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(2022 Spring Newsletter



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rogue River Valley Irrigation District is to deliver water equitably and efficiently with the least amount of cost to its water users, keeping in mind the need for long range planning and environmental impact.

BOARD MEETINGS

The District Board Meetings are usually held at our office at 1:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and are open to the public. Please notify our office in advance if you wish to attend. Please remember that dates and times are subject to change and are posted on our website one week prior to the meeting. or you can call our office.

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***** IMPORTANT WAJER SEASON UPDATE 04/18/2022 *****

LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Rogue River Valley Irrigation District is gearing up to have yet another challenging year for irrigation deliveries. After a Board Meeting on April 13th, it was decided that as of right now, weather dependent, we will be charging the system May 16th, 2022. We will begin deliveries after the system is charged.

If by chance, we are lucky enough to have stream flows in early May and we can make full deliveries with those stream flows, then we may try and run one rotation off of those flows. The RRVID Crew will be working hard to put the system together and we will be ready to run early May if these flows are available.

So that we can be as efficient as possible, please help us by making sure that you are prepared to accept water in early May. If we are able to do this stream flow plan, then we may shut the system down after the first rotation and hold off for a few days, then start back up. Once we start back up - we will be using our reservoir storage at that time. Then, at that point-we will be running until our reservoir supply has been depleted.

All of this depends on the weather. If we happen to have a wet May and it is raining, then the May 16th date may change. However, this is our plan for now.

As of right now, unfortunately RRVID does not have water storage in Emigrant Lake. So, we will attempt to irrigate the entire District off of Agate Reservoir. This has never been attempted before and we do not know how long we can make this work. Although we are in unprecedented times, I assure you that we will do our very best with what we have.

Thanks to all of you for your patience as we work our way through this and try to be as efficient as we can, with the water that we have.

I would like to ask that if by chance you choose not to irrigate this season then please contact our District office and let us know. We can adjust rotations accordingly to accept your water and we will use that water in the most efficient way possible for our other Water Patrons.

Best regards,

Brian Hampson

Secretary/District Manager

Rogue River Valley Irrigation District

HELPFUL OFFICE INFORMATION

Our District office is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are sometimes closed during the lunch hour from 12 to 1. Please call us to make sure we are open if you are planning to come in during the lunch hour. Our Ditch Riders can be contacted by calling our District office at 541-773-6127.



KLAMATH ADJUDICATION

The Klamath Basin Adjudication is still on-going which requires numerous hours of work on behalf of the RBWUC legal counsel to find a resolution to contested water right issues. Now that the Adjudication process is in the court system in Klamath County and it is anticipated that it is going to be a very long drawn out process considering the numerous parties involved in the resolution process. We anticipated that the legal fees involved to get the resolution contested water rights will continue to be very expensive.

RRVID WEBSITE

We would like to remind you to please look at our website! We keep our website updated with important information about water levels, start date and end date of water season, photos, project information as well as other helpful/useful info. To view our website go to: www.rrvid.org

2022 RATE INCREASE

There are no rate increases for this year.

SINCE YOU ASKED!

We now accept credit & debit card payments by phone and in the office for your convenience! The fee is based on your payment amount and is .016 for debit and .026 for credit. If you are interested in this option please call us or come into the office!

COVID UPDATE

As of March 12, 2022, general indoor masking requirements are no longer in effect. We want our Water Patrons to feel comfortable coming to the district office. Masks are welcome and we are still following recommended disinfecting guidelines.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER!

If you switch your Irrigation to Water Conservation Equipment aka Sprinklers, then you cannot go back to Flood Irrigation.

Reclamation Reform Act (RRA)

ANY LAND OWNER WHO OWNS AND/OR LEASES IRRIGATED LAND TOTALLING 40.1 ACRES OR MORE MUST ANNUALLY (OR MORE OFTEN) FILE RRA FORMS WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE PRIOR TO RECEIVING IRRIGATION WATER. Please

contact the District Office before March 1st to request the appropriate form(s).

The Bureau of Reclamation requires that RRA forms be on file prior to any water being delivered to the property of owners who own and/or lease irrigated land totaling 40.1 acres or more. If your landholdings change in any way during the irrigation season, which includes moving your property into a trust or the passing of one or more of the property owners, it is imperative that you contact the District office to update your RRA forms.

