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NAMPA & MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAX PAYMENTS DUE BY JUNE 20

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Final payment for 2010 irrigation taxes must be paid in full by June 20 for Treasure Valley residents with property inside the boundaries of the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, NMID officials said today.

Currently there are about 7,200 Treasure Valley properties for which the 2010 NMID taxes have not be paid in full. If the taxes are not paid by June 20, the property will be listed as delinquent. That triggers a mandatory process that first requires that a lien be established against the property. Then, if the tax bill remains unpaid, the law requires that tax deed action be taken against the property. That can potentially result in the property being sold at auction to satisfy the back taxes.

Last year the law required NMID to take tax deed action against 11 properties in Ada and Canyon Counties, with a total assessed value of \$1.83 million, because a total of \$15,695 in taxes had gone unpaid for three years.

"It's very important that property owners make sure their 2010 irrigation tax assessments are paid in full by June 20. The law gives residents owning property inside our District the choice of either paying the tax assessment in full or in two payments – December and June. June 20th is the second-payment deadline for those residents who chose to make two payments," said Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer.

The District mailed irrigation tax assessment notices to more than 37, 000 property owners last October. NMID officials stress that individuals who own property inside the District but who did not receive a tax levy notice should contact the District right away at 466-7861.

Residents can check to see whether they are delinquent on their NMID tax assessments by visiting the District's web site: www.nmid.org. The web site contains a listing of the names of property owners and a legal description of the parcel of land that are delinquent more than one full year in NMID taxes.

The taxes are used 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 in subdivisions around the valley.

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People with questions about their assessment payment or the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District should call the District office at 466-7861.

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

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