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Dear Terry Ormrod:

Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta, forwarded your email and accompanying documentation requesting that July be proclaimed as "Smart Irrigation Month" in Alberta. She has asked that I respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta. I thank you for your request and appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

Environment and Parks understands the importance – and values the promotion – of water-use efficiency, especially given the demands on our water resources. I commend the Canadian Prairie Chapter of the Irrigation Association for its efforts and success in promoting wise irrigation and water use across North America.

Environment and Parks has well-established partnerships for the education and stewardship of Alberta's water resources. These include the Alberta Irrigation Project Association, the Alberta Water Council and the Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils. The Government of Alberta would be pleased to promote "Smart Irrigation Month" to our partners for their consideration.

Thank you for your letter and for your ongoing efforts to highlight the importance of responsible irrigation and water efficiency in our province.

Sincerely,

Shannon Phillips
Minister

cc: Honourable Rachel Notley
Premier of Alberta

Honourable Oneil Carlier
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry