

# PLAN AHEAD FOR FARM AND RANCH WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS!

The Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) is available for Saskatchewan producers to secure and sustain water supplies for agriculture. The Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) offers funding of 50% of eligible costs associated with implementing rebate projects under FRWIP such as wells, dugouts, and pipelines. Special projects which require a pre-approval that do not fall under a typical dugout, pipeline or well project are also funded at 50%. Funding is also available other pre-approval projects which include 90% funding for large and small well decommissioning.

Before starting any project that deals with water it is in the producers' best interest to ensure that all permits, approvals, or permissions are in place before work begins. In cases where work is being done in or near a watercourse or water body an Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit (AHPP) may be required from **Water Security Agency**. This would pertain to projects such as dugouts, as well as a Water Rights Licence if a dugout exceeds annual usage of 5,000 cubic meters. This licence may also be required for pipeline projects where the point of diversion (water source) or point of use (water distribution) is not on land owned or controlled by the applicant. Approvals and permissions from Rural Municipalities may also be required for pipeline projects.

If a project is to be done on land that is designated under the Wildlife Habitat Ecological Lands Designation Regulations, has a Conservation easement registered on the title, and/or is designated as Critical Habitat Under *The Species at Risk Act* for a listed species at risk then permissions or approvals will be required and a review of the project by **the Ministry of Environment**.

South of the Divide Conservation Action Program (SODCAP) has agri-environmental technical services that can assist in projects which fall under the designated critical habitat for species at risk. SODCAP can be contacted at 306-530-1385 or by email at [ed@sodcap.com](mailto:ed@sodcap.com).

An online tool is available at <https://gisappl.saskatchewan.ca/Html5Ext/?viewer=habisask> to check if your land requires any permissions through the CAP program. Some permissions may also be required for Farm Stewardship projects when dealing with fencing and water projects.

Information, applications, contacts, and premises identification numbers can be found at:

**[www.saskatchewan.ca/CAP](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/CAP)**

or by calling the Agricultural Knowledge Centre at **1-866-457-2377**.

Agri-Environmental Services can also be obtained in your regional watershed areas. For **Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards please contact 306-770-4606**.

