



# News Release

## Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District

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### **PRESSURIZED URBAN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS** **CONSERVE PRECIOUS TREASURE VALLEY GROUNDWATER**

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Nearly 500 residential subdivisions along with commercial lots are now using inexpensive canal water supplied via pressurized urban irrigation systems managed by the valley's largest irrigation district rather than pumping precious drinking water from the valley's aquifer, officials with the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District said today.

The canal water being used for NMID pressurized irrigation replaces an estimated 6 billion gallons of municipal groundwater per year that would be needed for domestic irrigation. That savings equates to enough water to meet the total summertime peak monthly water demands of the 18 wells used by the City of Meridian for 15 months.

That magnitude of groundwater savings is welcome news for a region expected to experience an ever increasing demand for municipal and commercial water being pumped from deep wells across the valley by municipalities.

A total of 479 subdivisions in 2018 were using NMID's pressurized systems to irrigate lawns, gardens and landscaping. That figure has increased to 493 subdivisions as of June 24<sup>th</sup>.

The District now supplies irrigation water to 17,961 individual parcels of land, including residential homes, parks, schools and commercial properties. That represents an increase of 814 parcels in just the past 12 months, NMID managers noted.

"We have seen a continual growth over the past decade in the number of pressurized systems that we manage," said Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer. The total land acreage now under NMID pressurized irrigation amounts to 6,461 acres or just over 10 square miles of land,

"The District believes it has an obligation to do all it can to conserve our valley's crucial groundwater aquifers. Using canal water from the Boise River to irrigate lawns, gardens and landscaping rather than pumping it out of the aquifer that supplies the majority of the valley's drinking water is an effective way to do it," Coon added. Canal water is non-potable and cannot be used for drinking water.

The Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District is a water storage, conveyance and distribution system founded in 1904. The District also supplies irrigation water to some 69,000 acres of farmland, residential and commercial land in Ada and Canyon counties. More information about the District, including information on pressurized urban irrigation systems, is available on its website: [www.nmid.org](http://www.nmid.org).

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