# **EPIC**<sup>™</sup> Water Management System



# Sports fields and Parks

# **EPIC Total Water Solutions**

EPIC Total Water Solutions LLC, USA is a company specializing in highly efficient sub surface irrigation and drainage systems. The technology of EPIC TWS has been changing the face of water management for more than 20 years.

ETWS' patented core technology is based on the Environmental Passive Integrated Conveyance (EPIC) water management system, which combines the world's most efficient irrigation and drainage system through non-pressurized, gravity driven, capillary physics of washed sand via direct interface of the EPIC subsurface pipe that never clogs.





# A Game Changing Technology

EPIC is the world's most efficient and most versatile system that can handle the following liquid Media:

- TSE Water Irrigation
- Greywater Irrigation
- Blackwater Irrigation
- Seawater Irrigation





### **EPIC System** Multiple Sustainable Designs & Solutions

- Subsurface Irrigation (SSI)
- TSE, Grey, Blackwater, Seawater Irrigation
- Storm Water collection & management
- Rainwater Harvesting (National Scale)
- Park & Athletic Field Capabilities
- Intensive Green Roofs
- Environmental Remediation
- LEED Credit Contribution
- Major Return on Investment (ROI)





# EPIC Chamber Environmental Passive Integrated Conveyance





### **Environmental Passive Integrated Conveyance System**



# Two EPIC chamber sizes

NEW EPIC CHAMBER IMPROVEMENT





Reinforcing triangles At intersection of inner Arch with base plate. (not visible in picture)

Outside holes have been moved Ninety degrees and on both sides of outer arch. This doubles the entry hole area from the original design and eliminates direct soil pressure squeeze of sand aggregate. 2" connector is stopped by Valley of Second arch thus eliminating former nub for A more positive pipe connection.

> Stacking ridge also serves as indicator for gravel fill when used for drainage only.

Indicator line for fine gravel layer when used for irrigation



Inner arch serves as stop nub provides more contact area



# Two EPIC chamber sizes

Environmentally Passive Integrated Conveyance (EPIC<sup>™</sup>) are single piece injection molded arched chambers. EPIC<sup>™</sup> is used individually or connected serially in preformed cells to provide non-plugging and bidirectional movement of fluids or gas in sand, gravel, grain or other imbedded porous matrixes.

The chambers are used to provide non-plugging drainage systems, subirrigation and underground storage applications, waste water soil injection, sand filtration, gas collection systems, pond bottom sludge air injection, oil/water separation, sand aeration, grain drying, water decanting applications, etc.



Patent #'s 5,921,711 and 7,517,172 others Pending

| Product                     | Large Chamber                     | Small Chamber                       |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Size                        | 46" L x 13.25" W x 6.5" H         | 24"L x 6.5" W x 5.5" H              |  |
| Color                       | Black                             | Black or custom                     |  |
| Weight                      | 5.5 Pounds                        | 1.7 Pounds                          |  |
| Polymer                     | Polypropylene                     | Polypropylene                       |  |
| Connection opening size     | 2.375" (nominal 2"Sch40 pipe)     | 2.375" (nominal 2"Sch40 pipe)       |  |
| Side wall openings          | 46 - 0.75" x 1.30"(44.85 Sq.in.)  | 40 - 0.75"x 0.75" (22.5 Sq.in.)     |  |
| Offset inner apertures      | 46 -0.875" circles (27.66 Sq.in.) | 22-1"x1.5" ovals (25.92 Sq.in.)     |  |
| Open Bottom area            | 45.5" x 10.25" (466 Sq. in.)      | 23.5" x 3.375" (79.31 Sq. in.)      |  |
| Total internal volume       | 9.67 gallons (1.29 Cu. Ft.)       | 2.08 gallons (0.28 Cu. Ft)          |  |
| Volume at Connection invert | 6.02 gallons (0.80 Cu. ft.)       | 1.4 gallons (0.19 Cu. Ft.)          |  |
| Connector stop distance     | 3.25" (to nub)                    | 2" (to arch)                        |  |
| Base Pad support area       | 69.5 Sq. in.                      | 30 Sq. in.                          |  |
| Packaging wt.               | 30/pallet (166 pounds)            | 16/box (28 pounds)(8-<br>12bxs/plt) |  |

# 20'x100' Firestone EPDM liner EPIC system (large cells)



### Firestone

# **EPIC Chamber**

Environmental Passive Integrated Conveyance

- · Patented, low tech, Low energy water delivery systems
- Saves Up to 85% Water Saving
- Anti Clogging
- Manages and re-uses rainwater
- Highly Economic drainage solution
- Grey Water & Black water re-use without human exposure
- Water harvesting of current impervious surfaces
- · Improved yields by eliminating surface water evaporation
- The system uses sub fertilization (sand-based hydroponics)
- Less crop loss as plants use the water they require
- By using sand soil, there is decent aeration thus no ploughing
- Allows the growth of native plants in deserts without soil changes

### EPIC Systems<sup>™</sup> Manage, Cleanse & Reuse Water through *Living Systems*

When rain events occur , the water is absorbed by the sand and trickles down to the Subzone...

When irrigating subsurface, water gets slowly absorbed by the sand profile and capillary rise physics action takes place.





# **EPIC Chamber**

Environmental Passive Integrated Conveyance

# **EPIC** System Function

- A Living System with natural & Synthetic properties...
- Works via Capillary & Gravity action...
- Water is preserved by using an Epic Geomembrane Liner...
- A Fully Controllable System with Water tank/Reservoir Source with a low powered submersible tank with Shut-off Floats...
- Shut-off floats and a reservoir means the system is a closed loop to minimize any loss from the system and requiring very little maintenance....







# The Beauty of Sand Hydroponics

EPIC technology are sand hydroponic planting systems, where plants grow in SAND and not soil. Although sand generally has not been recognized as a planting media due to its fast drainage, sand is actually a preferred growing media for most plants. Adhesion and cohesion properties of water create surface tension and capillary rise within the sand growing profile.



# **Flow Dynamics**





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**Typical EPIC System Cell** 





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# All plants can grow in sand

ALL plants do well in sand... so long as water is available



# USDA Texture Triangle – 12 textural classes





### The Properties of Sand VS Clay

- Crushed Rock
- 0.05-2.00 mm
  - 0.05-0.10=Very Fine
  - 0.10-0.25=Fine
  - 0.25-0.50=Medium
  - 0.50-1.00=Course
  - 1.0-2.0=Very Course
- Silicon Dioxide
- Void Spaces





Clay particles are very small, mostly plateshaped, crystal structures.



# **Gravel Bridging Principle**

The average diameter of the larger aggregate has to be less than 8X the diameter of the smaller aggregate.

1.5x



## **The Physics of Capillary Rise**





# **Underground Cross Section**



The EPIC System installed in sand demonstrating its capillary rise potential

### **Adhesion & Cohesion - Capillary Rise in sand**



# PASSIVE IRRIGATION ROOT GROWTH: EPIC PROFILE





### **SATURATION PROFILE IN EPIC SYSTEMS**

|                  | 48 mm |                   |   |   |  |
|------------------|-------|-------------------|---|---|--|
|                  |       |                   | Net Weight  | Water Content Air Volume  |  |
|                  | 172   | >                 | 173.2 g   | 2.2 ml. (3%) 63.1 ml. (97%)   |  |
|                  | 4     |                   | 188.2 g   | 17.2 ml.(26%) 48.1 ml. (74%)  | The capillary zone in EPIC systems provides<br>a non-compacted soil profile and an ideal<br>balance between moisture levels in the form<br>of water coated sand grains, and additional |
| 14.6"<br>(368MM) | 68 MM | >                 | 196.3 g   | 25.3 ml.(39%) 40.0 ml. (61%)  | void space occupied by air.  |
|                  |       | }                 | 204.4 g   | 33.4 ml.(51%) 31.9 ml .(49%)  | Constancy of the profile is assured by the<br>physics of capillary rise from the bottom<br>water reservoir, and air pressure<br>infiltration from the surface.                         |
|                  | 5     |                   | 210.0 g   | 39.0 ml. (60%) 26.3 ml. (40%)   | During heavy rains a higher saturation<br>occurs at the surface (i.e. column 5),<br>however capillary adhesion forces<br>can not maintain this saturated level                         |
| _                |       |                   | 236.3 g   | 65.3 ml. (100%) 0.0 ml. (0%)  | against gravity. The water drains quickly into the reservoir and the EPIC profile is   |
| Ę                |       | Ĵ                 | Water Line  |   | reestablished.   |
|                  |       | Tes<br>miz<br>Vis | ts performed on<br>ture with 82 – 1<br>ible capillary ris | n washed medium sized sand dominat<br>100% of the overall particles between<br>se from water line = 12" in 48 hours ( | ted by 0.25 – 0.50 mm particles, a<br>n 0.10 – 1.00 mm.<br>(6" within the first hour)  |

Total volume per segment = 123 ml. with 57.7 ml (47%) occupied by sand solids.

### Sand based sod root growth in only 3 months!









Is slow watering from below better than fast watering from above?

