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NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

AMALGAMATION OF THE IRRIGATION CROP DIVERSIFICATION CORPORATION (ICDC) AND THE SASKATCHEWAN IRRIGATION PROJECTS ASSOCIATION (SIPA)

ICDC and SIPA boards of directors wish to inform membership at the 2023 AGM the board of directors will be asking the membership to vote to ratify the ICDC and SIPA asset purchase/assumption agreement and subsequent Irrigation Saskatchewan bylaws.

2023 AGM MEETING DATE/TIME: December 6th, 2023 Starting at 1:30PM
COST TO REGISTER: None, attendance at the AGM on December 6th has no charge.



A copy of the asset purchase agreement and the Irrigation Saskatchewan bylaws under consideration will be available for review November 5th, 2023 at www.irrigationsaskatchewan.com.

AND/OR contact:

Info@IrrigationSaskatchewan.com
or (306) 796-4727 for a paper copy of these documents to be mailed to you.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS IRRIGATION SASKATCHEWAN?

Today Irrigation Saskatchewan represents joint efforts by ICDC and SIPA to support irrigation in Saskatchewan. Irrigation Saskatchewan will be the operating name of an amalgamated ICDC and SIPA, an organization dedicated to irrigation research and advocacy.

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF MEMBERSHIP AT THE 2023 AGM?

In December 2022 ICDC and SIPA membership voted unanimously to (1) move forward with the Irrigation Saskatchewan logo as presented, (2) move forward with amalgamation, (3) develop a steering committee made up of board members, ex-officio membership and consulting experts in amalgamation.

The Irrigation Saskatchewan Steering Committee was struck in February 2023 and over the year, with the help of an expert in amalgamation, created an Amalgamation Asset Purchase Agreement and Irrigation Saskatchewan Bylaws which were voted in favor for by both ICDC and SIPA boards.

The Amalgamation Asset Purchase Agreement and Irrigation Saskatchewan Bylaws are now under consideration by membership at the 2023 AGM.

WHY AMALGAMATE, AND WHY NOW?

Irrigation Saskatchewan is an opportunity for SIPA and ICDC to come together as one strong voice to have the biggest impact in this time of tremendous growth in the industry. Amalgamation also means minimizing duplicate efforts to maximize value to members.

HOW WILL THINGS STAY THE SAME? HOW WILL THEY CHANGE?

Operations:

- All staff positions will remain.
- ICDC and SIPA are sustainable, operational branch budgets remain unchanged.
- Obligations within the Irrigation Act will remain.
- Policy and projects advocacy will remain intact, and the organization will grow in its autonomy with greater resources, governed by irrigating farmers.

Governance:

- One member one vote, board member geographical delegates will remain.
- Drawing from one pool for board membership instead of two.

Ultimately, Irrigation Saskatchewan's organizational governance and decision-making will be accountable to irrigators, in the same way ICDC and SIPA boards are today.

HOW WILL THE AMALGAMATION IMPACT THE LEVY?

ICDC Levy + SIPA Membership = Irrigation Saskatchewan Levy, rates remain unchanged due to the amalgamation.

Remains refundable.

