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NMID's Longest-Serving Water Superintendent To Retire From His Position This Week

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John P. Anderson, the longest serving water superintendent in the 107-year history of the valley's largest irrigation district, officially retires this week after more than two decades of water management service in the Treasure Valley, the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District announced today.

"We are grateful to John for his years of distinguished service to the district and to our thousands of patrons, both of whom have truly benefitted from his professional and personal skills and talents," the NMID Board said in a statement. A replacement has not been named, NMID officials said.

Anderson, 55, has served as NMID Water Superintendent for 22 years, a tenure six years longer than any of his predecessors. . He actually has worked for the District 35 years, beginning in 1976 as a ditchrider assistant. In 1976 he became a ditchrider and was named Water Superintendent in 1989.

As Water Superintendent, Anderson has managed a complex 500-mile-long water delivery system involving 85 canals, including the historic Ridenbaugh Canal. NMID water rights provide for 149,000 acre feet of water stored in Arrowrock and Anderson Ranch reservoirs, enough water to cover 149,000 acres of land with water one foot deep. NMID's water supply also includes a natural river flow that allows a water diversion of up to 237,879 gallons per minute at the District's Boise River diversion near Barber Park.

The water is supplied to 69,000 acres of farm land in Ada and Canyon Counties plus more than 15,000 individual parcels of land using pressurized irrigation systems, including 341 residential subdivisions.

Anderson said he has not decided what course his future life will take after leaving the District.

"I haven't really given it a thought. Right now I just want to take it easy and relax. I just know that I have been truly fortunate to have a job that I love and to work with a wonderful group of people while also having a chance to connect and interact with the area residents and water users who are our patrons," he said.

Anderson is well respected in water management circles across the west due to extensive presentations given to water user and water management organizations. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Irrigation Operators group. He has served as a judicial expert witness in water related proceedings and holds various state agriculture and environmental certifications. He graduated from Nampa High School and various BSU undergraduate and graduate course in Business Administration. He is married with a son, two daughters and one grandchild.

NMID delivers irrigation water to 69,000 acres of Treasure Valley land including pressurized irrigation to approximately 15,000 residential and commercial lots including 341 residential subdivisions. For information about the District call 466-7861. Information is also available on its Internet website: www.nmid.org.

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