



# WESTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

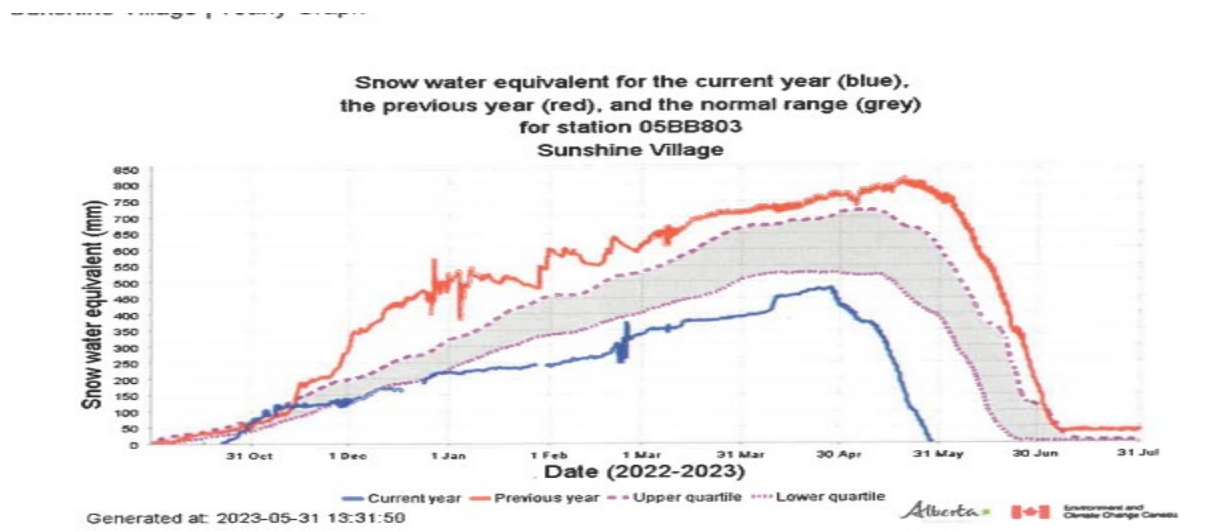
## INFORMATION UPDATE

Subject: Current Irrigation Updates and Plans

Attention: All Western Irrigation District Users;

We hope this letter finds you well.

We are reaching out to keep you informed of the current water situation in our District. The mountain snowpack is a vital source of water that supplies flow to the Bow River and to the WID for our irrigation use. This year our snowpack has melted 5 weeks earlier than the average year. We are usually not depleted until the first week of July.



- Daily temps have been approximately 10 degrees higher than average.
- WID is currently diverting 700 cfs - over our full licensed volume allowed under our senior and junior licenses of 600 cfs but will be cut back to 600 cfs beginning tomorrow.
- Our current demand is greater than 700 cfs and we are having to draw down on our reservoirs to keep up with demand.
- We are trying to maintain a ratio of running 1 for every 3 pivots to allow each pivot to operate 3 out of every 10 days.
- Irrigators with more than 1 system can manage their own water but our Water Supervisors have been instructed to provide enough water for 1 of every 3 pivots to run.

These conditions combined with continued hot dry weather have prompted the Western Irrigation District to responsibly manage our valuable resource. We are actively working to



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ensure that all irrigation acres in the District receive water according to their contractual obligation.

We are currently prioritizing our water distribution in the following order:

- 1) Human needs (municipal raw water supply)
- 2) Livestock - livestock operations with storage of 2 weeks supply will be refilled as per normal operations. We will be minimizing all flowing streams for livestock, as they are very inefficient.

We encourage livestock operations with no storage to:

- i. Install storage with a minimum of a 2-week supply. WID can provide storage construction on a cost-shared basis, along with grant options.
  - ii. or a producer can have other contractors establish storage for them.
  - iii. or haul water
- 3) Permanent irrigation acre contracts
  - 4) Terminable irrigation acre contracts
  - 5) Annual irrigation acre contracts (includes annual off-creek agreements)
  - 6) All yards and garden contracts, golf courses, and other non-essential water use

We understand that these water usage restrictions may present challenges for your water needs. However, as a shared resource we are asking for all of us to cooperate to manage the current water demands and ensure the availability of water for all users. By following these guidelines, we can collectively make a significant impact on water conservation and help overcome this challenging situation. We are not alone. Until such time as Southern Alberta receives significant rainfall, all Districts are facing similar conditions.

Anyone found tampering or using water by unauthorized means will be shut off indefinitely. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this strict water management or the implemented restrictions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 403-934-3542 or [inquiry@wid.net](mailto:inquiry@wid.net).

I can assure you that will do our very best to ensure everyone gets the water they need to sustain their livelihood and business. Thank you for your cooperation and for being mindful of our shared responsibility in preserving our precious water resources.

Best Regards,

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General Manager