

# IRRIGATION

NEWS FOR SRP AGRICULTURAL & OTHER URBAN SHAREHOLDERS | JANUARY 2024

### Water Payments Due

All bills for excess water received in 2023 must be paid by Feb. 21, 2024, to avoid an interruption of irrigation service. Any water received beyond the amount shareholders have paid for is considered excess water. If you have any questions about your bill, please visit **srp.net/waterpricing** or call SRP at **(602)** 236-3333.

#### Mark Your Calendars

Each year, shareholders are required by law to report the type and quantity of irrigation water used on land with grandfathered irrigation rights to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). Shareholders will soon receive a summary of their 2023 water use from SRP, including the amount of groundwater and surface water delivered to your land. If you have not received SRP data regarding your 2023 water use by Thursday, Feb. 29, please call (602) 236-5011 or email waterdel@srpnet.com. To file online with ADWR or if you have any questions, visit new.azwater.gov. The deadline to file is March 31, 2024.



#### **Enjoy Canal Trails Safely**

Looking for a way to enjoy the cooler Valley temperatures? SRP and our city partners have designed and constructed paths along the canals that offer a place for running, biking, fishing and more. Be sure to follow these safety tips to ensure responsible recreation:

- No swimming or water activities are allowed in the canals.
- Stay away from all SRP equipment, including catwalks and delivery gates.
- Camping and fires are not allowed on the canal banks.

For more information, please visit **srp.net/canalsafety**.

#### SRP Reservoirs at

81%

As of Nov. 15, 2023, the SRP reservoir system was 81% full at 1,864,859 acre-feet in storage. A year ago, the total system was 63% 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 Nov. 15, 2023

#### **SRP Elections**

The next Association and District elections to fill seats on the SRP Board and Council will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The Association and District both lie within the overall boundaries of the Salt River Reservoir District and are divided into 10 geographical voting areas with certain excluded voting areas. The Association is divided into 10 voting districts and the District is divided into 10 voting divisions.

For additional information and instructions on how to vote, please visit **srp.net/elections**.



# The History and Benefits of **SRP Irrigation**

Before A.D. 1450, ancient desert dwellers constructed nearly 500 miles of canals in the Salt River Valley, a system that served up to 50,000 people at one time. SRP has been bringing water to the Valley since 1903. Over the past 100-plus years, nine major canals have emerged across the greater Valley. The practice of flood irrigating the soil helps the water soak deeply into the ground, requiring less frequent watering and allowing large trees and vegetation to thrive. Additional benefits of flood irrigation include cost-effectiveness, reliable flood irrigation, locally produced crops and more. For more SRP history, visit **srp.net/history**.



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## **Monthly Irrigation Term**

Open System Slipform or V-Ditch: An irrigation channel used to transport water. They should be free from cracks or missing sections of concrete where water could seep behind the concrete, causing further damage or water loss.

Visit srp.net/irrigationrepairs for more information. Scan QR code to view Open System Slipform or V-Ditch video.



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