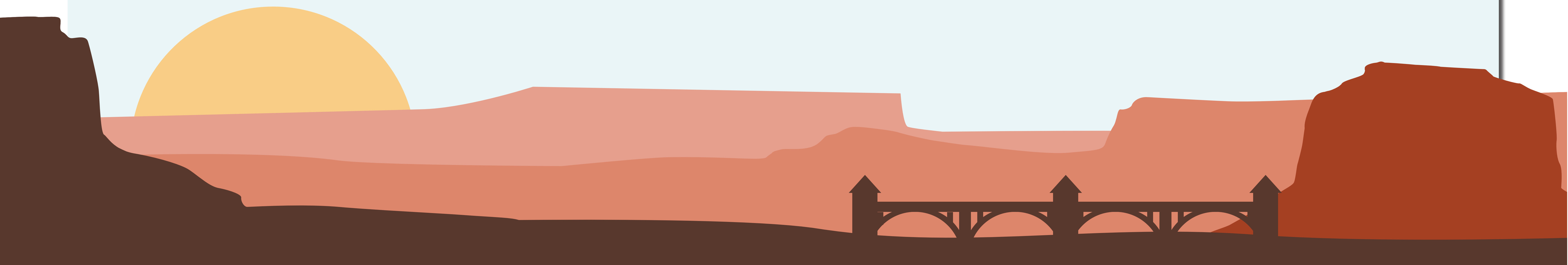


WELCOME

GVWUA User Access Fee

Open House



WHAT IS THE NEW USER ACCESS FEE?

Starting November 1, 2025, GVWUA will introduce a \$50 annual User Access Fee for each landowner in the service area.

For several years, the Association has been carefully considering how to remain financially solvent as the community it serves rapidly develops.

The Board of Directors chose this fee because it allows the Association to more equitably charge each individual end user for service.



HOW WILL THE USER ACCESS FEE AFFECT ME?

The User Access Fee is a \$50 yearly fee added to your water bill.

	Yearly User Access Fee Amount
Individual Account	\$50 per account
Agricultural Properties	\$50 per account
Subdivisions	\$50 per home
Other Properties	\$50 per account

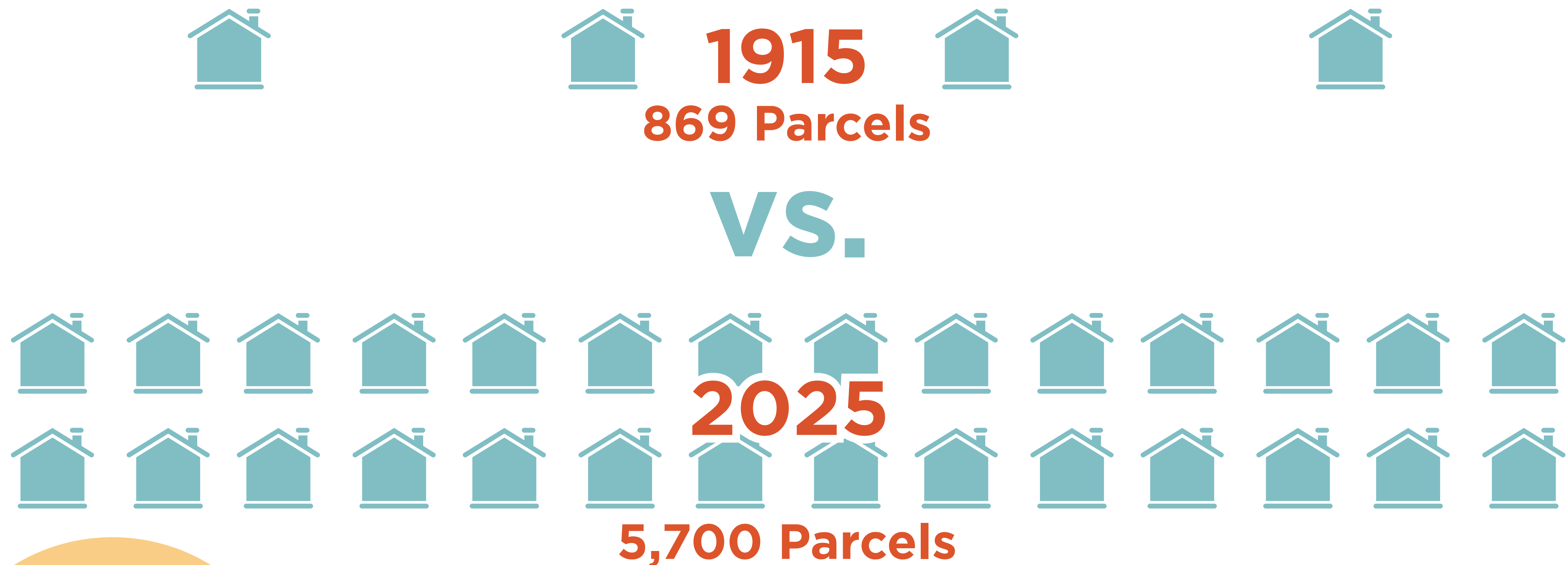
**Each tax parcel in the Association has a person or entity (such as a Trust) attached to it for tax purposes. Some people own more than one tax parcel.*



