

IRRIGATION

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NEWS FOR SRP AGRICULTURAL & OTHER URBAN SHAREHOLDERS



REPORT THE BUGS

Mosquitoes have a serious impact on the health, comfort and economic welfare of people. If mosquitoes are swarming in your area, please contact Maricopa County at **(602) 506-6616**. Go to www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/VectorControl for more information about mosquito control.



SAVE WATER AND MONEY

Desert conditions are the norm in Arizona, and water is and will continue to be a precious resource. As part of SRP's water management efforts, we offer a conservation program for agricultural applications.

SRP water specialists have developed a program that works directly with Valley water users. Our services help customers save water through proper irrigation timing. This practice also may save money by reducing the amount of water used, the number of irrigator hours and the amount of fertilizer used in areas of limited water resources. Wise water management can be a major determinant in plant production, quality and cost.

SRP personnel will prepare recommendations for you to consider. This service is available to agricultural shareholders on a contract basis. Call us at **(602) 236-5592** for details.

MAINTENANCE PERIOD BEGINS IN NOVEMBER

The end of November marks the start of the annual SRP ritual, canal maintenance.

SRP's canal system supplies water to privately owned neighborhood flood irrigation systems, eight municipal water treatment plants and other irrigation districts.

During this annual maintenance period, SRP cleans and repairs canals to keep the water delivery system in optimum condition. We will be working on portions of the canal system south of the Salt River from Nov. 20 to Dec. 20, 2009, and on portions north of the Salt from Jan. 8 to Feb. 7, 2010.

Water sometimes runs through canals during the maintenance period. This

water is used to sustain the white amur fish that control weeds in the canals and for other purposes, but is not used to make normal irrigation deliveries.

The SRP maintenance period is a good time to examine and repair your neighborhood delivery system. Keeping your system in good working order can help to prevent unexpected suspensions of your water delivery. SRP does not rerun scheduled water that was missed due to a broken neighborhood system.

If your private system requires repairs, you may want to hire professional help. Please call us at **(602) 236-3333** if you are doing repairs that require a dry system during this period, or anytime throughout the year.



CANAL BANKS BECOME MULTI-USE AREAS

Imagine areas along the SRP canals transformed into recreational trails, landscaped pathways and even locations for garden-style offices and retail development.

SRP is working with cities and developers to integrate portions of the canal system into recreational and commercial development projects.

For additional information on canal multi-use, go to www.srpnet.com/canaluse.

You also can learn about SRP water management efforts in our *Waterways* newsletter, which is online at www.srpnet.com/water/newsletters.aspx. You can view current and past issues from the links on this Web page.



MEET ADELA GARCIA

Adela is a lead representative in our Water Accounting group. She has been with SRP four years and has held positions in our power and water customer services groups during this time.

Adela serves as a volunteer with the Self Help housing group, which recently finished building six homes.

Away from work, Adela enjoys spending time with her family (three children and three grandchildren), watching her sons and husband play softball, and traveling.

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