

# HEAD GATE

## 2025 NEWSLETTER

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Water Rates due by December 31, 2025
- Discount of 1.5% on permanent and annual water rates, if paid by October 31, 2025
- Penalty of 8% applied to 2023 and earlier water rates unpaid on January 1, 2025 and July 1, 2025
- Alternate Parcel Agreements due March 14, 2025 (fees due upon signing)
- Construction Projects deadline is February 1, 2025

### NOMINATION NOTICE

*We are now accepting Nominations for Board of Directors in Divisions 1, 4, and 9.*

### WATER COORDINATORS

#### WESTERN

Brad Brouwer	403-332-2203
Rex Janes	403-332-2204
James Strachan	403-332-2205
Michael Sorgard	403-332-2206
Brandon Engels	403-332-2207
Ryan Stafford	403-332-2210

#### CENTRAL

Mike Munroe	403-332-2221
Clay Sparks	403-393-2147
John Beers	403-393-2143
Braden Gardner	403-393-2144
Denver Terry	403-393-2145
Glen Wada	403-393-2146

#### EASTERN

Stacy Thistlethwaite	403-581-6923
Tanner Holmes	403-581-6924
Ken Friesen	403-581-6925
Darcy Friesen	403-581-6926
George Meagher	403-581-6927
Murray Vair	403-581-6930
Mike Curran	403-581-6932
James McPhail	403-581-6933

[View Water Coordinator Location Maps](#)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 2, 2025**

**1:30 PM**

**AGRI-FOOD HUB**

3401 Parkside Drive S, Lethbridge, AB

### ORDERING, DELIVERY & SHUT-OFF OF WATER

Water delivery must be arranged by contacting the appropriate Water Coordinator by the times indicated below, at least 24 hours before water delivery/shutoff is required. Water must be ordered for an initial 24 hour block, then can be ordered in 12 hour increments.

Water ordering will be available at the following times:

Monday to Friday including  
Statutory Holidays  
Saturdays

7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Water will be delivered on an as available basis. The Water Coordinator makes daily assessments based on how much water is needed for each system. Some days, a longer wait may occur but if there is water available from other irrigators shutting down it may be available right away.

The same logic will apply to ordering water OFF. Orders to shut water off must be submitted within the hours noted above. Orders received outside of these hours, will be acknowledged during the next ordering cycle.

### IRRIGATORS CAN HELP BY:

- Working with the Water Coordinator teams and communicating regularly with their Water Coordinator(s)
- Aiming to accurately predict their water requirements and convey this to their Water Coordinator team
- Working with their neighbours and, if possible, sharing streams of water on the same system (lateral, canal, etc.), remembering to communicate these intentions with your Water Coordinator beforehand
- Ensuring they are communicating with their Water Coordinator for both Water ON and Water OFF orders
- Construction Projects deadline February 1, 2025



The St. Mary River Irrigation District

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**DIVISION 1**  
**GRANT HENDERSON**  
 ghenderson@smrid.com

Lands south of Highway 4 and lands within Range 21 and north of Highway 4 and south of Highway No. 61 and lying to the west of Range 14, W4th.

**DIVISION 4**  
**ALEX OSTROP**  
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Lands within Ranges 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17, W4th.

**DIVISION 7**  
**ROLAND KAPPEL**  
 rkappel@smrid.com

Lands within Ranges 5 & 6, W4th and lands within Twps. 12 & 13 of Range 7, W4th.

**DIVISION 2**  
**BRIAN OBER**  
 bober@smrid.com

Lands within Ranges 18, 19 & 20 which are north of Highway 4 and north of Highway 61 and south of Highway 3, but does not include irrigators obtaining their water from the Main Canal in Twp. 9, Range 18, W4th.

**DIVISION 5**  
**CORY NELSON - VICE CHAIRMAN**  
 cnelson@smrid.com

Lands within Ranges 11 & 12, W4th

**DIVISION 8**  
**KYLE GOUW**  
 kgouw@smrid.com

Lands between the Oldman River and the St. Mary Main Canal; East of Bountiful Coulee and West of Range Road 160, inclusive of lands in sections 14 to 16, 22 and 23 of Township 10, Range 18 W4 M.

**DIVISION 3**  
**GEORGE LOHUES - CHAIRMAN**  
 glohues@smrid.com

Lands within Ranges 18, 19 & 20 which are north of Highway 3 and includes irrigators obtaining their delivery from the Main Canal in Twp. 9 Range 18, W4th.

**DIVISION 6**  
**ROB VAN ROESSEL**  
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Lands within Ranges 8, 9 & 10, W4th and lands within Twps. 10 and 11 of Range 7, W4th.

**DIVISION 9**  
**MIKE WIND**  
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Lands between the Oldman River and the St. Mary Main canal; East of Range Road 160 and West of Purple Springs.

## 2025 RATES

Irrigation Acres	\$33.00/acre; \$660 min
Annual Irrigation Agreement	\$99.00/acre; \$1,485.00 min
Terminable Irrigation Agreement	\$99.00/acre; \$1,485.00 min
Household Purposes Agreement	\$525.00
Water Conveyance Agriculture	\$66.00/ac-ft; \$660.00 min
Water Conveyance Municipal/Industrial	\$99.00/ac-ft \$990.00 min

### 2025 Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for our 2025 Keith Francis, Peter Langemann & Jonnie Popel Memorial Scholarships

Visit [smrid.com](http://smrid.com) for eligibility requirements and application forms



### WaterMaster Web App

Sign up to our new **WaterMaster App**. An Irrigation Water Ordering Management System, that not only allows water ordering ability, it also includes Real Time data on your systems, up to date ordering history, advance notification of scheduled shut down all from your phone or computer.



### Email Notifications

Stay notified of upcoming meetings & agendas, newsletters, important notices & billing invoices.



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 702 Centre Street Bow Island, AB TOK OGO  
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EMERGENCY CALL AVAILABLE 24/7 AT 403-328-4401