WHY THIS CHANGE?

Growth & Development

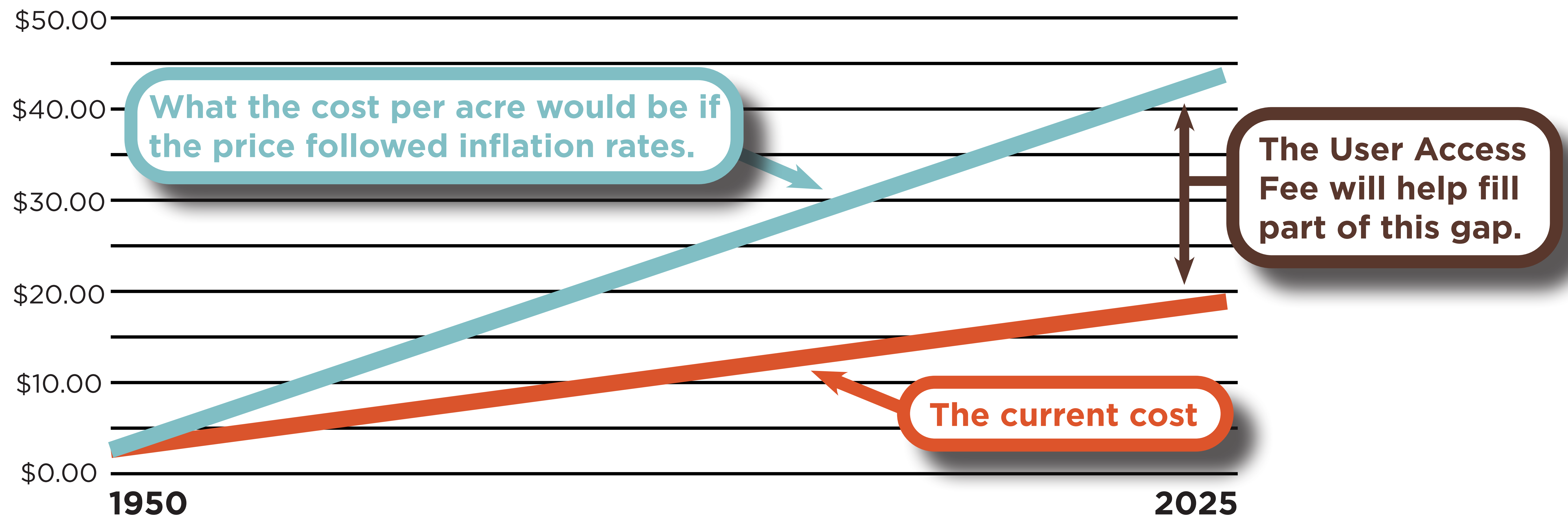
As more small parcels are created and developed in our district, it takes more time, staffing, and resources to serve everyone fairly.



WHY THIS CHANGE?

Rising Costs

The cost of delivering water has increased—just like the cost of gas, food, and housing.



