

Arnold Irrigation District (AID)
Patron Communication
November 17th, 2025

Dear Patrons,

Thanks to this year's abundant water supply, and the efficiency gained from the main canal piping, the District was able to supply water until the scheduled shut-off date of October 17th. The system has now been de-watered and off-season repairs and maintenance have begun.

As shared in previous communications, we do not plan to install any additional main canal piping this winter. Inflationary impacts on construction costs for the final phases of the main canal pipeline, which were fully funded when the project was approved in 2019, require additional funding. We have identified funding sources for the shortfall and are pursuing additional grants to bring the project back to fully funded status.

While we do not plan to install any main canal pipe this winter, we are continuing with pre-construction planning and site preparation. It is likely that Patrons will see brush removal, surveying and other pre-construction activities on the main canal right of way.

Inflation has not only impacted construction costs but continues to impact our operating budget as well. Last year we had to increase Patron assessments for the first time since 2019. After much deliberation the budget committee recommended, and the Board approved, a 2026 budget that will represent an average increase of roughly 4% in patron assessments. Assessments will be mailed to the Patrons later this month.

The District Manager position has been vacant since June. The Board voted to post the District Manager position vacancy on the AID website and other industry job boards to see if there are qualified and interested external candidates to fill the job.

The Board is deeply appreciative of the hard work and dedication of all the AID staff. Chris Webb has been doing an outstanding job as Acting Manager covering both the District Manager and Operations Manager responsibilities. Ashley and Juanita have similarly done a great job with office and administrative tasks, and our ditch riders, Dylan and Cole, have done similar great work in the field.

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 2026 water outlook as the winter progresses.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

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