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Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District

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FIRST PAYMENT DATE NEARS FOR 2010 NAMPA & MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAXES

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Irrigation taxes are due Monday, December 20, for more than 37,000 Treasure Valley property owners whose property is inside the boundaries of the Treasure Valley's largest irrigation district, the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District announced today.

Property owners have the option of paying the assessment in full or in two parts but at least the first half payment <u>must</u> be received or postmarked by Monday, December 20. June 20, 2011 is the second-payment deadline for residents who chose to make two payments .

Irrigation District tax assessment notices were mailed to NMID patrons in October.

Idaho law requires that tax liens be filed each year against the property if the assessments are not paid by June 20 of the following year. The District is currently moving forward with tax deed action against 100 properties for which tax levies have gone unpaid for three years. Tax deed action can eventually lead to property being sold at a tax auction if the owner refuses to pay the assessments.

Property owners who owe tax assessments from previous years will find their past due tax assessment information included in this year's notice. A list of individuals owing back taxes will be available on the District's Internet web site in January.

"We also wants property owners to provide name and address changes to the District when they either purchase or sell land inside NMID boundaries so the appropriate changes can be made to the District's records for ownership and mail delivery purposes. That helps ensure the correct person receives their annual tax notices rather than the current property owner unknowingly falling into arrears on their NMID taxes because the tax assessment notice went to the previous owner," said Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer.

People with questions about their assessment payment or the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District should call the District office at 466-7861. More information about the District is available at its internet web site: **www.nmid.org**.