

# BLACK CANYON IRRIGATION NEWS SPRING 2025

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## BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month, except November when it is held on the first Tuesday, at the District office in Notus @ 12:00 P.M.

## 2025 ASSESSMENTS

### Unit #1

Spring \$40.00/acre

Fall \$36.50/acre

\$50.00/assessment charge per billing

### Unit #2

Spring \$41.25/acre

Fall \$35.75/acre

\$50.00/assessment charge per billing

### Excess water

\$20.00/acre foot

### District Idle Acres

\$92.40/acre plus Transfer fee

## **ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:**



## 2024 WATER SEASON

Our 2024 water year ended with approximately 60,000 AF of storage carryover, even after running a full week into October. The 2024 water year had its normal challenges. We dropped delivery to 8/10 of an inch, but everyone worked together and we were able to have good carryover.

## RRA FORMS

If you have found or find an error on your forms, it is in your best interest to take the time to get these fixed this year as the Bureau **may issue a fine for errors.**

If you own and/or lease over 40 irrigable acres in Unit #2 (noted above your account number on your bill) you may be required to file RRA forms. The office has printed your 2025 forms, or you can download the forms on the internet at [usbr.gov/rra](https://usbr.gov/rra). **Please file your RRA forms early to avoid a three working day delay of water delivery.** **Please keep these things in mind when checking your forms:**

- **Have you bought or sold land?**
- **Has your marital status changed?**
  - **We need your spouse's signature, even if they have no interest in the land!**
- **Has the name on any of your deeds changed?**
  - **This commonly occurs during estate planning (John & Mary Smith change their land to 'The Estate of John & Mary Smith').**
- **You only have 60 days to notify us of most changes during the irrigation season.**

**While we help facilitate the filing of these forms, it is ultimately the landowner's responsibility to ensure they are correct and the landowner is the one that will get fined if they are wrong!!**

## ASSESSMENT DELIQUENCIES

Delinquencies are filed with the counties each year and your account becomes delinquent. A Tax Deed is taken after the third year of delinquency. Black Canyon Irrigation District begins the Tax Deed process every July, so if you haven't paid your assessment by then it may show as a lien on your property when a Title Search is done.

## BLACK CANYON IRRIGATION PROJECTS - FALL 2024 and SPRING 2025

Each year at Black Canyon we go into full maintenance mode the day water goes out. Some of our plans this year is to rebuild the weed rack at Black Canyon Diversion Dam. We also installed a spill at the end of the Lonkey lateral on Unit 1. We are also dipping many miles of the A and D line canal. One of the things we do every off season is replace and refurbish headgates on deliveries. So far, we have put on 20 brand new headgates and rebuilt at least 25 older or broken ones. This year we finished building our new ditcher. When the weather allows us late winter into spring, we will be ditching many of the small canals and laterals. This will allow water to flow in the ditches and get water to the delivery points better. These are just a few of the many projects that the district feels are very important to the success of the 2025 season.

## RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES

Each year we have patrons who are upset when they find out that the District and/or the Bureau of Reclamation has a Right Of Way for the operation and maintenance of our system and pipelines thru their property.

2024 was no different so please, before you build anything next to one of our canals, ditches, drains, pipelines, or laterals, contact us first so we can provide you with the right-of-way information to prevent potentially costly problems.

Another noteworthy challenge the District is facing on an ever increasing basis is development. Any and all modifications to District facilities or Rights of Ways, including residential driveways, must be reviewed and permitted through the Bureau of Reclamation and BCID. BCID has a submittal deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be considered for construction in that off season. Submittal by November 1<sup>st</sup> in no way guarantees that your project will be approved for construction in time to be completed by the next irrigation season. All construction must be completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

BCID has also made some changes to the website by adding a Development Tab to help walk potential developers through the process and get in contact with District Staff and our Engineer Don Popoff with RH2.

NOTE: Please be aware that irrigation ditch banks and roads are private property. The irrigation District has an exclusive right of way and ditch roads/banks are not for public use. If you utilize these roads for walking or other recreational purposes and are not the owner of these lands, you **ARE** trespassing. This is a growing problem and we are receiving an increasing amount of complaints from landowners regarding trespass on ditch banks.

### **BCID UPDATE**

BCID has identified a potential solution to our tunnel 2 problem with getting the designed amount of water through it. We will be implementing the solution to this in the spring and we are very hopeful that we will not have to drop to 7/10<sup>s</sup> this year. I will keep you updated on this in the fall newsletter.

BCID has a really strong crew right now and as the new manager I want to take a minute to thank everyone that works at Black Canyon. We have 10 ditch riders and 14 O&M crew and let me tell you this is a good group to work with. Every day this crew, despite the weather gets up every morning and their focus is on making Black Canyon better. So, thank you to my crew. We also have 4 amazing office staff that work hard every day to make sure things run smoothly in the office. I could not do my job if were not for these amazing ladies.

Development continues to grow in BCID boundaries. We are working very hard to make sure that we grow responsibly. All development is looked at by myself, my watermaster and our engineering team. We spend many hours a week making sure that all pipelines and ditches are identified and able to deliver water when the developers are done with their project.

### **In Conclusion**

The water year has started off good. As I'm sitting here writing this newsletter, we are at 129% in the snowpack, and 85% of median peak but we have not had much moisture in the last 2-3 weeks, and we still have about 8 inches of snow water equivalent to get us to normal by the first of April. So, let's all pray for snow. As we get down to the last few weeks of water season, I want everyone to know we are working hard at improving a lot of deliveries and ditches within the district and if you see something that may need to be addressed don't hesitate to call me and we will try and address the problem. I can't promise that all will get done this off season as we have over 1000 miles of main canals and laterals, but we will definitely try to. I also want to thank all patrons. We look forward to serving your irrigation needs

If you are a Farmer, thank you.

If you are not a Farmer, take a moment and thank one.

**Irrigation season will soon be here so if you know of anything that needs attention, please contact us.**

**Mike Meyers**  
District Manager