoiced in two installments: payment is due on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> and the second payment is due on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>. For the first year of the lease, the first rental payment is to be paid upon execution of the lease by the Lessee.

## Lease Agreement

New lease agreements with successful bidders will be executed by the District after the lease has been executed by the successful bidder and first payment is secured. Lease agreements expire December 31, 2030 and have no right of renewal upon expiry.



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## Water Update

The District’s conveyance system was up and running the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> and as of May 20<sup>th</sup> all reservoirs were topped up to typical operating levels (FSL). Snowmelt for the Bow Basin is near complete, with snow pillows ending about 2 – 3 weeks earlier than average and below average ranges for this time of year.

Pursuant to the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #970 (2024) [[https://www.eid.ca/documents/bylaws/Maximum\\_Water\\_Delivery\\_Bylaw.pdf](https://www.eid.ca/documents/bylaws/Maximum_Water_Delivery_Bylaw.pdf)], each operating month, and particularly in June, the stage of the Drought Plan Guidelines is to be confirmed or may be adjusted by resolution of the Board. To support efficiencies in water use, the District begins each irrigation season at Stage 2 and will increase or decrease the maximum level in review of contributing factors (snowpack melt, river supply, reservoir supply, precipitation, soil moisture conditions, and weather forecasts). It was the consensus of the Board at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting to have the District’s Operating Stage remain at Stage 2 (maximum 18” of water per irrigation acre, with up to 6” of transfers).

### WATER USE TO DATE (As of June 16, 2025)

	June 2025	June 2024
Water Diverted to Date	181,152 ac-ft (8.16")	145,904 ac-ft (5.52")
Water Applied to Land to Date	3.36"	1.8"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	257 - 893	60 - 735
Parcels Using Over 12"	12	1
Parcels Using Over 16"	2	0
Parcels Using Over 20"	0	0
Total Firm Live Storage*	291,459 ac-ft	298,642 ac-ft

\* Only includes main reservoirs

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## Know Your Assessment

Irrigators are reminded to keep irrigation water from all private infrastructure equipment and head ditches within the assessed irrigated area for each parcel. The assessed area is what is approved by the EID and registered to that parcel for Irrigation Acres (commonly referenced as 1st water) and acres under a Terminable Agreement (commonly referenced as 2nd water). Irrigating outside assessment (either irrigating outside the approved area or irrigating more than the approved number of acres) is in contravention of the *Irrigation Districts Act*. If you are unsure of a parcel's assessment, please contact Staci Connauton. Parcel maps are provided to landowners free of charge.

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\*Red outline depicts assessment area

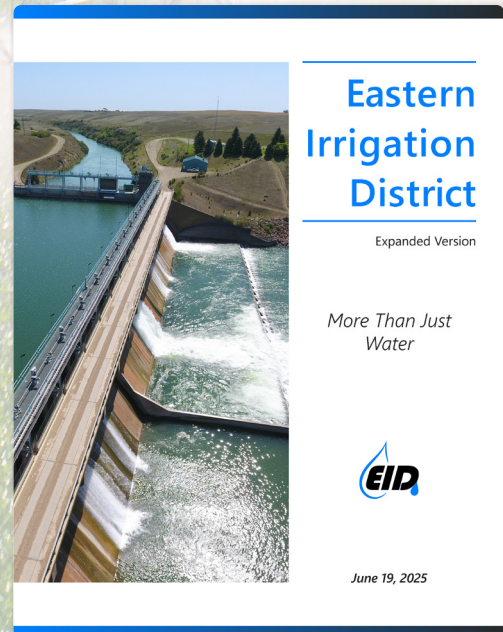


## EID Information Booklet

An updated collection of District information has recently been compiled into booklet form. Encompassing all major aspects of the EID, this handy resource presents a summary of the following categories:

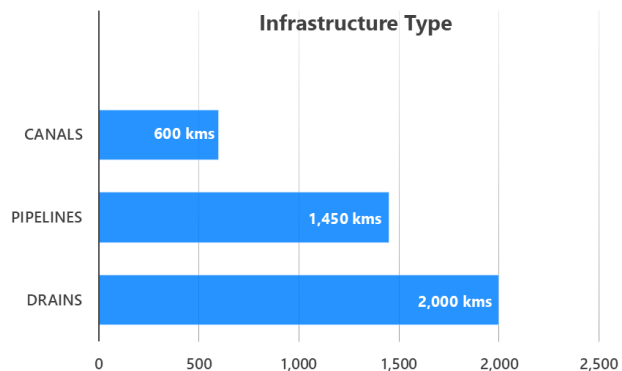
- About
- History
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- Operations
- Irrigated Agriculture
- Lands & Reservoirs
- Community Investment

This booklet is available digitally [[https://www.eid.ca/documents/publications/PR\\_Booklet\\_Web.pdf](https://www.eid.ca/documents/publications/PR_Booklet_Web.pdf)] and in print from the EID Office. You're invited to refresh what you already know about the EID and find out more.



## The following is an excerpt from the Operations segment of the book:

...The Dam Supervisor monitors river flows upstream and downstream to assess water volumes approaching the dam and what is being spilled over the dam. This helps to ensure enough water is being diverted to the District's users as well as being passed to downstream users. The District has 15 Water Operators who respond to requests for water and control the flow of water through the canals, pipelines, and reservoirs in their area. Irrigators must give the Water Operators 48 hours' notice in advance of irrigating and 24 hours' notice within finish of use so that the Water Operators can adjust the water levels at smaller structures on the canals for efficient operation of the system and response to orders within their area. North and South Divisional Superintendents oversee operations, irrigator concerns, and maintenance activities (minor infrastructure repairs, mowing canal banks, clipping weeds, mitigating aquatics) in their region. An Operations Manager oversees all aspects of operations, receives daily reports on pending orders, system flows, and reservoir levels; and in turn communicates with the Dam Supervisor to ensure enough water is being diverted at the main canal to feed the canal system and supply water to the irrigators and other users, while also ensuring enough water is being diverted downstream...





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