



WESTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

July 26th, 2023

City of Chestermere
105 Marina Drive
Chestermere, AB T1X 1V7

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Attention: City Directors (CAO)

Re: 14 Days Notice for the Potential Draw Down of Chestermere Reservoir

As with many areas in Alberta, the Western Irrigation District (WID) is experiencing severe drought conditions. WID stakeholders and irrigators have been subject to water restrictions for the vast majority of the 2023 growing season. On a rotating basis, a maximum of 1/3 of the irrigated parcels are being provided with water at any one time. As of the writing of this letter the Bow River is now at a low flow stage and the WID has been restricted to a minimum diversion volume rate from the Bow River, as per Government of Alberta regulations. Combined with rare or no rain events in the past weeks, the WID is unable to meet our statutory obligations without drawing water from our storage reservoirs.

To supplement this period of low flow, the WID will be drawing on Langdon Reservoir first and Chestermere Reservoir second (per section 3.1.1 and 3.1.4 from Schedule B of the amended Use of Works Agreement). **The WID is providing the City of Chestermere with 14 days' notice before the potential drawdown of Chestermere Reservoir.**

As outlined, efforts have been taken and will continue to be taken to mitigate the impact to Chestermere Reservoir. We consider drawing on Chestermere Reservoir as a last resort to meet our statutory obligations; specifically to stretch our water supply until harvest. The WID will continue to monitor the situation daily and make adjustments to avoid the drawdown with the aim of maintaining as much water in the reservoir as possible. The WID will continue to keep the City apprised of the situation and will send further formal communication with you in 7 days. Please take the necessary steps to inform users, and to protect life & property.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Western Irrigation District

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General Manager