# Bean Roots grown in IDENTICAL sand



### EPIC Performance Comparison Vs Traditional Irrigation Systems

The EPIC System<sup>™</sup> consumes an average of **2-3 Liters** per square meter/per day, where a traditional system will consume anything ranging from **10 to 14 liters** per square meter / per day (and as stipulated by municipalities and planning bodies).

This leads to a yearly saving of approximately **4 cubic meters** of water per square meter per year.

Moreover a study conducted by the ROYAL COMMISSION FOR JUBAIL & YANBU has determined that Spray irrigation systems consume approximately 20 litres of water per square meter per day, whereas the EPIC System<sup>™</sup> uses 2.5 Litres per square meter per day.





**EPIC System** Parks and Fields Irrigation & Drainage

# Trees and turf grass installed in EPIC System TCF Stadium, University of Minnesota (2008





### Tree and Turf growth 4 years later, July 18<sup>th</sup> 2012







### **EPIC<sup>™</sup>** System is buried in sand profile 2007







# **EPIC System Athletic Fields** <sup>™</sup> Growth Capabilities (Grey Water)



Day 35





## **EPIC<sup>™</sup>** System "charged", 8-day germination (Grey water)




### 20 day old grass from seed

### Vista Del Lago High School Folsom, CA







### Vista Del Lago HS, Folsom, CA, 45 days old



### Vista Del Lago High School 90 days











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### **Google Maps SMU Westcott Field installed 2006**





### SMU Soccer Fields, Dallas, TX





### SMU after 100 straight days of +100\* F Temperatures



### **Maintenance: Core Aeration and Gas Exchange**



**BEFORE AERATION** 

AFTER CORE REMOVAL

### **Consistent mowing with sharp blades prevents disease**







- Running the submersible pump too long (+24-48 hrs.) will not create a problem.
- Running the submersible pump too <u>often / frequent</u> can cause a problem; too much water will not allow the system to fluctuate water levels which is good for the exchange of O<sub>2</sub> & CO<sub>2</sub>.



## Water Treatment Capabilities

- Primary Discharge Approval (Minnesota PCA)
- "Living System" Treatment
- 90% Reduction of TSS
- (Total Suspended Solids)\*
- 85% Phosphorous Removal\*
- 60% Nitrate Removal\*\*
- Enhanced Nutrient Uptake
- 3-5 Gallons/Sq. Ft.
- Sand Storage Capacity
- \*Independent Research
- \*\*PCA Research





| Essential Element | Symbol | Plant usage  |  |  |
|-------------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Calcium           | Ca++   | Calcium plays a prominent role in the absorption of other minerals from the soil. It neutralizes acids and has an antitoxic effect on other poisonous substances in the soil. Root hair cells contain calcium pectate, a colloid which enables it to imbibe water. This substance also forms the cementing material for holding all cells together, and is the first substance in the formation of new cell walls.   |  |  |
| Iron              | Fe+++  | Iron is essential as part of the cytochrome oxidation system in respiration<br>function. It is also essential for chlorophyll formation even though it is not<br>part of the chlorophyll molecule. Many brown and reddish sands and soils<br>may have an abundance of Iron, but it is not always in a form usable by the<br>plant.   |  |  |
| Magnesium         | Mg++   | Magnesium is a constituent of the chlorophyll molecule. Without chlorophyll there is no interaction with sunlight to produce plant tissue. However very high concentrations of magnesium are toxic to plants.  |  |  |
| Manganese         | Mn++   | Manganese is thought to be necessary for the proper function of plant respiratory enzymes.   |  |  |
| Nitrogen          | NO3-   | Nitrogen, only absorbed as a nitrate, is absolutely essential to growth,<br>affecting particularly the growth of above ground parts. It is a constituent of<br>chlorophyll, but is chiefly used for the production of proteins which are<br>essential to every cell. A nitrogen deficiency quickly manifests itself as the<br>yellowing of green foliage (chlorotic). Excess nitrogen may cause excessive<br>vegetative growth which can result in weak and tender stems and foliage<br>which are then susceptible to fungus and insect injury. Some nitrates are<br>produced naturally through the interaction of lightning in thunderstorms;<br>some is fixed by specialized soil bacteria living in nodules of specialized<br>plants such as clover and alfalfa. Decomposition of dead organic material by<br>soil organisms and their waste products (urea) may also provide nitrates<br>through complex biological interactions. Urea → Ammonia→ Nitrites→<br>Nitrates. However, for lush thick turf, supplemental addition of nitrogen<br>sources will almost always be necessary. |  |  |
| Potassium         | K+     | Potassium is necessary for the proper carbohydrate metabolism of the<br>plant. When potassium is deficient, storage organs such as roots, tubers,<br>and seeds are small and shriveled. Plants with ample supply of potassium<br>have been reported to be more resistant to disease and insect injury.   |  |  |
| Phosphorus        | PO4    | Phosphorus in the soil is most likely absorbed as a phosphate ion. It is<br>essential for the formation of many compounds such as phosphoproteins<br>and phospholipids. Lack of this element interferes with normal cell division<br>and checks growth. It is important for proper functioning of photosynthesis<br>and respiration. Phosphorus also increases root development and as such is<br>important in the early stages of sod or seed growth.   |  |  |
| Sulfur            | SO4    | Sulfur, absorbed as a sulfate ion, is a constituent of at least three amino<br>acids that occur in proteins. Glutathione is an essential component in the<br>respiration role of plants and the take up of oxygen.   |  |  |