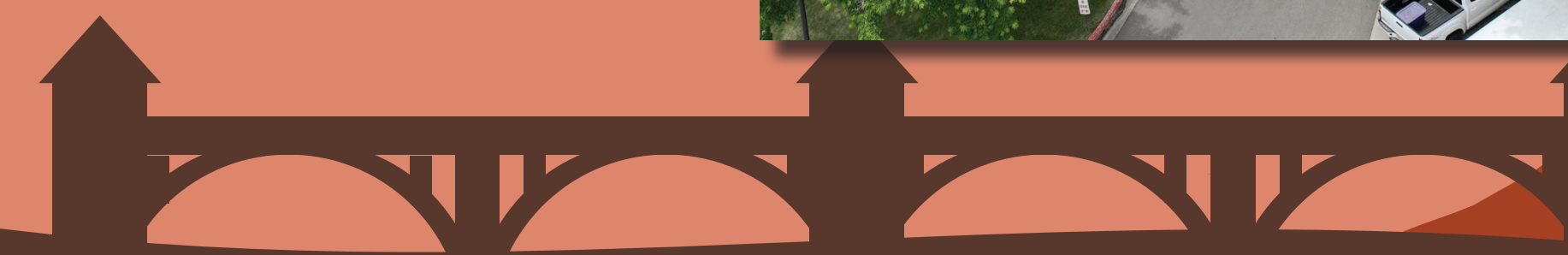
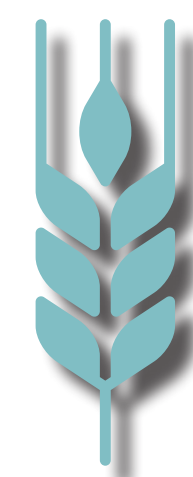
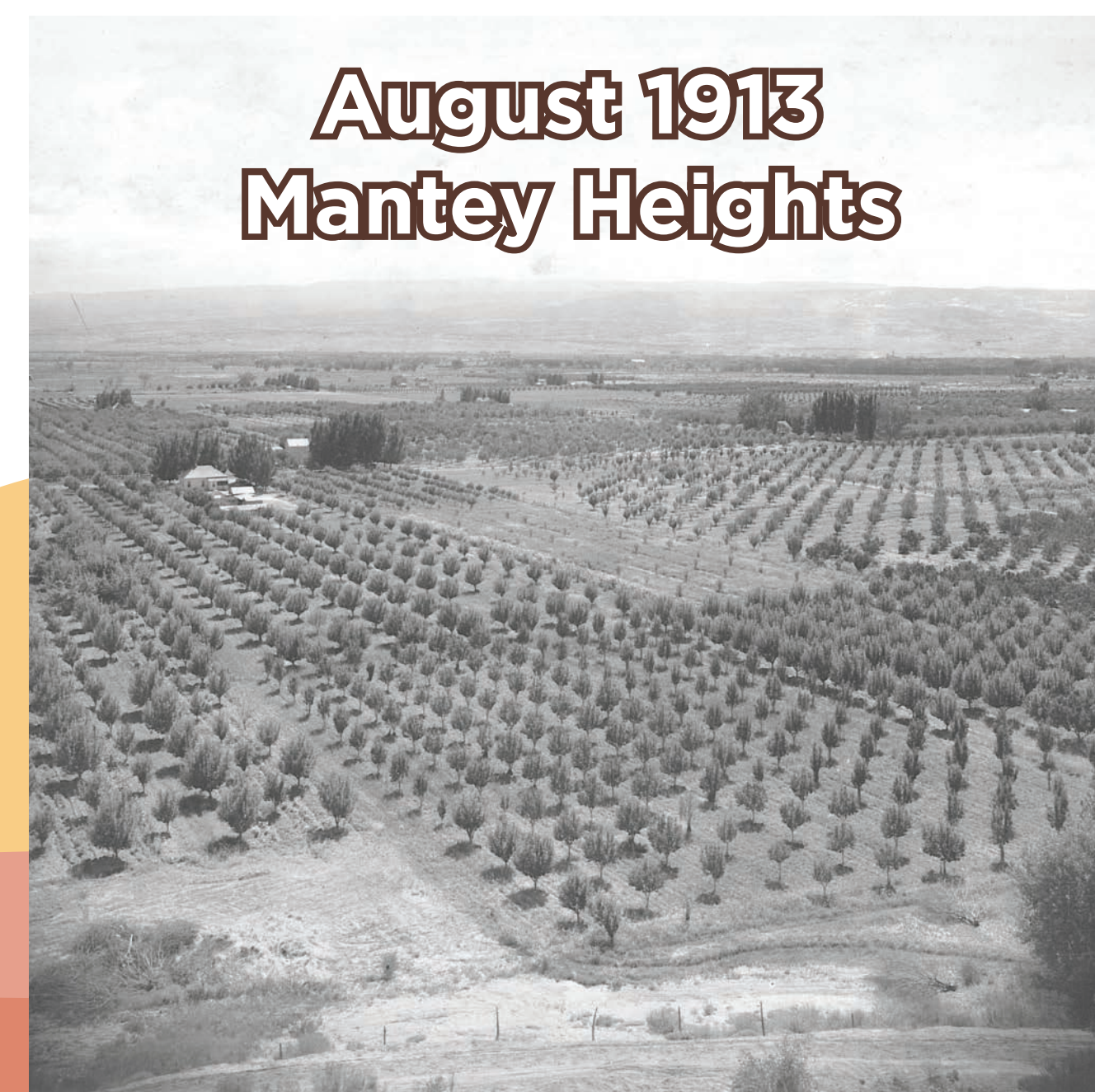
