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MORE TREASURE VALLEY SUBDIVISIONS TO USE CANAL WATER FOR IRRIGATION

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Seven Ada County subdivisions that total 456 parcels of land have joined the family of pressurized urban irrigation systems managed by the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, NMID officials announced.

The 7 new subdivision irrigation systems bring to 367 the number of Treasure Valley subdivisions using NMID pressurized irrigation. The land area now irrigated by the NMID pressurized system is 5,384 acres and represents 14,706 individual parcels of residential and commercial land in Ada and Canyon County.

The new systems all will use inexpensive, non-potable canal water to irrigate lawns, gardens and landscaping rather than tapping water from municipal systems that must pump water from the aquifer that supplies the Treasure Valley's drinking water, according to Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer.

By using canal water instead of municipal drinking water, NMID's water managers have calculated that pressurized urban irrigation systems annually reduce by about 5 billion gallons the amount of municipal drinking water that would be only used for irrigation. That's a savings of approximately 15,300 acre feet of water; an acre foot is one acre of land covered by water a foot deep.

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 also available on its Internet web site: www.nmid.org.

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