

BLACK CANYON IRRIGATION NEWS FALL 2025

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BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month, 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:



2025 WATER SEASON

Another irrigation season is in the books! In regards to storage, it was certainly a successful year. The District will have an average carryover of roughly 60,000-acre feet of water. Demand was about normal this year. The lack of spring rain caused us to use a little more water than normal, but we had a successful season. The 399 pumps were used again.

BLACK CANYON IRRIGATION PROJECTS - FALL 2025 and SPRING 2026

Each year at Black Canyon we go into full maintenance mode the day water goes out. We do not have any big projects slated for this off-season however our workload is big. Some of the things we will be doing this year is replacing headgates, weed racks, yack boxes and cleaning many miles of ditch.

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 through their property. 2025 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 1st in order to be considered for construction in that off season. Submittal by November 1st 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 1st.

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 number of complaints from landowners regarding trespass on ditch banks.

BCID UPDATE

This spring I informed you that we identified a problem at our tunnel two siphon. I'm happy to report that the problem has been resolved. In fixing this problem we increased the amount of deliverable water downstream.

BCID has a really strong crew right now and as the manager, I want to take a minute to thank everyone that works at Black Canyon. We have 12 Ditch Riders, 10 O&M crew and 2 pumping plant operators 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. I'm also pleased to announce we have a new Assistant Manager and Watermaster. Would you help me welcome Jason Autrey as our Assistant Manager and Randy Marker as our Watermaster. Both Jason and Randy have been with the District for many years and they bring a wealth of knowledge to the table.

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 managers 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

Overall, this has been a smooth water year. We ended up with good storage to begin filling the reservoir and if we get a decent snowpack we will fill the system. Black Canyon is dedicated and focused on off season repairs right now, so if you see one of our crew working on a headgate or a canal stop and say hi. Remember pray for snow and a wet spring. Thank you all for being amazing patrons and we look forward to continuing to serve you all.

If you are a Farmer, thank you.

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

As the holiday season approaches, our office will be observing the following changes in our normal hours of operation:

Thanksgiving:	November 26 th	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	November 27 th & 28 th :	OFFICE CLOSED
Christmas:	December 22 nd	7:00 AM - 4:30 PM Last day to pay bill before interest is applied!
	December 23 rd – Jan. 4 th :	OFFICE CLOSED
	January 5 th	First day to rent water for 2026

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

Mike Meyers
District Manager