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## A Message from the Directors

The District is committed to transparently communicating details of our Capital Improvement Plan to our patrons, ensuring they understand the importance and benefits of these investments. The 2024 capital improvement charge of \$30 per patron will contribute to the success of our 10-year Capital Improvement Plan, allowing us to prioritize and address our aging infrastructure, while continuing to modernizing our equipment. These Capital Improvements will save water, improve service, and help with ongoing drought conditions. There will be an increase to the operations and maintenance rate of 3.5% for 2024 assessments.

## Board Of Directors Election Information

Pursuant to RCW Title 87 the annual election will be held the second Tuesday in December for Divisions 4 & 5. Petitions for nomination are due the first Monday in November at the District Office. Terms are for three years, beginning January 2023. If you are 18 years old, a U.S. Citizen, a resident of the state and hold title or evidence of title to lands within the District, you qualify as an elector and may participate in District elections. Qualified electors may run for election as a Director for their respective division within the District. Information on elections and other legal notices are advertised in the Tri-City Herald.

## Water Conditions

We are almost through another water season. The District faced worse-than-normal water conditions caused by uncontrolled runoff and a much higher amount of silt in the river. The excessive silt in the river has not only affected the water quality but also increased the maintenance required for filter systems. The District is committed to finding an effective solution to improve overall water quality and reduce debris that ends up in your filter.

## Water Season 2024

Every year, CID begins filling and flushing the canal system around March 20th with the goal of having the system up and operational by April 15th. We recommend that patrons wait a week after the canal is filled to start using water. The end of the water season is on or around October 15th. We then start winterizing the system, therefore patrons should shut off their valves immediately to prevent damage from freezing temperatures.

## Impediments to District Rights-of-Way

The District would like to make our patrons aware that we will be protecting the canal right-of-way from encroachments. If you have anything impeding on the right-of-way, you may be asked to either remove the impediment or apply for a right-of-way permit, subject to District Board approval. The District also has begun battling the tree problem along our canals. The District will be removing problem trees located within our right-of-way as time allows.

## Board Of Directors

### VINCENT SHAWVER PRESIDENT

Division 1: Wanawish Dam to  
Valley View Road.

### DALLAS "BO" AYDE BOARD MEMBER

Division 2: Valley View Road to  
Washington Street

### NEIL MARTIN VICE PRESIDENT

Division 3: Washington Street to  
South Oak Street

### MARILYN DICKENSON BOARD MEMBER

Division 4: South Oak Street to  
Haney Road

### SHERRI THACKHAM BOARD MEMBER

Division 5: Haney Road to  
Columbia River

## District Board Meetings

*Meetings will be held on the first  
and third Friday of every month.  
The public is welcome to attend.*



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# Capital Improvement Projects



## CANAL LINING

The shotcrete machine purchased in 2022 has proven to be a valuable asset for the District. As it has significantly expedited the canal lining process and the completion of projects. Additionally, the machine's efficiency has allowed the District to line 54,975 sq. ft. of canal, with another 52,000 sq. ft. scheduled this off-season. The District continues to utilize contractors on some projects, which allowed 75,000 sq. ft. of canal lining to be installed, with an additional 141,000 sq. ft. to be lined during this off-season. By continuing to shotcrete our canals every off-season, we ensure the longevity and efficiency of our irrigation system for years to come.



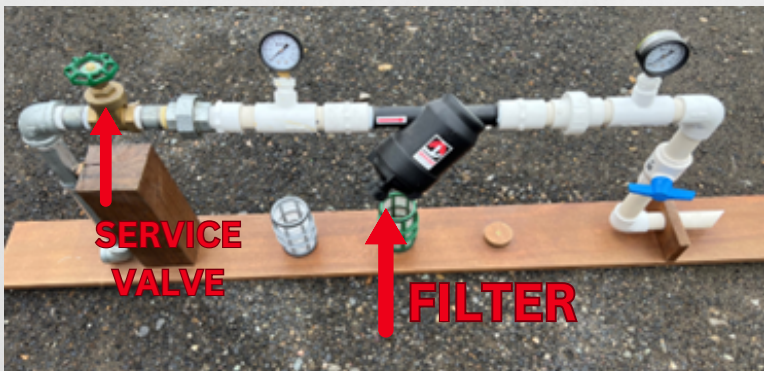
## AUTOMATED GATES

There are now 10 operating gates, with four additional gates potentially being installed this off-season. These gates are partially funded by a federal grant. These automated gates not only help maintain accurate water levels but also improve the overall efficiency of the canal system. By reducing manual labor and human error, the District can ensure a more reliable and cost-effective operation. Additionally, the installation of these gates will contribute to the long-term sustainability and preservation of the canal system, benefiting both the District and its patrons.



## VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

The District continues to update vehicles and equipment each year as needed. This commitment to regular updates ensures that staff can efficiently carry out their duties and respond promptly to any maintenance issues that may arise. By investing in reliable transportation and tools, the District can maintain a high level of service and ensure the smooth operations of its facilities.



## KNOW THE SYSTEM

The District maintains the underground infrastructure up to and including the service valve within Local Improvement Districts or CID owned distribution lines. Everything after the valve is the patron's private system and responsibility. If you are experiencing no water or low pressure, please check your valve to make sure it is fully open. Remove your filter from the housing and clean the filter to avoid a service charge.

## Water Consumption and Control

With increased development & continued drought risk, it's more important than ever to be mindful of water usage. Please contain water to your property, design/adjust system components to use only the amount of water necessary for your plant growth and replace worn or broken parts. The greatest benefit to the District is to minimize how much of your property you are watering at once.