

# IRRIGATION

NEWS FOR SRP AGRICULTURAL & OTHER URBAN SHAREHOLDERS | SUMMER 2023

### How can SRP FSLs help you?

SRP has a team of experienced Field Services Liaisons ready to help you get the most out of their water deliveries. Field Services Liaisons help to troubleshoot private system issues, provide free system education, and schedule water deliveries to ensure SRP zanjeros can move the water around the Valley safely and responsibly while minimizing water waste. The neighborhood system may not be owned or operated by SRP, but our Field Services Liaisons have the knowledge to help you resolve most private irrigation system issues. To learn more, visit srp.net/irrigation.

# Smart Irrigation Month

As one of the Valley's largest suppliers of water, SRP reminds you that July is typically the peak for water demand in Arizona for landscapes. To increase awareness about simple practices and innovative technologies for homeowners, July was named Smart Irrigation Month by the Irrigation Association. Join us virtually for the SRP Water Conservation Expo™ by registering at srp.net/expo. The following tips can help you save money and water:

#### Sprinkler System

- Install a WaterSense-labeled smart irrigation controller that uses local water information and site conditions to automatically adjust water schedules.
- Convert sprinkler nozzles to rotating nozzles, which spread heavy droplets of water at a slower pace, making them more effective and targeted.



#### Flood Irrigation

- Make sure gates and valves are in good condition.
- Ensure berms are high enough to prevent water loss and waste.
- Only order the amount of water your yard or field can hold.

For more water-saving tips, please visit **srp.net/conservation**.

#### SRP Reservoirs at

98%

As of June 6, 2023, the SRP reservoir system was **98%** full at **2,249,480** acre-feet in storage. A year ago, the total system was **68%** full. On the Salt River system, we have four reservoirs: Roosevelt, Apache, Canyon and Saguaro lakes. On the Verde River system, we have two reservoirs: Horseshoe and Bartlett. Stay up to date on reservoir levels daily at watershedconnection.com.

Source: watershedconnection.com
Data is accurate as of June 6, 2023.

#### The Valley's Water Supply

SRP's water storage consists of surface water stored in reservoirs and underground recharge facilities as well as groundwater pumped from wells, all of which contribute to a more secure water future for the Valley. Our underground storage facilities can recharge nearly 20 billion gallons per year. We occasionally need to release

water that is stored in our reservoirs to manage capacity. During a water release, dam operators at the reservoir open gates and valves which allows the water to flow down the river channel.

Read more about SRP's efforts at **srp.net/valleywater**.



#### Welcome to My Account

Looking for an easy way to manage your irrigation account? Sign up for SRP My Account™! Through SRP My Account, you can place/change water orders, view schedule times, view or pay your bill, and sign up for billing and statement alerts. To create a profile or to manage your account, please visit srp.net/myaccount.



# **Working Toward Healthy Forests**

The SRP Healthy Forest Initiative<sup>™</sup> has teamed up with state, local and federal agencies to support strategic thinning — the removal of small trees and thick brush in overgrown forests. It is currently estimated that approximately 74% of Arizona's forests are overgrown and unhealthy, according to the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI). Thinning not only benefits the wilderness but also helps prevent the rapid spread of fire. Our goal is to thin 500,000 acres of overgrown forests by 2035. By doing so, we create a healthy ecosystem, protect our surrounding communities, keep our water supply clean, and preserve an overall healthy forest for future generations. For more information, please visit **srp.net/watermanagement**.



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## **Monthly Irrigation Term**

Berm: A mound or wall of earth or sand used to hold water on an irrigated property.

For more information and helpful videos on building good berms, please visit srp.net/irrigationrepairs.

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