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IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAX INFORMATION **ON THE WAY TO TREASURE VALLEY RESIDENTS**

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Irrigation tax notices will be mailed Thursday (Oct. 9) to more than 37,000 Treasure Valley residents who own property inside the boundaries of the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, officials with the District said today.

The tax levy on a property depends on several factors such as the size of the parcel. District officials say the 2008 assessment amounts to about \$49.00 per acre, which translates to an approximately levy of \$12.75 for a one-quarter-acre residential lot. Other costs such as for pressurized urban irrigation systems, assessment costs and drainage and reservoir maintenance charges are then added to the land assessment to arrive at the final property tax levy.

Residents have the option of paying the assessment in full or in two parts. The full or first half payment must be made by December 20. June 20 is the second-payment deadline for residents who chose to make two payments.

“People who own property inside the District boundaries need to be on the lookout for the tax assessment notices because failure to pay the assessment can ultimately result in tax deed action against the property,” said Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer.

Five properties were scheduled to be sold at tax auction by NMID earlier this year to satisfy taxes that had gone unpaid for three years. However, the owners of all five properties paid their outstanding tax assessment and avoided the sale of their property.

Coon also warned that some residents, especially newcomers to the Treasure Valley, may think the assessment does not apply to them 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.

The levy amounts are set each year by the District's Board of Directors. Revenue from the District's hydropower plant at Lucky Peak dam helped reduce the overall cost of operation and maintenance by almost \$7.00 per acre.

Some property owners still owe tax assessments from previous years but may not be aware of it. Past due tax assessments are included in this year's notice. Also, a list of lands with back taxes owing will be available in January 2009 on the District's Internet web site at **www.nmid.org**.

The annual tax levies are assessed against lands in the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District to pay for operation and maintenance of the canals, laterals, drains and dams that make up the District's water delivery system. Levies also are assessed against individual subdivision parcels using pressurized irrigation systems owned and managed by the District in 329 residential subdivisions across the valley.

People with questions about their assessment or the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District should call the District office. The telephone number is 466-7861.

The Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District is water storage, conveyance and distribution system founded in 1904 that supplies irrigation water to some 69,000 acres of farmland and pressurized irrigation to almost 15,000 parcels of land in Canyon and Ada Counties.

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