



## **CREEKS BREACH AFFECTING IRRIGATION WATER**

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### **No Irrigation Water Available for Systems 5, 6, and 7**

Over the weekend both Hester Creek and Tin Horn Creeks breached their banks resulting in significant debris and silt entering the Town of Oliver Irrigation Canal. To protect the canal infrastructure, pumps were shut down to stop the flow of water.

Town of Oliver must fully clear the canal of debris and start running water back into the canal. To complete this work there will be no irrigation water available for systems 5, 6, and 7 until at least May 28.

If customers in Irrigation System 5, 6 and 7 require spray water it can be accessed at System 5, at Roads 13, 16, and 22.

Customers in Irrigation System 4 will have irrigation water available but may see pressure drop periodically. All domestic water in all systems are operating normally. Irrigation systems 1 and 2 will also see no disruption in service.

The Town of Oliver is currently cleaning the debris that flowed into the canal at Road 7, from Tin Horn Creek, and from Hester Creek, at Road 11.

Over the weekend, crews were constantly clearing debris at the canal and at the outfall near the Okangan River at the end of Road 11. Today, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Town of Oliver crews are watching the creeks and continuing clean-up with excavators, backhoe, and hydro-vac trucks. The Town will be requesting additional equipment from the Province to work at the Road 11 outfall. Debris extends north of Road 7 south to Road 11.

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