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MORE AREA RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS **CHOOSE BENEFITS OF PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

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Six more Ada County residential subdivisions will begin using inexpensive canal water to irrigate lawns, gardens and landscaping rather than pristine and expensive municipal drinking water after joining the pressurized urban irrigation program managed by the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, NMID officials announced today.

The additions bring the total number of Treasure Valley residential subdivision utilizing NMID pressurized systems to 335.

The six subdivisions are: Slade Subdivision No. 1; Sundial Subdivision; Median Subdivision; Teco One, LLC; Windsong Subdivision No. 2; and Honeymoon Cover Subdivision.

The six subdivisions add a total of 56 individual parcels of land, amounting to 25 acres, to the NMID system. That brings the total land area now under NMID pressurized irrigation to 5,473 acres, approximately 8.6 square miles.

The additions mean more than 14,934 individual parcels of land in Ada and Canyon County, the vast majority residential lots, now are served by NMID pressurized irrigation systems. The pressurized systems use canal water diverted from the Boise River rather than precious municipal drinking water to irrigate grass, landscaping, shrubbery and gardens.

That results in an annual savings of about 5 billion gallons of the Treasure Valley's supply of pristine drinking water that does not need to be pumped from the valley's groundwater aquifer, according to NMID water managers.

In pressurized systems, canal water is being supplied to irrigation systems 24/7 so the systems are designed to supply water to a large percentage of users at all times. That means people using pressurized systems have to relearn how to water their lawns, gardens and landscaping. Pressurized irrigation system users are encouraged to irrigate at any time of the day, a method contrary to systems that use municipal water which recommend that irrigation be done at night to hold down expensive municipal water costs by avoiding evaporation.

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“We encourage our users to irrigate at all times of the day because it spreads out the demand on the pumping systems which can prevent reduced water pressure problems that happen when users are focused on a narrow time period such as a night,” said John Anderson, NMID Water Superintendent.

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 in Ada and Canyon counties. More information about the District is also available on its Internet web site: www.nmid.org.

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