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Twin Falls Canal Co. Awarded State Grant to Expand Ongoing Water Conservation and Canal Lining Projects

Twin Falls, IDAHO – The Twin Falls Canal Company (“TFCC” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded and issued state grant funding through the Idaho Water Resource Board (“IWRB”)’s Water Sustainability Program to support additional canal lining and water measurement projects aimed at improving water efficiency and reducing long-term costs for shareholders.

IWRB first approached TFCC in the spring to discuss the Company’s long-standing history of water stewardship and conservation practices, and through the joint cooperation of the two parties, was able to identify a project that would help elevate TFCC’s water savings and sustainability. On August 22, 2025, IWRB approved TFCC’s Sustainability Grant application. The approved project will focus on lining key sections of canal infrastructure and enhancing measurement capabilities to conserve water, stabilize assessments, and improve the system’s safety.

“For more than a century, the Twin Falls Canal Company has been committed to the responsible management of our vital water resources in the Magic Valley. While our primary purpose is to divert water from the Snake River to our shareholders for farm irrigation, our primary goal is to be good neighbors – and that includes prioritizing the health of this resource and the safety of our infrastructure,” **said Jay Barlogi, Twin Falls Canal Company General Manager.** “This generous grant from the Idaho Water Resource Board will help us continue our tradition of implementing long-term conservation practices that directly benefit our shareholders and support regional water stability.”

Since its inception, TFCC has made extensive efforts to conserve water through canal lining in areas where excessive losses occur, often on the Company’s and shareholders’ own dime. TFCC has stepped in to address low-lying flooding and seepage that occurred within its boundaries to protect and respect neighboring properties. In fact, the seep tiles placed within the Company’s project boundaries in the 1920s were to address drainage issues, another early example where the Company recognized its obligation to its shareholders and surrounding landowners.

The grant funding from IWRB’s Sustainability Program will help TFCC maintain a more reliable water supply while minimizing rising assessments to its shareholders. The water savings generated through improved efficiency will also benefit junior natural flow right holders, such as Northside Canal Company, Burley Irrigation District, and Minidoka Irrigation District. Importantly, this project funding maintains IWRB’s policy that is intended to improve sustainability, not to serve as mitigation for administrative water delivery actions. As such, it will not eliminate the obligations of junior water users to address declining reach gains in the Blackfoot to Milner stretch of the Snake River.

“Water efficiency is one of the most important investments we can make for Idaho’s future,” **said Jeff Raybould, Idaho Water Resource Board Chairman.** “By reducing water loss and improving delivery systems, projects like this help stretch every drop farther - not just for today’s users, but for future generations. Twin Falls Canal Company continues to lead by example in responsible and proactive water management.”

TFCC will continue to collaborate with IWRB in efforts to support groundwater tables and aquifer recharge through the use of the IWRB’s winter recharge right. Additional recharge sites are possible and will be developed as conditions allow, further enhancing regional water sustainability.

“We applaud the Idaho Water Resource Board for its leadership and continued investment in projects that promote the health of our aquifers and water supply,” **Barlogi continued.** “The Twin Falls Canal Company looks forward to further collaboration that benefits senior surface water right holders, TFCC shareholders, and our surrounding communities, and provides a more secure water future for our region.”

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About Twin Falls Canal Company

Founded in 1909, the Twin Falls Canal Company operates one of Idaho’s oldest and most efficient irrigation systems, delivering water from the Snake River to farms across southern Idaho. Committed to conservation, system reliability, and water stewardship, the Twin Falls Canal Company serves its shareholders through responsible management of surface water resources and ongoing infrastructure improvements that support sustainable agriculture and the regional water supply, all while preserving return-flow water quality to the Snake River.