Kentucky Blue Grass 30 days after seeding in ordinary sand. (Left) No nutrients added (right) Addition of balanced nutrients

### Plants need food, water, air and light to thrive.

These eight macro nutrients are essential for optimum plant growth. Other micro nutrients play their role, and annual lab testing is necessary to determine future nutrient application.



## **EPIC System** Rainwater Harvesting & Re-Use



## **Storm Water Management Applications**



### **Storm Water Management & Re-Use System**





2 Million Gallon Storage & Re-use System (Cambria School, CA)



Storage System Along Highways (Nevada DOT)



5,000 Gallon Regulator Tank (SMU, TX)

### Park and Field Solutions Cambria School Project, CA, USA



Cambria School in California was facing issues of low water pressure and volume available due to the elevation above the cities existing water system.

EPIC Green Solutions solved this issue on this 12 acre site by installing 130,000 sq ft turf and trees shrubs and plants which were irrigated using captured rain water and grey water to irrigate the plants. This run off was stored in customized storage systems, allowing for significant savings and reductions in required fresh water.



Cambria School Project

CAMBRIA SCHOOL, California, USA

### TOTAL SELF SUFFICIENT LANDSCAPING

NO EROSION OR STORM WATER POLLUTION ISSUES





### EPIC Construction aggregate import



### **STORMWATER CAPTURE AND REUSE**





#### BACKFILL OF RESERVOIR PIPES BECOMES BASE FOR SPORTS FIELD





BRUNDAGE CONVEYOR SYSTEM 5 MAN CREW 8 HOUR DAY 20,000 SQ. FT./DAY

Auto

## FREE WATER FOREVER !



## **EPIC System** Softscape Irrigation

## **Dammam Demonstration Project**

#### For the Royal Commission for Jubail & Yanbu in Conjunction with KAUST Turf irrigation







The project was composed of one self-contained plot each measuring 400 square meters. The planting was (carpet) Turf. The site took 5 days to install and landscape.

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Saved over 80% of Water Use vs Spray Irrigation

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## **Yas Island Demonstration Project**

#### In conjunction with Aldar and Consultation with UPC







Each of the plots on Yas Island contains a variety of flora which allowed for EPIC to demonstrate the ability of the system to effectively grow a range of species. Below is a list of the various plants that can be found in each plot.

| Plot 1                   | Plot 2           | Plot 3                      | Plot 4                       |    |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----|
| Pennisetum Green         | Agave            | Atriplex Halimus            | Platinum TE Paspulum<br>Turf |    |
| Sesuvium Portulacastrum  | Nerium Oleander  | Atriplex Canenscens         |                              |    |
| Bouganvilla              | Ruellia          | Caesalpinnia<br>Pulcherrima |                              | 37 |
| Date Palm                | Atriplex Halimus | Frangipani                  |                              | _  |
| Cyprus Alternifoliu      | Pennisetum Green | Ghoeodiscolor               |                              |    |
| Caesalpinnia Pulcherrima | Pennisetum Red   | Pennisetum Red              |                              |    |
| Sesuvium Red             | Spider Lily      | Trees                       |                              |    |
| Ruellia                  | Trees            | Trees                       |                              |    |
| Agave                    |                  |                             |                              |    |









### Award Winning Yas Island Pilot Project for Aldar PJSC









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Plot 1 3.63 Plot 2 1.80

1.99

Plot 4 2.44

### Yas Island Image Snapshots

















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3 months from Seeding- Paspalum Vaginatum

### USGBC LEED Credit Contribution LEED v3.0



EPIC Green Solutions (EGS) is pleased to be a participant in your project. Our designs can aid in achieving over numerous points for the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Program. In achieving LEED© New Construction (Version 2.2 & 3.0) Awards our products, systems and complete design services meet or aid in the following categories:

