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2026 NEWSLETTER

A LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT MANAGER

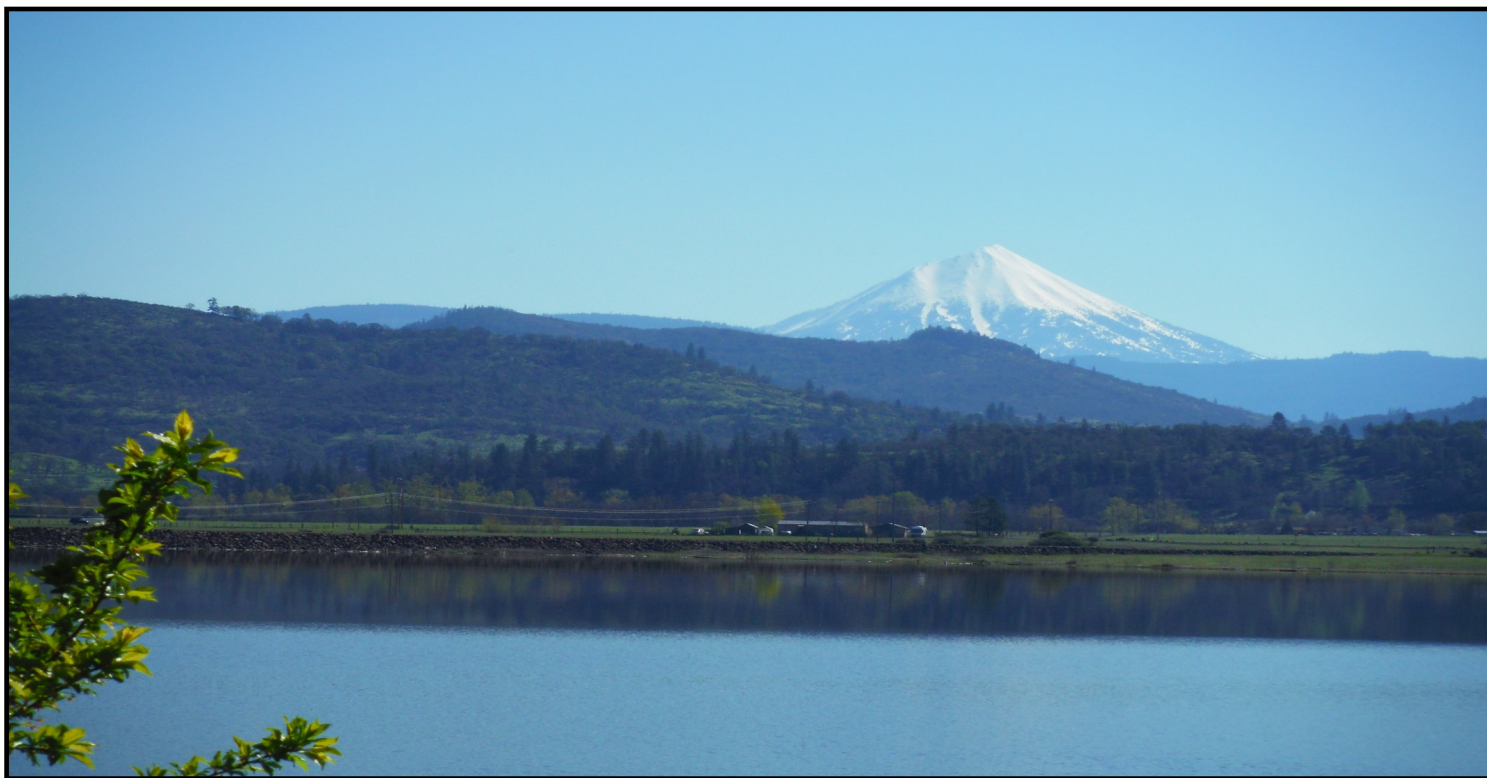
RRVID is in the process of getting the district ready to run irrigation water for the fast-approaching 2026 season. As I'm sure you are all aware we haven't received much for snow pack this year. So, we are struggling trying to collect all the water we can and get it moved to the reservoirs as best as we can. With that said, I believe that we have enough carry over from last year to help supplement for the 2026 season. It may be tight, but if we are diligent and our patrons move and use the water efficiently, I believe we will have a close to normal season. I'm still optimistic and there is still time to get snow on the mountains.