The District makes every effort to help landowners comply with the RRA regulations, but it is absolutely the landowner's responsibility to understand the law and make sure that the correct forms are filled out and on file. Please remember when you make any changes in your landholdings that put you at 40.1 acres or more owned and/or leased, to contact the District office for the necessary RRA forms. If a landowner changes their ownership in any way, during the irrigation season and receives water without a new form on file, the landowner will be fined by the Bureau of Reclamation.



DROUGHT RESOURCES

Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD) has let us know that there are resources available from FSA (Farm Service Agency) for drought affected producers.

Go to:

<https://www.jswcd.org/farm-service-agency-resources>

This page provides a way for interested patrons to get in touch with their FSA representatives about these programs.

JSWCD also has other helpful resources and information for dealing with drought in agriculture.

Go to:

<https://www.jswcd.org/resources-for-dealing-with-drought-in-agriculture>

And for drought information in general go to:

<https://www.jswcd.org/dealing-with-drought>

JSWCD will be updating these resources as they learn of new ones.

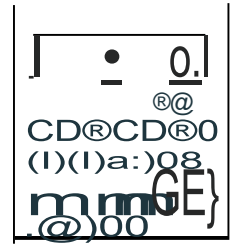


2022 MAINTENANCE SEASON

Canal, road and right-of-way maintenance is underway at RRVID. Please remember to remove all debris, obstacles, pipeline, bridges, walk boards etc, in anticipation of our equipment coming your way. Each Fall after water has been shut off, the silt and vegetation needs to be removed from the canal. RRVID typically puts this material back across the canal road or uses it to level the road from damages caused by human and animal traffic during the Spring. RRVID's Easements and right-of-way's are for District access, operation and maintenance only. The Easements are not for public right-of-way. Entrance onto these areas may constitute trespassing on the underlying landowners property. RRVID does the mowing of the canal banks during Fall and Spring. RRVID uses flail mowers that mount onto out tractor to mow blackberries and brush. We request that our water users please limit the use of canal ditch roads during off season which can cause damage to the roads and make more work for our maintenance crew. Thank you for our help and consideration in this matter.



If you have an email address you would like us to have on file, please email Pam@rrvid.org and it will be added to your account. We will never give out your personal information and will only use your email to contact you regarding RRVID related information when we cannot reach you by phone or if email is your preferred form of contact Jet us know that too!



INFO FROM THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

RRVID operates on a calendar year.

Assessments are mailed out the 1st week of January. To have uninterrupted water delivery, please pay your bill in a timely manner. We give our patrons an interest free grace period which ends on February 28th. Interest is added March 1st and is retroactive to January 1st. If you wish to set up a payment plan, you must have a signed payment agreement on file in our office for the current year. Please email Pam@rrvid.org or call the office.

- + A \$25.00 late fee will be added April 1st to all accounts that have not signed a payment agreement or paid their account in full.
- + In July, a Lien will be filed with Jackson County for all unpaid Irrigation fees, plus interest and the Lien Fee of \$316.00.

To assure water delivery-your account must be either 1) paid in full or 2) you have a signed payment agreement on file.

KEEP US UP TO DATE!

Please remember if you have any change in mailing address, phone number or sold your property and are still receiving a bill from us, or if you have not received your bill- it is your responsibility to contact our office by email or phone, to update your account.

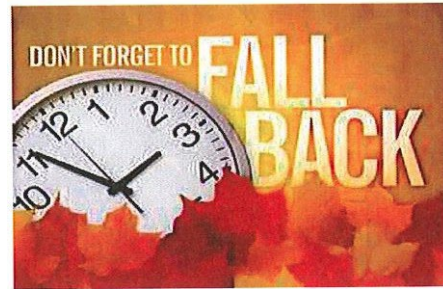
RRVID WILL BE CLOSED ON THISE DATES: 2022

- + JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY
- + FEBRUARY 15 PRESIDENTS DAY
- + MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY
- + SEPTEMBER 5 LABOR DAY
- + NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS DAY
- + NOVEMBER 23 CLOSE AT NOON
- + NOVEMBER 24 & 25 THANKSGIVING
- + DECEMBER 23 CLOSE AT NOON
- + DECEMBER 26 OF CHRISTMAS CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE



Sunday, March 13, 2022

Sunday, November 6, 2022



TEACUP DIAGRAM: US Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific NW Region. Bear Creek and Little Butte Creek Basins. This Diagram is as of 01/19/2021 For more information or to view the most current teacup at any time go to <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/roguetea.html> or visit our website to find the link.

04/17/2022

