

Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Press Release

Canal Priming Begins on March 20, 2017

Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District will open the head gate on the Sunnyside Division Dam at 12:05 am on Monday March 20, 2017 to begin canal priming. Due to the time it takes for the water delivery system to fill, many water users closer to the main canals may have access earlier depending upon their location along the canal system. Priming the entire system will take priority over water deliveries. This means the water surface elevation in the Sunnyside Canal may not be high enough to make deliveries until the system is primed. The canal priming will continue throughout the next two weeks and be complete and irrigation water will be available to all water users on request by April 3, 2017.

Tentative Priming Schedule:

Head Gate	Monday, March 20, 2017
Lower Division	Thursday, March 23, 2017
Snipes Lateral	Monday, March 27, 2017
Mabton, 30.20, 23.10, 39.79, &48.04	Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Prosser, 49.71 & others as needed	Wednesday, March 29, 2017

All dates are subject to change due to weather and unanticipated circumstances.