

Joint Notice of Filing Chin Reservoir Expansion Project

Application by St. Mary River Irrigation District to Expand the Chin Reservoir near Taber, Alberta under:

NRCB APPLICATION NO. 2401 and
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

TAKE NOTICE that St. Mary River Irrigation District has applied to the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) and Alberta Environment and Protected Areas for approval to relocate the Chin East dam in order to expand the Chin Reservoir near Taber, Alberta. The project's western limit is in SE-26-7-16-W4, and the new dam and eastern limit are within SW 23-7-15 W4 and NW-14-7-15-W4 approximately 15 km south of Taber.

Water management projects that are required by the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) to submit an environmental impact assessment report are automatically referred to the NRCB to conduct a public interest review. Approvals for this project are required under the *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act* and the *Water Act*.

Nature of Application

As required by EPEA, St. Mary River Irrigation District has prepared and submitted an environmental impact assessment report to Environment and Protected Areas. This forms part of its application for approval to the NRCB. The NRCB, Environment and Protected Areas, and other Alberta government departments are reviewing the application. The application is not considered complete until the filed application has been reviewed and any deficiencies supplemented.

Additional Information

To obtain additional information about the project, or to view or get copies of the application and environmental impact assessment report (EIA), or summary thereof, contact:

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Chin Reservoir Expansion Project
525 – 40 Street South
Lethbridge, Alberta, T1J 4M1
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The application and EIA are available online: <https://smrid.com/projects/chin-expansion/>

Or the application may be viewed, by appointment, at the following location:

Natural Resources Conservation Board
100, 5401 – 1 Avenue S
Lethbridge, Alberta
Telephone 403-381-5166
Toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000

NRCB Review Process

All documents received by the NRCB regarding this project application are accessible on the NRCB website project page: <https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/natural-resource-projects-listing/446/chin-reservoir-expansion-east-dam>. (Under section 24 of the NRCB's Rules of Practice, all documents filed in respect of this proceeding must be placed on the public record unless otherwise ordered by the Board, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.)

Individuals who have an interest in receiving notices respecting the NRCB's review process for this project can sign up on the NRCB website project page or contact the NRCB at (403)297-8269 or laura.friend@nrcb.ca.

For more information on the NRCB review process, please refer to the NRCB website (www.nrcb.ca), or contact:

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Dated at Calgary, Alberta, on August 13, 2024

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