

# IRRIGATION

SPRING 2009

NEWS FOR SRP RESIDENTIAL SHAREHOLDERS



## RUNOFF FORECAST

SRP's reservoirs are entering the 2009 winter runoff season at near capacity. As of Jan. 1, system storage is at 90% full, with the Salt reservoirs reporting a combined 96% of capacity. Winter storms in December 2008 produced an above normal snowpack in the higher elevations. However, the outlook for the remainder of the winter season is for below normal precipitation on the watershed. Given the early season snow conditions coupled with the precipitation forecast, the winter runoff outlook is for near to slightly below median conditions on both the Salt and Verde rivers. By the end of the season the Salt reservoirs should be at operational capacity and the Verde reservoirs at or near capacity.

## KEEP WATER FLOWING

Please be sure your water account is paid in full to ensure uninterrupted delivery of irrigation water. If you have any questions about your balance or your account, please call us at (602) 236-3333.



## STOP BY OUR SITE

If you haven't visited the SRP Web site yet, go to [www.srpnet.com](http://www.srpnet.com). You can view water delivery schedules, place water orders and find information about residential irrigation.

Click on "Order irrigation or view delivery schedule" from the *QUICK LINKS* section on the left-hand side of the home page to access:

1. Water delivery schedules – You do not need to login. Simply enter your account number in the *Quick view* section and click "View subdivision schedule."

2. Water orders – Login or create an online profile (if you're a first-time user). You can place water orders online for single or multiple accounts. Commercial irrigators also may place online orders for their customers using our site.

For general residential irrigation information, select the "WATER SERVICES" tab, click "RESIDENTIAL" link, click "Irrigation overview" and then you can select from a list of topics, including maintenance, fees and assessments and irrigation terms.

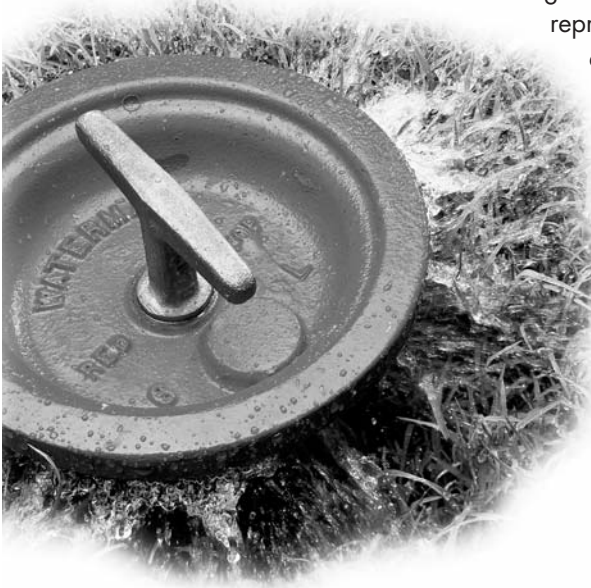


Receive a 50% discount on a "smart" irrigation controller at the DesertWise Water Conservation Expo. The event will be held in two locations: on March 7 in Tempe and March 28 in Glendale. Look for a mailing with more event details.

# SPRING IS IDEAL FOR IRRIGATION REPAIRS

Now is the perfect time to turn your attention to irrigation system repairs. Irrigation maintenance conserves water and helps you receive better irrigation flow, just in time for those twice-a-month water deliveries.

The most common problems hindering water flow are weeds, wild grass and gophers. Weeds and wild grass slow the water flow, causing it to soak into the ground before reaching its intended destination. Gophers dig holes in ditch banks and berms, which can cause flooding problems. Water goes into the holes rather than soaking the yard as it should.



Diversion gates also are an important consideration for effective residential irrigation. To conserve as much water as possible, the gates should fit snugly. Check for rusting, bends or detachment from the gate frame in private diversion boxes.

Irrigation customers also should examine the rubber gaskets inside the covers of round yard valves. When gaskets age and crumble, the valves may leak. Watch for stones, twigs and leaves that get stuck between the gasket and the valve cover and hinder water flow.

If you're new to residential irrigation, we can arrange for an SRP representative to visit your home to explain how to direct water from the SRP delivery gates to your yard. SRP also has a list of contractors who repair irrigation facilities and supply irrigation equipment. For more details, call our 24-hour telephone line at **(602) 236-3333**.



## MEET TODD HYATT

Todd has worked at SRP for eight years, all in the Groundwater Division. He currently serves as Biochemical Supervisor, overseeing weed control at SRP power and water facilities, canal equipment operation and maintenance and the annual white Amur fish relocations during the canal maintenance period.

Todd was a member of SRP's Water Strategic Planning Committee and has participated in the SRP Mentoring Program. He is attending classes at Rio Salado Community College and Western International University. He enjoys his job and looks forward to helping people tackle challenges.

Todd enjoys hiking and running in his spare time. He also is interested in aviation and pilots flights for family and friends.

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