

July 10, 2024

Dear Water Licence Holder,

**Subject: Notice of Irrigation Allocation Increase**

This letter is to notify you that the Irrigation Districts that are signatories to the Oldman South Saskatchewan River Basin and Southern Tributaries Water Sharing Agreements have increased their irrigation allocations for the season, as of June 28, 2024.

You have been identified as a private irrigator and would have received a letter, dated May 24, 2024, asking you to begin voluntary water conservation to match those being taken by Irrigation District signatories of the Water Sharing Agreements. As you may be affected by these increment changes, please visit [alberta.ca/drought-current-conditions](https://alberta.ca/drought-current-conditions) for details of the new irrigation allocations per irrigation district and to determine the appropriate conservation measures to take based on location.

Please be advised that the Water Sharing Agreements remain activated since May 9, 2024 and irrigation allocation increases are taking place within the context of these agreements. At this time, there are no changes to the conservation and water use reduction measures being taken by municipalities and other users in the sub-basins.

We encourage you to refer to [Alberta.ca/Drought](https://alberta.ca/Drought) for up-to-date information about the status of water-sharing agreements, further changes to irrigation allocation, drought conditions, and resources available to you. The website will be updated with guidance to support your planning and decision-making, including templates to guide your water reduction planning, and guidance for assessing your water use. We do not anticipate sending additional correspondence regarding changes to irrigation allocations so encourage you to check this website and that of your local irrigation district regularly.

Environment and Protected Areas staff will be in the field this summer to monitor drought conditions and answer your questions.

If you need assistance related to your licence or licence conditions, locating your nearest irrigation district, or understanding water conservation expectations, please contact (403) 381-5546 or [epa.drought-response@gov.ab.ca](mailto:epa.drought-response@gov.ab.ca).

Yours truly,

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