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IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAX BILLS IN THE MAIL TO AREA RESIDENTS

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Tax bills will land shortly in the mailboxes of more than 41,000 Treasure Valley residents who own property inside the boundaries of the valley's largest irrigation district after NMID mailed the tax notices on Thursday, officials with the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District officials announced today.

Property owners can pay the tax assessment in full or in two parts. Residents must pay at least half of the total taxes by December 20 and must pay the rest in full by June 20, 2020.

The District calculates each property owner's taxes on a levy of approximately \$68.00 per acre, or approximately \$17.00 for a quarter-acre residential lot. NMID adds other costs such as pressurized urban irrigation systems, assessment costs and drainage and reservoir maintenance charges to the assessment to arrive at the final total tax bill. Revenue produced by NMID's hydropower plant at Lucky Peak helped reduce the overall assessment rate by about \$7.28 per acre.

The District has a convenient and secure, third party payment system available on its website – www.nmid.org – for people who want to pay their irrigation taxes via the internet. A fee for internet payment service is required and you can only pay current year, non-delinquent taxes.

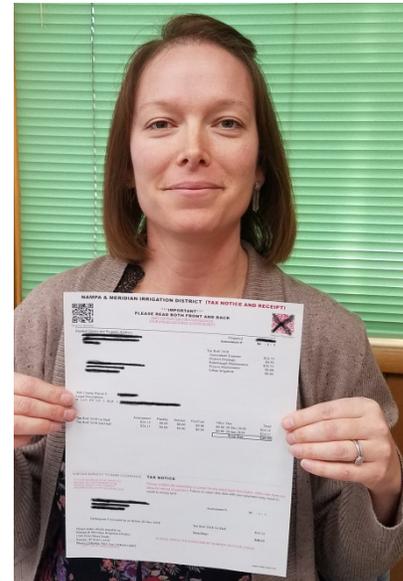
"The taxes pay for operation and maintenance of the canals, laterals, drains and dams that make up the District's water delivery system. We also assess taxes against more than 17,000 individual parcels in residential subdivisions across the valley that use pressurized irrigation systems owned and managed by the District, according to Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer.

Some property owners still owe tax assessments from previous years but may not be aware of it. Past due tax assessments are included in the tax notice. A list of properties with back taxes owing will be available in November on the District's website.

"Many people who have moved here in recent years and own property in the District sometimes think they do not have to pay the taxes because their property does not receive irrigation water. However, Idaho law states that irrigation system operation and maintenance levies are to be assessed against all lands in the District – not just those actually using the water," Coon explained.

People with questions about their assessment are strongly encouraged to call the District office at 208-466-7861 to get answers and assistance, Coon added.

The Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District is a water storage, conveyance and distribution system founded in 1904. The District supplies irrigation water to some 69,000 acres of farmland, residential



Rachelle Duvall, NMID senior collection clerk, holds a tax bill like those mailed October 18th to area residents who own properties inside the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District boundaries. (NMID Photo)

and commercial lands including pressurized irrigation for more than 17,000 individual parcels of land, including 479 subdivisions in Ada and Canyon counties. More information about the District is available at the NMID website – www.nmid.org.

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