

## **Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Press Release**

### **Canal Priming Begins on March 18, 2026**

Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District will open the head gate on the Sunnyside Division Dam on Wednesday March 18, 2026, 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. SVID anticipates that irrigation water will be available to all water users by request by April 1, 2026.

#### **Tentative Priming Schedule:**

Head Gate	Wednesday March 18, 2026
Lower Division	Friday March 20, 2026
Snipes Lateral, Mabton	Monday March 23, 2026
30.20, 23.10, 39.79 and 48.04	Tuesday March 24, 2026
Prosser, 49.71 and others as needed	Wednesday March 25, 2026

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

