



# INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

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## SPRING WATER TURN ON DATE

This is the standard notice that the BRID has been including in spring newsletters for several years. Irrigators should take this information into consideration when making seeding decisions.

The current projection for a turn on date is April 27<sup>th</sup>. Once it is turned on at the headgates, it still takes a few days to get all of the laterals and pipelines filled and ready for irrigation.

Our policy on the date for beginning operations reads: “If dry soil conditions are present in the District and the weather is conducive to running water, then the earliest date to be considered for canal operations is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.”

The reference to when the weather is conducive to running water refers to situations where colder temperatures could limit the ability of the District to get canals ready to run water or situations where low temperatures would limit the hours in which pivots could operate, making water delivery operations very inefficient. In these situations, water turn on dates will be later than April 23<sup>rd</sup>, regardless if dry soil conditions are present.

The Board of Directors have again set the annual water allotment at 24 inches per irrigation acre with an extra 6 inches allowed to be purchased for a flood parcel. To date no flood irrigator has needed to purchase additional water due to the allowable pooling of acres.

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### **BRID WEBSITE**

Visit our website for more information on the BRID at: [brid.ca](http://brid.ca)



## **BOARD ELECTIONS**

The annual board elections resulted in Glenn Logan (Area #1-Headworks) and Walter Unruh (Area #7 – Hays) being returned to the Board by acclamation.

Congratulations also to Dennis Orsten (Area #3-Enchant) who retired this year and to his replacement (sole candidate), James Larson. The Area #3 term is up for re-election in 2016 so James' current term will end in 2016.

Following is a list of the current directors with their 3 year terms noted:

Area #1 – Glen Logan (2015-2018)

Area #2 – Ron Schlaht (2014-2017) –Vice-Chairman

Area #3 – James Larson (2015 – 2016)

Area #4 – John DeVries (2014-2017)

Area #5 – Vic Van Dyk (2013-2016)

Area #6 – Harold Unruh (2013-2016) – Chairman

Area #7 – Walter Unruh (2015-2018)

## **NEW CULTIVATION LEASES (BRID LAND)**

The Board of Directors will be holding an auction on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 for three (3) parcels of land:

- S.E. 18-14-17-W4M

- N.E. 18-14-17-W4M

-a pivot completing approximately a half circle and wetting 103 acres in the south Y pastures.

Details of the lease conditions have not been finalized as yet and will be advertised prior to the auction date.

## **STAFF RETIREMENT**

As water starts flowing into the district this month, after almost 19 years of service, our Water Controller, Dave Cholka is flowing out, into retirement. We thank him and we wish him well with his future plans.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR IRRIGATION EXPANSION**

This is notice that the Bow River Irrigation District will continue to accept applications for the intensification of existing irrigated parcels. Acres are sold on a first come first served basis. Applicants are advised to submit applications as soon as possible as the remaining number of irrigation acres is very limited. Applications for the development of dryland parcels will be placed on a waiting list, with no guarantees of being approved. No additional acres for new dryland development are currently available. New parcels can be added to the district, but the applicant(s) will have to secure the required irrigation acres from other irrigators with unused acres.

All applications must contain the legal description of the parcel and the number of acres requested, and must be signed by the registered owner or a person authorized to sign on behalf of that landowner. Application forms are available at the office or on the BRID website at [brid.ca](http://brid.ca). For your convenience, alternatively, a letter, fax or email would be acceptable provided it contains the above-noted information.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Rolf Schwabe at the BRID office in Vauxhall. Please submit applications to:

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## **IRP PROJECTS & FUNDING – PROVINCIAL BUDGET IMPACTS ON 3 YEAR PLAN**

In the latest provincial budget, total funding for irrigation rehabilitation for all irrigation districts was reduced from \$21 million to \$19 million for this year. The cut will not affect the BRID's rehabilitation program for this fall.

Construction projects for this fall include pipelines to replace Lateral C-7 (Hays Block), Lateral H-6-2 (West Block), and Laterals K-11-A, C, D & E (Vauxhall Block).

**WEED CONTROL PROGRAM**

The Bow River Irrigation District will be applying herbicides to control vegetation in or within 30 horizontal meters of open bodies of water owned by the district.

Activities will be carried out under approval No. 10409-04-00 issued by Alberta Environment. This approval expires March 15, 2020. Applications for broadleaf control will begin in May and continue until the end of September. For aquatic weed and algae control, treatments begin May 21<sup>st</sup> and continue until the first week of September. Affected water users will be notified before aquatic applications begin. Please check <http://brid.ca/> for a list of locations and application dates. The weed control program is administered by licensed applicators.

<b><u>Herbicide Used</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>
Magnacide H PCP# 10948	Control of submerged aquatic vegetation and algae.
2, 4-D Amine 600, Oracle (Dicamba)	Control of broadleaf weeds, willow, brush, poplar.
Vantage Plus (Glyphosate)	
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Organic growers or any water users who do not wish the BRID to use chemicals adjacent to their land must fill out a No Spray Zone agreement with the district at the start of the season. Contact Bill Skelly at the BRID Office: (403) 654-2111 for information.

**2015 MAGNACIDE APPLICATION NOTICE**

The Bow River Irrigation District will apply Magnacide H to control aquatic vegetation and algae at the following locations:

**Badger Lake / Enchant Area:** Lateral H TWP 15, 16 RGE 18 - Applications on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>\*\*;; Tuesday June 30 and Wednesdays May 27; June 10; July 22

**Badger/ Lonesome Lake Area:** Lower Lomond Lateral TWP 17 RGE 17, 18 - Applications on Mondays, June 22; July 13

**Travers / Lomond Area:** Lomond Lateral TWP 15, 16 RGE 19 - Applications on Tuesdays May 26; June 2<sup>\*\*</sup>; June 16; July 7; July 28

**Travers / Lomond Area:** Lateral D TWP 15 RGE 19 -Applications on Wednesdays, June 3; June 24; July 15; August 5

**Enchant Area:** Lateral B TWP 14, 15 RGE 18, 19 -Applications on Mondays, June 8; June 29; July 20

**Circle Hill / Stonehill Area:** Lateral B TWP 14, 15 RGE 16, 17 - Applications on Tuesdays, June 9; June 23; July 14

**Vauxhall/Retlaw Area:** Lateral A TWP 13 RGE 16, 17 -Application on Wednesdays, June 17; July 8

**Vauxhall Area:** Lateral C TWP 13, 14 RGE 16 -Application on Wednesdays, June 17; July 8; July 29

**Hays Area:** Lateral R (below Scope Reservoir) TWP 12, 13 RGE 13, 14 - Applications on Thursdays: May 21; June 4; June 18; July 2; July 16; July 30; August 20

**Hays Area:** Main Canal below Scope Reservoir TWP 13 RGE 13, 14 - Applications on Thursdays, May 28; June 11; June 25; July 9; July 23

\*\*Applications only if canal is not treated week prior due to cold water temperatures &/or no algae.

During the application no water is permitted to enter municipal waterworks systems, water systems used to supply water for household purposes, dugouts or ponds used for livestock watering, dugouts or ponds containing stocked fish. Please ensure that water you have diverted on these dates does not apply to any of these categories. We ask that you review the information package available from your ditch rider for more information about Magnacide H.

Organic growers irrigating should inform their ditch rider to be aware of any application which could affect organic crop certification. Please check the application schedule on our website at <http://www.brid.ca/Pages/BRIDweedcontrol.htm>.

If you have any questions please call Bill Skelly at the Bow River Irrigation Office (403) 654-2111.