

Arnold Irrigation District (AID)  
Patron Communication  
January 20, 2026

Dear Patrons:

At the January Annual Meeting the Board, as required by the District's by-laws and Oregon Irrigation law, elected the following officers for 2026. Jon Smith, President; Roger Fadness, Vice President; and Walt Warchol, Secretary. Additionally, Mike Woll was appointed to the Board for District 5 to replace Board member Bob Schuur who retired from the board.

The Board also promoted Chris Webb to be District Manager. Chris has been serving as Acting District Manager and Operations Manager since last June and has done an excellent job in that role. The Board congratulates Chris and extends its appreciation for Chris's work as the Board considered the best way to fill the District Manager role.

The snowpack continues to be low for this stage of winter. For Patrons who would like to track the snowpack there are a number of resources on the Arnold website at [Links - Arnold Irrigation District](#). We are hopeful that the remainder of the winter and spring will bring more snow and have not given up hope for another good water year.

As noted in last month's communication, the District does not plan to install any additional main canal piping this winter. It is likely that Patrons will see brush removal, surveying, and other pre-construction activities on the main canal right of way. Grant funding to offset inflationary increases in construction costs has been applied for and decisions are likely to come this spring or early summer.

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 irrigation rights available for sale. Please contact the office if you are interested in acquiring new or additional water rights.

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

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

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