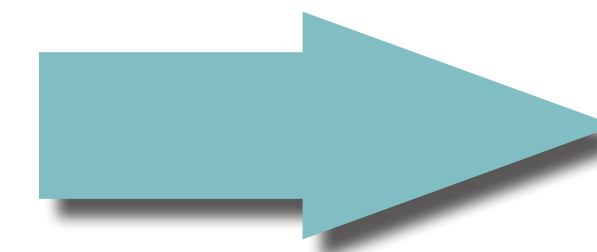
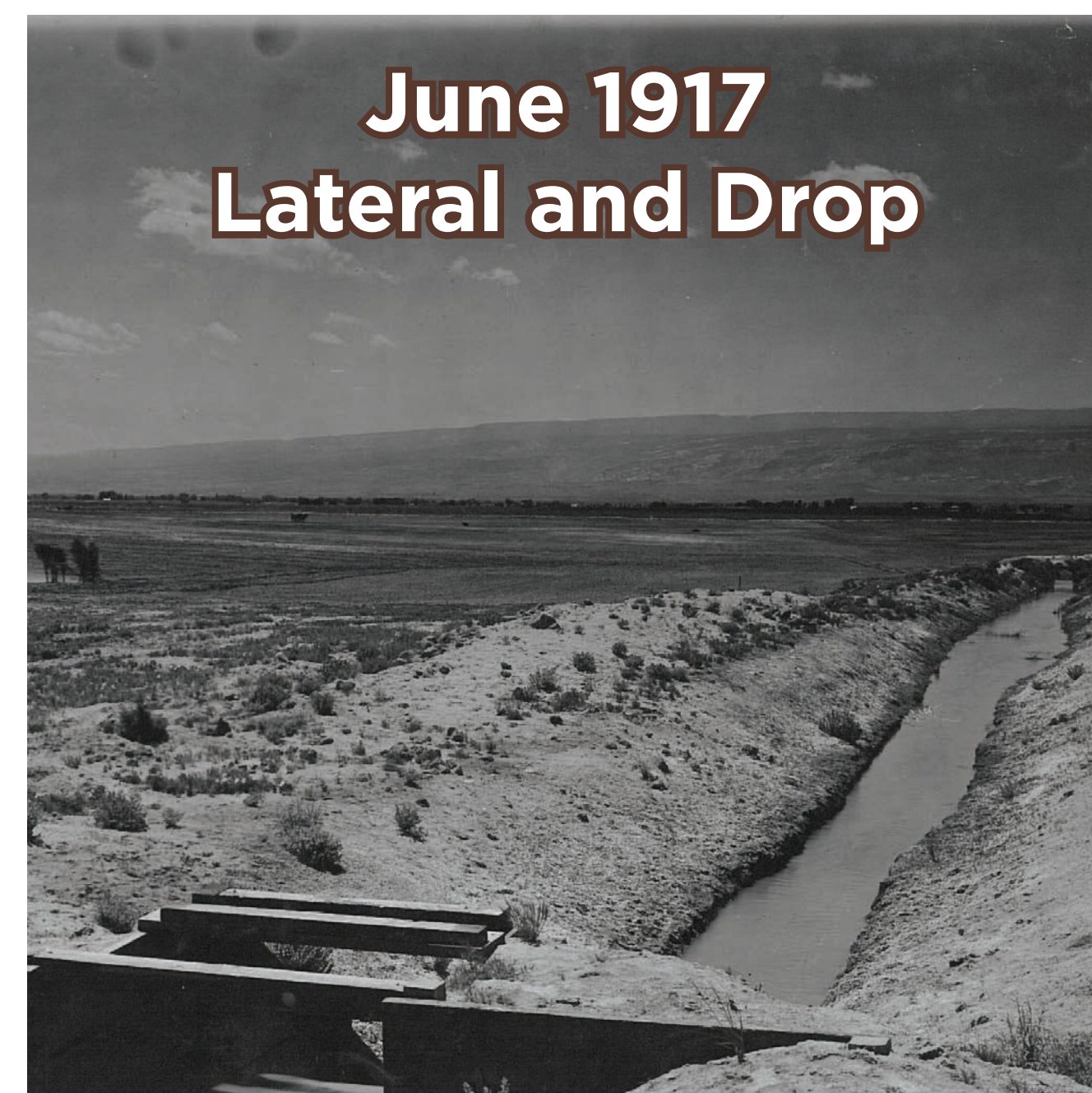
We must take action to cover necessary operations.



