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# **Twin Falls Canal Company Advances Major Canal Modernization Effort with State Grant Support**

**Boise, IDAHO** – Earlier this week, the Twin Falls Canal Company (“TFCC” or “the Company”) presented progress updates on its canal lining and water conservation initiatives to the Idaho Senate Resources and Environment Committee and the Idaho House of Representatives Resources and Conservation Committee, highlighting significant advancements made possible through state grant funding from the Idaho Water Resource Board (“IWRB”).

The ongoing Twin Falls Canal Operational Efficiencies Project, which officially began on October 17, 2025, was initially projected to take up to eight years to complete, with progress limited to approximately two miles of canal improvements per year through private stakeholder funding. With the addition of the IWRB Regional Water Sustainability Program grant, TFCC has significantly accelerated construction and modernization efforts. This grant, issued by IWRB, is one of many that are supporting Idaho water projects, thanks to the \$30 million annual investment under [House Bill 445](#) from the 2025 Idaho Legislative Session.

In less than one year, TFCC has completed approximately six miles of lining on the High Line Canal and three miles on the Lateral 1 Canal – substantial progress that far exceeds the original anticipated pace. These upgrades include lining 100-year-old canals with 60-mil high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner, then covering the liner with locally sourced gravel to prevent seepage and ensuring reliable water delivery to farmers. Aging pipes beneath the canals are also being replaced with updated infrastructure to improve system safety and long-term reliability.

“This project represents the kind of intentional, forward-looking water management Idaho needs,” **said Jay Barlogi, Twin Falls Canal Company General Manager.** “The last couple of years of conversations with all water users have shown us there are a lot of good and important water projects in Idaho. Now it’s time to actually get to work on those projects. Good water management requires intention so we can better control the timing, movement, and use of this limited resource.”

In addition to canal lining, TFCC is implementing enhanced real-time monitoring and now tracks water levels daily to gain a more complete understanding of system flows and losses. This data-driven approach allows the Company to optimize operations, improve efficiency, and maximize the benefits of conserved water.

The water savings generated through these efficiency improvements benefit not only TFCC shareholders but also junior natural flow right holders, including Northside Canal Company, Burley Irrigation District, and Minidoka Irrigation District. As with all projects funded through the IWRB Water Sustainability Program, this work is intended to improve long-term sustainability and is not designed to mitigate administrative water delivery obligations.

Founded in 1909, TFCC has a long history of proactive water stewardship, including early efforts to address seepage and drainage issues dating back to the 1920s. The current project builds on TFCC's legacy of improving efficiency and conservation through innovation by leveraging modern materials, real-time data, and collaborative planning to meet today's water challenges.

“These improvements show what's possible when local water users and the State of Idaho work together,” **Barlogi added.** “With the support of the Idaho Water Resource Board, we're not just planning for the future - we're building it.”

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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.*