



Newsletter

March 2026

WATER DELIVERY DATES

East and West Laterals: Start date on April 28 with last day of water on September 29. Furlough weeks - June 16-23, July 14-21, August 18-25, & Sept. 15-22

Davie Ditch: Start date on April 29 with last day of water on Sept. 30. Ditch will be off July 15-22 (demoss).

West Elk and Grass Valley Canal: Start date on April 29 with last day of water on Sept. 30. Furlough weeks - June 24-July 1, July 22-29, Aug. 26-Sept. 2, & Sept. 23-30.

Pump Canal: Start date on May 6 with last day of water on September 30. Ditch will be off July 15-22 (demoss).

Interconnect: Will run the same weeks as the West Lateral and Pump Canal run all season.

Picture Courtesy of Wes Clugston

This is a Drought Year!

SWCD will be implementing our drought contingency plans which include - a late start to water season, furlough weeks, and running the Interconnect to the West Lateral.

Share Days

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FICO - 65

Silt Project - 30

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HOW TO ORDER

Place your water order via phone, email, text, portal, or in person at the office on Monday before noon the week of delivery. **No late orders will be accepted.**

- Office Address: 120 S. 7th St. Silt, CO 81652
- Phone Order: 970-876-2393
- Email Order: admin@siltwatercd.org
- Text Order: 970-309-5651
(text only, calls will not be answered)

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR WATER

PROJECT: Take your Acre feet owned and multiply it with the Project days allowed. (example: $90 \times 30 = 2,700$ total share days)

FICo: Take your shares and multiply it with the FICo days allowed. (example: $25 \text{ shares} \times 65 = 1,625$ total share days)

BOTH: If you own both Project water and FICo water, add the two totals together. (example: $2,700 + 1,625 = 4,325$ total share days)

WATER ORDERS: Order your water amount based on your system. (Example: $50 \text{ shares} (1/2 \text{ cfs}) \times 7 \text{ (days)} = 350$ share days used per week. Deduct the 350 share days from the 4,325 total gives you a remaining share days of 3,975.) Continue to deduct from your total each week you irrigate throughout the summer.

Harvey Gap Spillway Repair

Project Timeline

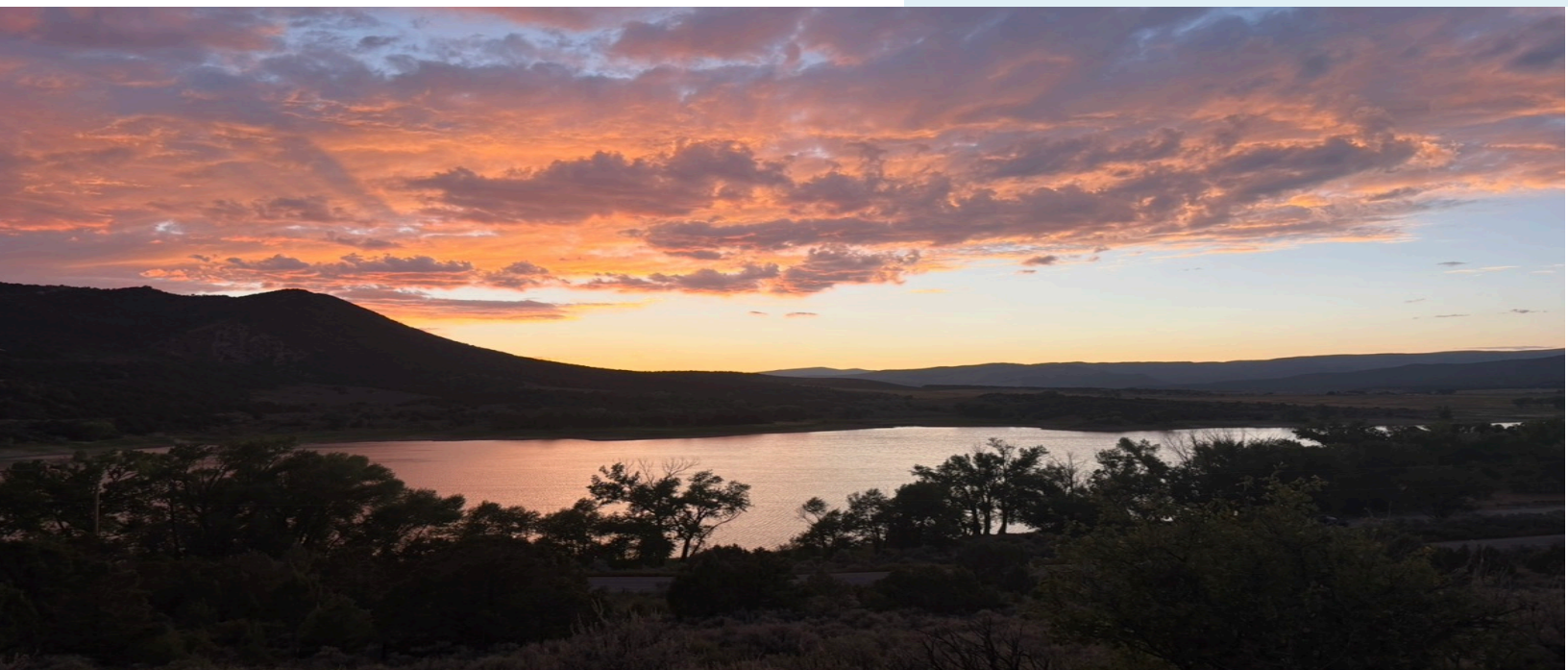
The Harvey Gap Spillway Repair is scheduled to begin late summer or early fall of 2027. This allows for necessary preparations and coordination with relevant authorities to ensure the project proceeds efficiently.

