

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR WATER SUPPLY

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As we move into the upcoming irrigation season, it is important for all water users to understand the increasing importance of conservation and cooperation. Drought conditions and changing water availability require thoughtful management of our shared resources.

Our canal system is essential for delivering reliable water throughout the Grand Valley Irrigation Company Service Area. To minimize service interruptions and maintain consistent delivery, these systems require ongoing maintenance and repair.

Several important upgrades to our main diversion in Palisade have been in process for the duration of this winter. We are making every effort to conclude these projects in preparation for the water season. We believe these upgrades will enable us to more reliably deliver water during this drought. Our team will continue prioritizing infrastructure upkeep to ensure the system operates as efficiently and reliably as possible.

Currently, the company plans to operate the system at full capacity throughout the irrigation season so long as water is available. Our goal remains to deliver water as consistently and reliably as possible across the GVIC service area.

During periods of limited supply, responsible water use becomes even more critical. We encourage all water users to plan, monitor usage carefully in accordance with state water law, and work together to support conservation efforts whenever possible. Small actions across the system can collectively make a meaningful difference in preserving available water.

Should there be times of extended heat or drought and high consumption during the season, the company may also take a more active role in monitoring and adjusting headgates throughout the system. These adjustments help ensure that water deliveries remain accurate and equitable for all users.

Our goal has always been to act in the best interest of both the company and the water users we serve. By managing infrastructure responsibly and communicating openly about conditions, we aim to ensure water remains available throughout the irrigation season to the greatest extent possible.

Water connects every part of our community. At the end of the day, cooperation between the company and our water users is what allows the system to work. By helping one another and using water wisely, we can continue supporting agriculture, landscapes, and livelihoods across the Grand Valley, because ultimately, water is life, and it is a responsibility we all share.