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FAILURE TO PAY IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAXES PLACES PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AT RISK

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On Thursday (August 14), Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District Secretary/Treasurer, Daren Coon will visit five Treasure Valley residences to attempt to personally deliver a final written notice warning the owners that their property is on the verge of being sold at auction because they have failed to pay their irrigation district taxes for the past four years.

It's the final step in a painful tax collection process District officials say never needs to happen. The property owners facing tax deed auction of their property are those who have failed to pay District irrigation tax assessments for the years 2005 through 2007.

The unpaid taxes on the residential properties range from \$271 to \$844 for a total amount of \$2,350. Tax deed auction means the properties could end up being sold at auction for virtually pennies on the dollar or less to satisfy the back taxes, according to Coon.

“We identified these property owners through an extensive search of public records and have tried repeatedly to notify them about the unpaid taxes but have had nearly zero response. Hopefully someone will respond when I deliver the final written notice. Tax deed auction is absolutely the last thing the District ever wants to have happen to our property owners, but we have no choice because state law sets down the procedure that must be followed when property owners fail to pay their annual irrigation district assessment,” Coon said.

The list also includes taxes on a segment of land owned by a residential subdivision homeowners association.

Coon said the tax deed auction represents a miniscule percentage of the more than 36,000 property owners who receive annual tax assessment notices. NMID officials stress that individuals who own property inside the District but who did not receive their 2007 tax levy notice should contact the District right away at 466-7861.

Residents can check to see whether their previous year's NMID taxes are paid 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 unpaid taxes section of the District's web site currently lists the names of individuals, businesses and government agencies whose irrigation tax levies currently need to be paid.

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.

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 more than 14,800 individual parcels of land 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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