Benefits

Currently Harvey Gap is subject to a 2ft restriction implemented by the State Dam Dept. Upon completion of the spillway replacement, Harvey Gap will be able to store an additional 640 acre feet of water. This will provide significant benefits to water users.

Project Funding

Silt Water has secured a \$3.4 million loan through Colorado Water Conservation Board to finance the spillway repair. Efforts are also underway to write grant proposals in hopes of obtaining supplementary funding. Hopefully we can minimize reliance on the full loan amount and reduce the financial burden associated with the project.



Operation Manager's Report

Canal right of ways are not for recreation, they are only for SWCD operations and maintenance. The right of way is about 50' from the waters edge on most of the ditches.

Do not plant trees with 50' of the waters edge on any of the ditches. The roots will cause future problems and need to be removed.

All gates on canal banks must be free swinging, have single latches, and be kept in working order. Any new gates must be approved by SWCD before installation.

Any and all livestock fencing below the water level must be removed before the water is turned on so that it does not catch debris and block water flow.

Only the Operations Manager or Ditch Rider can alter the water level. Tampering with check boards, headgates, or stacking rocks in the ditch will not be tolerated.

Water Assessments

Silt Project Water Assessments: \$475 Account Fee and \$14.00 per acre foot.

Farmer's Irrigation Company Assessments: \$325.00 Account Fee and \$18.00 per share

Extra Water

Water users on the pump canal can purchase extra water at a rate of \$50.75 per acre foot as soon as allocated water has been delivered. **Extra water MUST BE PREPAID.**

FIELD NOTES

- There must be 500 shares/5 cfs ordered (without push water) in order for a ditch in the district to run. If less than 500 shares is ordered that ditch will not run that week.

- Water users must notify the SWCD office and update their account if they have put their property into a trust.

WATER THEFT

Silt Water's Role and Limitations

Silt Water is not authorized to address or investigate any water theft and holds no responsibility for any incidents that occur beyond the headgate, which marks the boundary of its jurisdiction.

Reporting Water Theft

All concerns or incidents involving water theft should be reported to the Garfield County Sheriff's Civil Department.

Community Conduct

It is evident that water levels this year are lower than usual, presenting challenges for everyone in the community. It is important to remember that poor water conditions do not justify the illegal act of stealing water.



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