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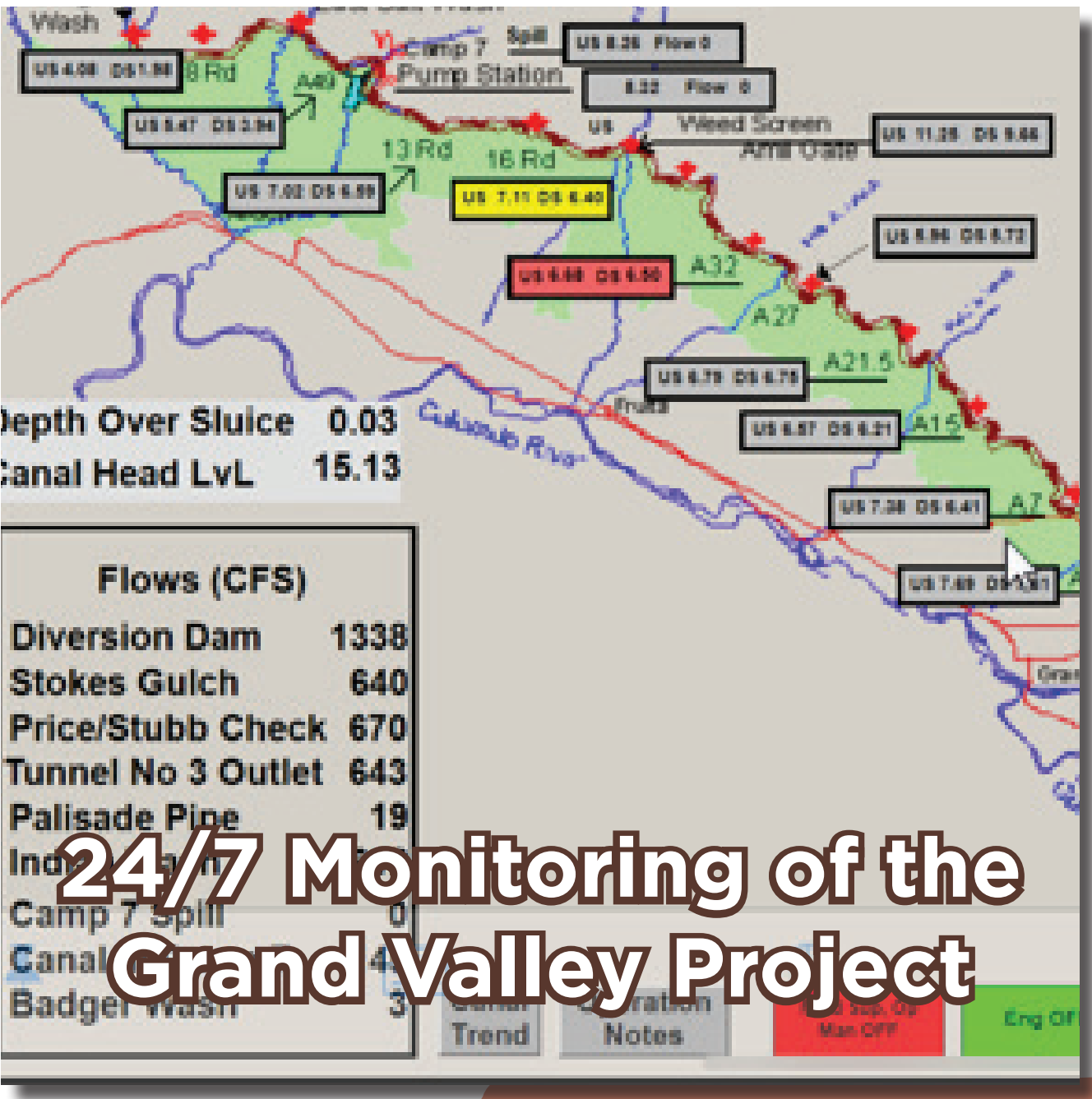
System Modernization