#### **Sustainable Sites**

Credit 2 Development Density & Community Connectivity Credit 3 Brownfi eld Redevelopment Credit 5.1 Site Development, Protect or Restore Habitat Credit 5.2 Site Development, Maximize Open Space Credit 6.1 Stormwater Design, Quantity Control Credit 6.2 Stormwater Design, Quality Control Credit 7.1 Heat Island Effect, Non-Roof Credit 7.2 Heat Island Effect, Roof

#### Water Efficiency

Credit 1.1 Water Efficient Landscaping, Reduce by 50% Credit 1.2 Water Efficient Landscaping, No Potable Use or No Irrigation Credit 2 Innovative Wastewater Technologies Credit 3 Water Use Reduction, 40% Reduction

#### **Materials & Resources**

Credit 2.1 Construction Waste Management, Divert 50% from Disposal Credit 2.2 Construction Waste Management, Divert 75% from Disposal Credit 3.1 Materials Reuse, 5% Credit 3.2 Materials Reuse, 10% Credit 4.1 Recycled Content, 10% (post-consumer + ½ pre-consumer) Credit 4.2 Recycled Content, 20% (post-consumer + ½ pre-consumer) Credit 5.1 Regional Materials, 10% Extracted, Processed & Manufactured Regionally Credit 5.2 Regional Materials, 20% Extracted, Processed & Manufactured Regionally

#### **Innovation & Design Process**

Credit 1.1 Innovation in Design 1 Credit 2 LEED<sup>®</sup> Accredited Professional 1

#### **Regional Priority Credits** Credits 1.1 Regional Priority Credit 1

### EPIC CREDIT CONTRIBUTION 33



BEDROCK

# There is <u>NO</u> water Crisis

...Only an inefficient water management-Infrastructure and philosophy.



## A Typical Installation



Excavation 600mm (Depending on Sand Soil) Flat Leveling


600mm

Laying the Epic Geomembrane Liner (EPDM or LDPE) Epic Recommends using Firestone EPDM Liner



Laying and securing the EPDM liner







EPIC Chambers and Firestone EPDM Liner is in place





Attaching EPIC chambers to the drain header pipe





Gravel & Sand Filling

LITTE





P. G. P

Sand Filling



Installing the sand layer



The area is now ready for planting



#### **Open field Agriculture Irrigation**

EPIC SSI System Al Dahra Farms. Al Ain, UAE 3 Weeks after Planting



#### **Fodder field**

EPIC SSI System Al Dahra Farms. Al Ain, UAE

# 3 Weeks after Planting



#### **Cucumber Greenhouse**

Epic SSI System Aldahra UAE























# Cucumbers 3 Weeks after planting

## Al Dahra Greenhouse Experiment

Recorded over 2 month Period



**Grey Water Applications** 

#### Greywater Utilization EPIC System<sup>™</sup> Innovations





Rain/Greywater Re-use (Private Estate, CA)



Greywater Irrigation (Private Estate, NV)



Municipal Greywater (Folsom, CA)



Blackwater Re-use (UC Davis, CA)

#### **Greywater & Saline Designs** EPIC System<sup>™</sup> Innovations







Saltwater Irrigation (Abu Dhabi, UAE)





Greywater Re-use (Dubai, UAE)

# Rain Garden & Storage Infiltration







# Sea Water Irrigation Aldar Properties, Yas Island

### Sea Water Irrigation EPIC System<sup>™</sup> Innovations





Twoches lited if ground water protection required, can be unlined if ground water is the same se extraction water. The Yas Island Sea Water Cell demonstrates the ability to subsurface Irrigate with pure seawater in a highly controlled and efficient manner, using Photovoltaic Power. This makes ideal for coastal areas and inland seawater irrigation for landscaping or for Biofuel cultivation. The vegetation grown in the cell are halophyte plants.









The EPIC geomembrane Liner prevents any Salt water to contaminate any groundwater sources. This particular EPIC cell has a return feed back to the sea, preventing salt accumulation. In event that the EC levels reach excess amounts, the cell can be leached by raising the swing elbow to 600mm (90 Deg) at the end of the drain line which floods the surface. Once flooding occurs the water is then allowed to drop and get drained out by putting the elbow at 180 degree invert.



### Sea Water Irrigation EPIC System<sup>™</sup> Innovations





### Sea Water Irrigation EPIC System<sup>™</sup> Innovations











#### 52,000 ppm Sea Water Desalinated to 12,000ppm