WINTER WONDERLAND TURNED VALLEY WATER SUPPLY

If you are traveling up north this winter to hit the slopes and enjoy a snow day, you will most likely spend some time in the forests and valleys that make up SRP’s watershed.

While the Phoenix area receives only about 8 inches of rain annually, the high country to the east and north can receive as much as 200 inches of snow a year. This snowfall creates a magical winter oasis for skiing, sledding and enjoying the outdoors. When the snow melts, it runs downhill through valleys and streams until it makes its way into the Salt and Verde rivers.

On the way to the Valley, water is stored behind one of our eight dams. From there, the water flows into a series of canals and underground pipes stretching 1,300 miles throughout the Valley. Protecting our water requires healthy forests. Learn how SRP is working to restore the forests that provide our sustainable water supply at srpnet.com/forest.

KEEP IT LOCAL, HEALTHY AND DELICIOUS ON GAME DAY

Many of your favorite veggies are grown right here in our own backyard. With a bountiful harvest of carrots, broccoli and cauliflower during the winter months, you can use these delicious veggies to create the perfect healthy platter for game day celebrations.

Try this delectable vegetable dip recipe as the perfect pairing for your winter veggies:

1 cup sour cream    1 teaspoon dill
1 cup mayonnaise    ½ teaspoon garlic salt
1 tablespoon parsley 2 drops Tabasco sauce
1 tablespoon dried onion

Share your favorite recipes with us at srpnet.com/irrigationhelp.

SRP BOARD AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Salt River Valley Water Users’ Association (Association) and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (District) will hold separate elections for seats on their respective Boards and Councils on April 7, 2020. One Board member and three Council members will be elected in the odd-numbered voting areas (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) for each of the Association and the District. Also up for election are two at-large District Board members.

Voting in either election requires an ownership interest in eligible property as generally depicted on the map at right. To be voted, eligible properties must be owned individually or held in a qualified estate planning trust as of Dec. 27, 2019.

Eligible voters may request Early Ballots for the District and Association elections online from the SRP Corporate Secretary at srpnet.com/elections or by email at elections@srpnet.com. Requests for mail-in ballots must be received by March 27, 2020. In addition, an Early Voting Center will be open on weekdays in the SRP headquarters located at 1500 N. Mill Ave., Tempe, AZ 85281 from March 11 to April 6 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). The Voting Center will also be open on Election Day (April 7, 2020) from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Additional information about SRP elections and governance, including the official notice of election, voter requirements, qualifying candidates and detailed maps of voting areas, can be found at srpnet.com/elections.
PAYMENT SYSTEM UPGRADES
You asked, we listened. Coming soon, we will be upgrading our electronic bill pay system in response to customer feedback.

What’s changing? When you make a payment online, funds will be withdrawn from your bank account on the same day or the next business day.

Why the change? Right now, it can take three to seven days for a payment to post to your bank account. Many customers have asked for a more immediate withdrawal of funds so that their bank account balance reflects the payment sooner. This can help to avoid overdrafts and fees.

SRP RESERVOIRS 74% FULL
As of Jan. 1, the total SRP reservoir system was 74% full at 1,685,740 acre-feet in storage. A year ago, the total system was 47% full. Storage on the Salt River system is at 76%, the two reservoirs on the Verde River are at a combined 59% of capacity. Stay up to date on reservoir levels daily at watershedconnection.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
TIME TO REPORT YOUR ANNUAL WATER USE TO ADWR
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). Soon, shareholders will receive a summary of their 2019 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 2019 water use by Friday, Jan. 31, please call (602) 236-5011 or email waterdel@srpnet.com. To file online with ADWR or if you have questions, visit new.azwater.gov. The deadline to file is March 31, 2020.

WATER PAYMENTS DUE
All bills for excess water received in 2019 must be paid by Feb. 21, 2020, to avoid interruption of irrigation service. Any water shareholders have received beyond the amount they have paid for is considered to be excess water. If you have any questions about your bill, please call SRP at (602) 236-3333.