

Arnold Irrigation District (AID)  
Patron Communication  
March 12, 2026

Dear Patrons:

Our planned start-up schedule was set during the March board meeting on Tuesday. There will be a stock run beginning Wednesday, March 25. The run will transition directly into irrigation delivery one week later on Wednesday, April 1. Please remember that stock run water may not be used for irrigation and that water is for farms with hooved animals only. Stock water may take a couple of days to arrive at your weir and might not reach far ends of the system. If you do not want water, please call the office to have your head gate closed.

During the same meeting, Jeremy Giffin, Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) Watermaster for Central Oregon, gave a presentation on the current snowpack conditions and the outlook for this year's irrigation season. In brief, snowpack and overall precipitation are low, but water use from the reservoirs through the winter was less than normal, and the aquifer is still in good condition from last year's abundance. In addition, Arnold will be eligible for a small amount of extra storage this season. This means we will have plenty of water to start the season but will likely run short toward the end. Dates will depend on weather conditions and water management. Our new pipe system, to the extent it has been completed, will help conserve water by reducing leakage and improving flow control to patrons. We will be asking for patrons' assistance in identifying unneeded water, especially as river flows decline and we transition from natural flow to reservoir storage. Sometime during this season, the District intends to test performance of the system under minimum flow conditions.

For any patrons or interested neighbors within reach of AID's water delivery system who would like to expand or establish new irrigation rights, the District continues to have water available for sale. Please contact the office if you are interested.

The Board will continue to update you on district activities and the 2026 water outlook.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

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