



INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

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CONSTRUCTION

The 2016/17 construction projects (all pipelines) are as follows:

- Lateral B-3 (West Block)
- Laterals B & B-5 (West Block – twin pipelines from Main Canal to Highway 526 near the Enchant Camp)



These pipelines will be extended over the next two years, replacing all of the Lateral B canal system.

HEADWORKS CONSTRUCTION

The remaining work at Travers Dam is to remove the control structure between Travers and Little Bow Reservoirs. The headworks rehabilitation will be complete by the spring of 2017. The campground at Little Bow Reservoir will be open to the public in 2017.

EXPANSION ACRES UPDATE

The district has nearly reached its expansion limit of 260,000 assessed acres. A few outstanding applications are being processed and some irrigation acres are being held for future development on BRID lands. You may apply for expansion or intensification, but any applications will be placed on a waiting list and will serve the district in gauging interest in expansion.

The district was recently granted a licence for additional diversion and is considering another expansion.

If you have any questions regarding irrigation acres, please contact Rolf Schwabe at 403-654-2111 or via email to: RolfS@brid.ca.

2016 WATER OPERATIONS

Our water use in 2016 was very close to the long term average. McGregor Reservoir is at the normal winter level. Travers Reservoir is a half meter below normal winter level, and Little Bow Reservoir is below normal level, in order to complete construction. The average winter reservoir storage is 316,000 acre feet; the 2016 storage is 303,000 acre feet.

WATER RATES PAYMENT DEADLINE

The deadline date to receive a 5% discount on water rates is October 31, 2016. The payment must be received at the BRID on or before this date. Any payments arriving in the mail after October 31st are not eligible for the discount, even if they are postmarked October 31st.

Online payments must be in the BRID's bank account on or before the deadline or it will be considered late. This means initiating the payment with your bank several days before the deadline to ensure it is posted to our account on time.

Please note that the deadline for payment of 2016 water rates is December 31, 2016. Payment (cash, cheque or online only) can be made in the following manner:

- Payment at the office on or before December 31st, 2016 during office hours (see holiday hours below).
- Cheques in the mail dated December 31, 2016 or earlier and postmarked no later than December 31st.
- Cheques dated December 31st, 2016 or earlier and deposited in our drop box immediately south of the office main door, prior to opening on January 2, 2017 at 8:00 A.M.
- Payment made online before December 31st, 2016.

Penalties on arrears will be applied on January 1, 2017.

If you are sending in a cheque from someone other than the owner named on the invoice, please specify on the cheque: the invoice number, owner number and land location being paid for. This is to ensure that the correct account is credited.

If someone other than the landowner is responsible for paying the water rates, it is the landowner's responsibility to forward the bill on to the responsible party.

At the September 28, 2016 board meeting, the board agreed that receipts will no longer be mailed for online or mailed payments. Receipts will only be given to people making in-person payments or upon request.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Closed – Monday, December 26, 2016 through Wednesday, December 28th, 2016 for Christmas Holidays

Open – Thursday December 29, 2016

Closed – Friday December 30, 2016

Open – Monday January 2, 2017.