

Our First 10 Years – 1996-2005

2005

Made application to CSWSEP to support education, promotion and irrigation studies. Participated in irrigation alley at Saskatoon Crop Production Show. Met with Minister of SAFRR. Hosted minister barbeque. Responded to Saskatchewan Water conservation plan. Distributed promotional materials. Set up new governing body. Participated in water forum to promote green strategy.

2004

Participated in strategic planning sessions regarding changes to the *Irrigation Act*. Attended SWA meeting. Provided representation for the advisory and planning committees regarding management of Lake Diefenbaker. Attended CANCID conference. Organized workshops to disseminate information on the 50-year water strategy. Made a submission to the International Joint Commission. Made Canada-Saskatchewan Water Supply Expansion Program (CSWSEP) applications.

2003

Met with SAFRR Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister. Attended UMA National Water Strategy conference. Discussions with SSGA about power infrastructure. Participated in the Agrivision conference. Circulated irrigation development questionnaire. Held discussions regarding crop insurance. Appointment of SIPA representative to SWA advisory board.

2002

Met with the Minister of Agriculture. Irrigation transferred to SAFRR. Held Meridian Dam meetings. Issued news releases and initiated crop insurance petition.

2001

Created communications package and launched website. Attended Meridian Dam meetings, participated in Re-inventing Agriculture conference and irrigation strategy workshops. Instituted private irrigator member voting privileges. Hosted conference: *Why Isn't Irrigation Development Part of Rural Revitalization in Saskatchewan?*

2000

Addressed CWRA to promote irrigation diversification and value-added opportunities. Met with Minister of SaskWater. Toured irrigation projects with president of SWC.

1999

Review of *Irrigation Act*. Met with Minister of SaskWater. Attended Milk River Basin workshop. Held discussions regarding municipal assessment and requirements for district administration. Participated in *Irrigation Act* revision discussions.

1998

Signed memorandum of understanding for management of SCIDC. Met and toured with the federal Minister of Agriculture to promote an integrated water management strategy. Attended PAWBED meeting. Met with Minister of SaskWater to review proposed 10-year irrigation funding plan. Attended SCIDC strategic planning workshop.

1997

Promoted need for a written funded irrigation policy. Signed communications agreement with SaskWater. Discussion about development of irrigation over the next 10 years.

1996

SIPA incorporated as a non-profit corporation. Funding received from the sustainable agriculture program for education. Presentations made to the Minister of Highways.