Our administrative and operations systems were originally built to serve large agricultural parcels. We are updating them to reflect how the community is changing.



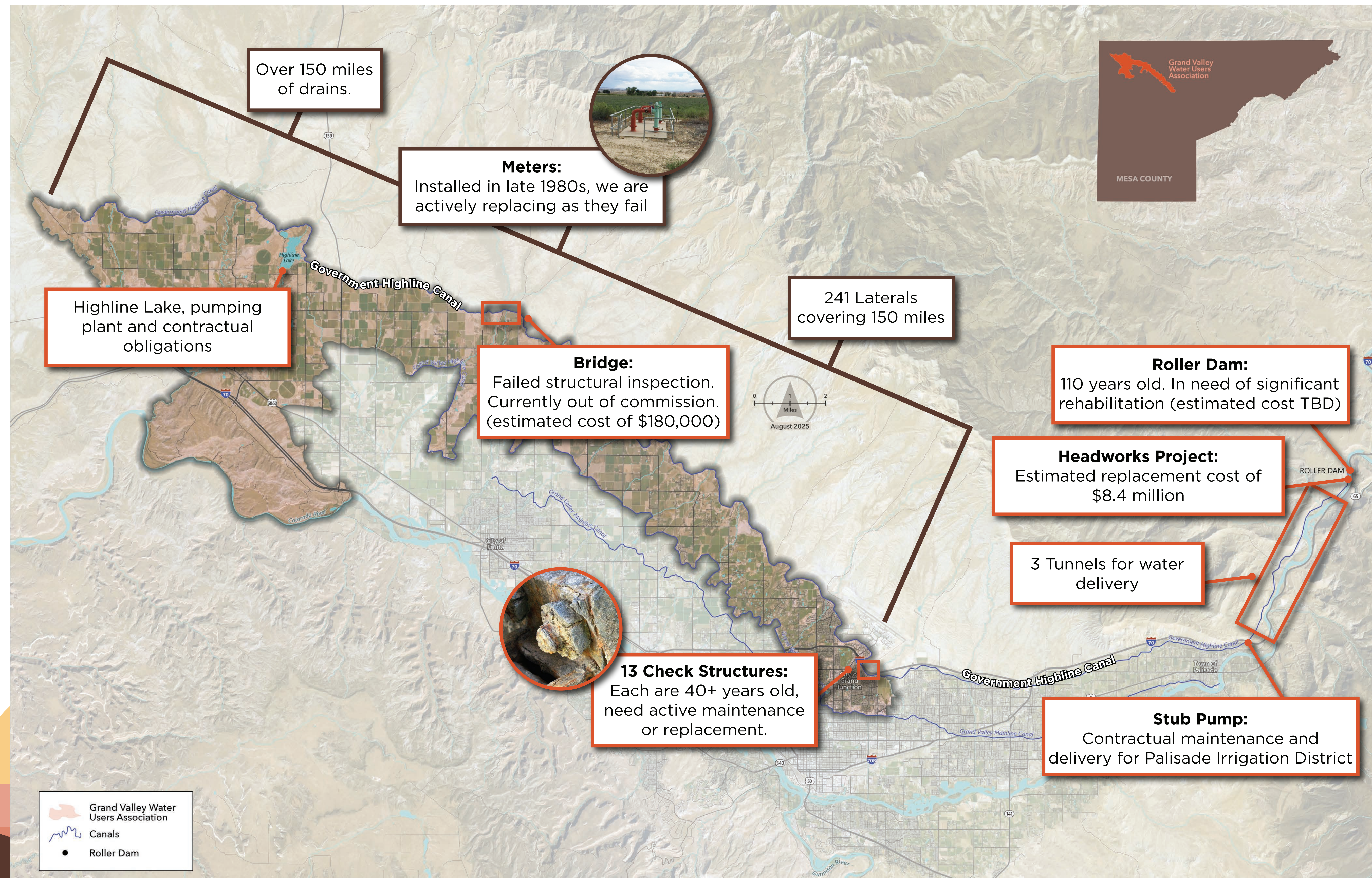
HOW DOES THE USER ACCESS FEE HELP THE ASSOCIATION?

