

## WATER SITUATION & STARTUP DATE

The Alberta Environment and Parks headworks storage and the mountain snowpack are below median, with SMRID storage near normal. There is enough water where it needs to be for a normal startup, but limited supply so far available for summer.

TID set our annual allocation initially at **12” at the farm gate**. This will be reviewed at least monthly and will be raised if we get significant precipitation. See our website for updates. We will also send updates through our TID Notification System. If you would like text and/or email notifications, please sign up with the office (403-223-2148). You can also email your request with your contact information to [tid@taberirrigationdistrict.ca](mailto:tid@taberirrigationdistrict.ca).

Please ensure you give 24 hours notice on and off for tracking water use, and make sure to coordinate your irrigation scheduling to help the guys with rotating your streams for maximum efficiency. We’ll need your cooperation toward responsible water use in TID. Remember that any unused water is lost from your allocation, each day of unordered water counts double and there are significant penalties for exceeding your allocation (\$100/ac-inch).

We will start flushing our system as soon as water is checked up in the SMRID main canal. Startup for water orders will be the week of **May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## *New / Transferred Ditchriders*

*We are pleased to have **John Beers** join the TID water operations group as the Water Supervisor (ditchrider) for the northeast portion of the district.*

***Richard Oliver** will be shifted closer to home to take over the west portion (Barnwell area) from Alan Anderson. We send best wishes as Alan retires from many successful years at TID.*

*Note that phones are assigned by area so you will continue to call the same number to make your water orders.*

### ***New Board Member***

TID welcomes Paul Turcato to represent Electoral Division #3 (Taber East – Fincastle), taking over from Tony Machacek.

Glad to have you on the team Paul!

Thanks Tony for 18 years of dedicated service to our water users. Best wishes!

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### ***Board Member Areas***

Division #1 (Cranford-Barnwell)

**Don Johnson**

Division #2 (Barnwell East – Taber)

**Bruce Francis**

Division #3 (Taber East – Fincastle)

**Paul Turcato**

Division #4 (Taber Big Bend)

**Kyle Gouw**

Division #5 (East Horsefly & North Fincastle)

**Mike Wind**

**IRRIGATION ACRES** The Board of Directors set aside 1,500 acres for intensification of existing TID parcels (e.g. corners), at a maximum of 30 acres/year/parcel. Due to significant interest in early 2018, the threshold has been reached for current applications to be added to the district. Once these have been processed there will be no TID irrigation acres available for new parcels and no waiting list maintained. Adding new parcels to the district now requires transfers of unused acres from existing parcels.



Need to cancel a Household or Rural Agreement?  
Please contact the office before water starts to avoid a 2019 invoice.

## 2019 RATES

Agreement	2018	2019
Irrigation Acres	\$18/ac; \$540 min.	\$20/ac; \$600 min.
Terminable Agreement (irrigation)	\$54/ac; \$540 min.	\$60/ac; \$600 min.
Annual Agreement (irrigation)	\$54/ac	\$60/ac
Household Purposes (< 1 ac parcel)	\$210	\$235
Rural Water Use (≥ 1 ac parcel)	\$420	\$470
Water Conveyance (agr, mun, ind)	\$54/ac-ft; \$540 min.	\$60/ac-ft; \$600 min.
Truck Load	\$1.18/m <sup>3</sup> ; \$540 min.	\$1.32/m <sup>3</sup> ; \$600 min.
Well Site	\$2,700	\$3,000
Water to Oil & Gas	\$270/ac-ft; \$540 min.	\$300/ac-ft; \$600 min.
Irrigation Acres – Capital Assets Charge	\$1,200/ac	\$1,800/ac
Water Conveyance Agreement Allocation (TID License)	\$800/ac-ft	\$1,140/ac-ft

The \$2/ac increase in irrigation acres covers the increased assessments to the SMRID Main Canal Account. All other rates were increased proportionally. For more details see the AGM presentation on our website.

The rate increases for Household and Rural Agreements are the first since 2016.

## End Guns and Overspray

Our ditchriders drive daily on our canal banks and on MD of Taber roads to get the water to your turnout. The better the conditions the quicker and safer they can do their job. Please help TID and the MD keep driving surfaces firm by ensuring your pivots are adjusted to sprinkle your crops, not our infrastructure. Keeping your irrigation pipes from crossing over driving banks will help as well. Talk to Barry (403-330-1070) if you need to bury a permanent line.

Thanks from your operations team!

**TID Vision:** *Our vision is a progressive and cohesive team, supporting the diverse needs of our water users through a heritage of efficient operations, a drive for continuous improvement, and a spirit of collaboration toward responsible water management within Specialty Crop Country*