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Dear Patrons:

At the March board meeting the Arnold Irrigation District's (AID) Board approved a water turn on date of April 14th for the 2024 irrigation season. Construction on the first phase of the main canal project is largely completed. Final completion of construction is scheduled for April 7th and final grading and reseeding will continue through the beginning of irrigation season. The district will do testing of the main canal piping and training on new operating procedures between April 7th and April 13th. Assuming all goes according to plan with testing and training, water will start to flow on April 14th.

Although most of Arnold Irrigation District's acreage remains in a D1-Moderate Drought status, prospects for the current irrigation season seem better than the last couple of years. As of April 1st, the Snow Water Equivalent in the Deschutes Basin stands at 108% of median, which is a hopeful sign. Variables such as air temperature, which impacts the speed of snowpack melt, spring production feeding the Deschutes River and stream flow remain uncertain and have significant impacts on the amount of water available to AID. At this point in the season, it seems reasonable to project that we will have at least as much water as last year and should be able to supply water until roughly the end of August. We will keep the patrons advised as conditions evolve and, hopefully, we will have better news to share as the season progresses.

Please contact the District Office if you have any questions about your headgate or water delivery status.

Sincerely,

AID Board