Operations, Maintenance and Administration



GVWUA SERVICE AREA

24,000 acres of mapped, allocated land with approximately 5,700 irrigable parcels.



HOW DOES THE USER ACCESS FEE HELP THE ASSOCIATION?

Aquatic Nuisance Species Management

- This is a new cost and critical mitigation activity for the Association.
- The purpose of the program is to protect the delivery structures and infrastructure from the invasive and debilitating impact of the Zebra Mussel and other new nuisance species.



Highline Lake is the first body of water in Colorado to be classified as “infested” with Zebra Mussels. This is not only new to our Association, but also the State of Colorado.

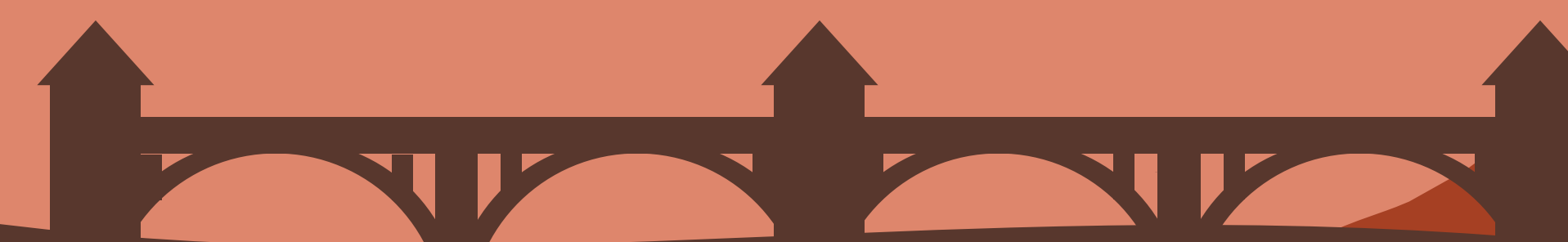
GVWUA mitigated for Zebra Mussels for the first time in Fall of 2024 with a cost of over \$80,000.

Ongoing mitigation is essential to the continued reliable delivery of water for Association shareholders.

First adult Zebra Mussel was found in Highline Lake in 2023.

Zebra Mussel Veligers were found at the Roller Dam and Gov’t Highline Canal in the Summer of 2024

Zebra Mussel populations have been found in Mack Mesa and Highline Lake in June 2025.



HOW DOES THE USER ACCESS FEE HELP THE ASSOCIATION?

Defending and Protecting your Water Rights

We work to protect your water rights every day.

Shoshone Permanency: *Advocacy and Support of Shoshone Permanency*

Working to preserve Shoshone flows in perpetuity is a generational investment in Colorado's water security.



**Learn why we must protect
our water rights!**

**Scan the QR Code with your phone
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Post-2026 Interim Guidelines

Key support of Commissioner Becky Mitchell in Colorado's negotiations on the Post-2026 Interim Guidelines for the operation of the Colorado River Compact. This work protects the continued delivery and right to use your agricultural water rights.

Keeping water in the Grand Valley and protecting the future of that water from upstream and downstream interests is a top priority.



HOW DOES THE USER ACCESS FEE HELP THE ASSOCIATION?

New and Upcoming Legislation and Concerns

“On our Radar”:

1. The “Right to Wade” Bill
2. Safeguarding Association from liability in relation to development
3. Increased encroachment and development
4. Labor guidelines and laws
5. Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) updates and changes
6. Snowpack monitoring



WRAP-UP AND THANK YOU

GVWUA is committed to using your fees to protect your water rights through responsible planning and good stewardship as we adapt to our community's growth and changing user needs.

With your continued support, we look forward to another 110 years of water delivery and robust agriculture in the Grand Valley.

Thank you!

If you have additional questions, please reach out:

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