

PUBLIC JOINT NOTICE OF FILING

SNAKE LAKE RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT

Filing by Eastern Irrigation District to Expand the Snake Lake Reservoir near Bassano, Alberta under:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT and
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD ACT

The Eastern Irrigation District has filed an environmental impact assessment report with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas for review and an application with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB Application No. 2501) for approval to expand the Snake Lake Reservoir near Bassano, Alberta. The project proposes to construct an earthen berm to extend the existing reservoir to the south and east. All or a portion of the existing east dam would be removed, which would connect the existing reservoir with the expanded reservoir, increasing the reservoir area. The proposed expansion is located in sections 29, 30, 31, and 32-19-16 W4M within the County of Newell.

Proposed water management projects that are required by Environment and Protected Areas to prepare and submit an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) are automatically referred to the NRCB under the *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act* (NRCBA) to conduct a public interest review and either approve or deny the project.

Nature of Filing

The Eastern Irrigation District has prepared and filed an environmental impact assessment report to Environment and Protected Areas. The environmental impact assessment report forms part of the Eastern Irrigation District's application to the NRCB. Environment and Protected Areas, the NRCB, and other Government of Alberta departments are currently reviewing the filing. Once the environmental impact assessment report has been reviewed and the proponent has supplemented any deficiencies, Environment and Protected Areas will issue a completeness letter. The NRCB will issue a further notice inviting public participation to the NRCB review process once it determines the application is complete.

To obtain information about the project, contact the proponent:

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NRCB Review Process

The application to the NRCB and associated documents can be viewed on the NRCB website Snake Lake project page: <https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/natural-resource-projects-listing/450/snake-lake-reservoir-expansion>. Sign up on the website to receive email updates about the project.

Under section 24 of the NRCB's Rules of Practice regulation, all documents filed related to this proceeding must be placed on the public record unless otherwise ordered by the Board, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

For general information on the NRCB review process, refer to the Guides and additional links at <https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/guides> or contact:

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Dated at Calgary, Alberta, on April 14, 2025.

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