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IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAX BILLS **ON THE WAY TO TREASURE VALLEY RESIDENTS**

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More than 37,000 tax notices are schedule to go into the mail Thursday (October 20) to residents owning property inside the boundaries of the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, NMID officials announced today.

The taxes 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 about 15,000 individual subdivision parcels using pressurized irrigation systems owned and managed by the District in 380 residential subdivisions across the valley.

The District also cautioned that some residents, especially newcomers to the Treasure Valley, may think the assessment does not apply to them because their property does not receive irrigation water.

However, Idaho law states that irrigation system operation and maintenance levies are to be assessed against all properties inside the NMID boundaries, not just those actually using the water, according to Daren Coon, NMID Secretary Treasurer.

The tax levy on a property varies depending on several factors such as the size of the parcel and water right. District officials say the 2011 assessment has been set at approximately \$50.00 per acre, or approximately \$12.50 for a quarter-acre residential lot. Other costs such as for pressurized urban irrigation systems, assessment costs and drainage and reservoir maintenance charges are then added to the assessment to arrive at the final total tax bill.

The levy amounts are set each year by the District's Board of Directors. Revenue from the District's hydropower plant at Lucky Peak dam helped reduce the overall cost of operation and maintenance by about \$6.88 per acre, down 1 cent from 2010.

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Property owners have the option of paying the assessment in full or in two parts. At least the first half payment must be made by December 20. June 20 is the second-payment deadline for residents who chose to make two payments. Some property owners still owe tax assessments from previous years but may not be aware of it. Past due tax assessments are included in this year's notice. Also, a list of properties with back taxes owing will be available in January on the District's Internet web site at **www.nmid.org**.

People with questions about their assessment or the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District should call the District office. The telephone number is 208-466-7861.

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

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