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Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District

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NAMPA & MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO FILL CANALS APRIL 14, 2022; **URGES USERS TO CONSERVE WATER**

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Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District (NMID) will fill its canals on April 14th and begin making deliveries no earlier than April 22nd.

The second straight year of drought conditions has the district facing very limited supplies of water going into this irrigation season. Managers have been closely monitoring the snow pack and reservoir levels and hoped for improving conditions but little precipitation in our basin has been received since December. The limited water supply will be closely monitored and cutbacks may be required to extend the season as long as possible. It will be extremely important that everyone does their part to conserve water anyway they can this year.

The NMID Board of Directors decided on the 2022 irrigation season dates at their April 5, 2022 meeting. Water will start down the head of the Ridenbaugh Canal from the Boise River near Barber Park at 2:00 a.m. on April 14th. Being mindful of the limited supply this year NMID crews will be bringing in the water as efficiently and safely as possible and are anticipating making deliveries no sooner than April 22nd. We will also begin charging up the pressurized irrigation systems that we own and operate beginning on April 14th. Residents need to have their systems ready to receive water.

Water levels in the District's canals will change daily. NMID officials warn that irrigation season is the start of a very dangerous period for children and adults. Canal water is very cold and currents are fast, creating dangerous conditions. Keep children away from canals. Recreation in canals is forbidden. NMID canals are private property, so playing in a canal or along its banks is trespassing under Idaho law.

NMID asks residents along irrigation facilities to keep the rights of way open and not obstruct these areas with items such as landscaping materials, vehicles, fences, and patio equipment. Keeping the rights of way open will greatly aid in bringing the water in the system in a timely manner.

NMID supplies pressurized irrigation water to more than 17,000 individual parcels of land, including 479 subdivisions in Ada and Canyon counties.

People who live in Nampa should check with the City of Nampa Water Works Division at (208)468-5860 if they have questions about pressurized irrigation delivery in their service area. Now is also a good time to remind everyone to hold their Lateral Ditch Users Association meetings to set up rotation schedules and elect their Watermasters for the 2022 season.

NMID delivers irrigation water to approximately 69,000 acres of Treasure Valley agricultural and residential lands in Ada and Canyon Counties. 2022 marks the 118th consecutive year of water deliveries to the Treasure Valley by the irrigation district.

For more information about the District call (208) 466-7861. Information is also available on its Internet website: www.nmid.org.