I'm excited to announce that RRVID and the City of Medford are working together on exploring the possibility of using recycled water for irrigation. If this happens, it would go a long way in making RRVID drought resilient in the upcoming years. Please see the information sheet that is attached to this newsletter. You are invited to attend the public scoping meeting to learn about the proposed project, ask questions, and submit comments and concerns. The meeting is April 7, 2026 from 6-7pm at Rogue Community College Table Rock Campus, Room 184, 7800 Pacific Ave, White City, OR 97503.

I hope for more snow in the mountains and rain in the valley before the start of the season, and as always, if we all work together, we can have a successful 2026 irrigation season.

Sincerely,

Brian Hampson



HELPFUL OFFICE INFORMATION

Our office is open Monday thru Friday 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. To speak with your Ditch Rider please call our District office at 541-773-6127 and we will get a message to him.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET US KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE:

- ♦ Sold your property
- ♦ Have a name change for your account that matches Jackson County
- ♦ Have a new mailing address
- ♦ Have a new phone number
- ♦ Have a new email address or want to add one to your account
- ♦ Have not received your bill for the year

Its easy to keep us informed! You can email rrvid@rrvid.org or call our office



CANAL SAFETY!!

Waters in the canal are non-potable and for irrigation purposes only. Do not drink, swim, bathe or otherwise contact the water. It is not recommended for pet and livestock drinking. The water is fast-moving and treacherous for humans and animals. For this reason, stay away from the canal and ALWAYS keep children, pets and farm animals away. If you see an animal in the canal, contact the District right away. Please do not attempt to remove any animal on your own.

NO DUMPING!!

DUMPING LAWN CLIPPINGS, BRANCHES, GARBAGE, FUELS, GARDEN PESTICIDES, DEBRIS IN THE CANAL IS PROHIBITED. These are harmful, plug up downstream irrigators and cause damage to pumps. Violators will be subject to law enforcement and trespass. We ask patrons to help our crew control this problem and report violations to the office. By working together, we can stop this practice and keep our canal cleaner.

2026 RATE INCREASE

The District has made a small increase to the per-acre charge, from \$79.49 to \$81.87. All other fees will remain the same for 2026. We accept credit & debit card by phone and in the office, for your convenience! The fee is based on your payment amount. It is .016 for debit and .026 for credit.

RRVID WEBSITE

Please remember to go to our website! Our website is always updated with important information about District news, letters from our manager, Tea-cup Diagram (water levels in real time), water season start and end date, photos, projects etc To view our website go to rrvid.org

RECLAMATION REFORM ACT (RRA)

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

Please contact Laurie at our 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 land owner'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.

For any questions or information regarding RRA's, please contact Laurie at our District office.

DROUGHT RESOURCE INFORMATION

Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD) provides technical assistance and sometimes financial assistance for water conservation and adaption, both in ag and residential spaces.

To find their website go to > <https://www.jswcd.org/>
For Drought information go to > <https://www.jswcd.org/drought>
For technical and financial assistance info go to > <https://www.jswcd.org/services> OR
<https://www.jswcd.org/water-conservation-and-adaptation>



2026 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. Entering 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 our 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!

KLAMATH ADJUDICATION

The Klamath Basin Adjudication is still on-going which requires numerous hours of work on behalf of the RBWUC (Rogue Basin Water Users Council) legal counsel to find a resolution to contested water right issues. Now that the Adjudication process is in the court system in Klamath County, it is anticipated that it is going to be a very long and expensive process, considering the numerous parties involved in the resolution process.

If you would like us to have your email address on file, please email the office and your email will be added to your account (rrvid @rrvid.org). We never share your personal information. We will only use your email for district related important information when we cannot reach you by phone or email is your preferred form of contact.

RRVID 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 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month and they are open to the public. Please notify our office in advance if you wish to attend. Remember that meeting dates and times are subject to change. We will post meeting info on our website one week prior to the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Maintenance

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Field Supervisor

Hagen
West Side Ditch Rider

Brian
East Side Ditch Rider

For 2026 - RRVID WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE DATES:

CLOSED ON:

- ♦ JANUARY 1
- ♦ FEBRUARY 16
- ♦ MAY 25
- ♦ JUNE 19
- ♦ JULY 4
- ♦ SEPTEMBER 7
- ♦ NOVEMBER 11
- ♦ NOVEMBER 26 & 27
- ♦ DECEMBER 25

IN OBSERVANCE OF:

- NEW YEARS DAY
- PRESIDENTS DAY
- MEMORIAL DAY
- JUNETEENTH
- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- LABOR DAY
- VETERANS DAY
- THANKSGIVING
- CHRISTMAS



INFORMATION FROM OUR ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT



Just a friendly reminder...

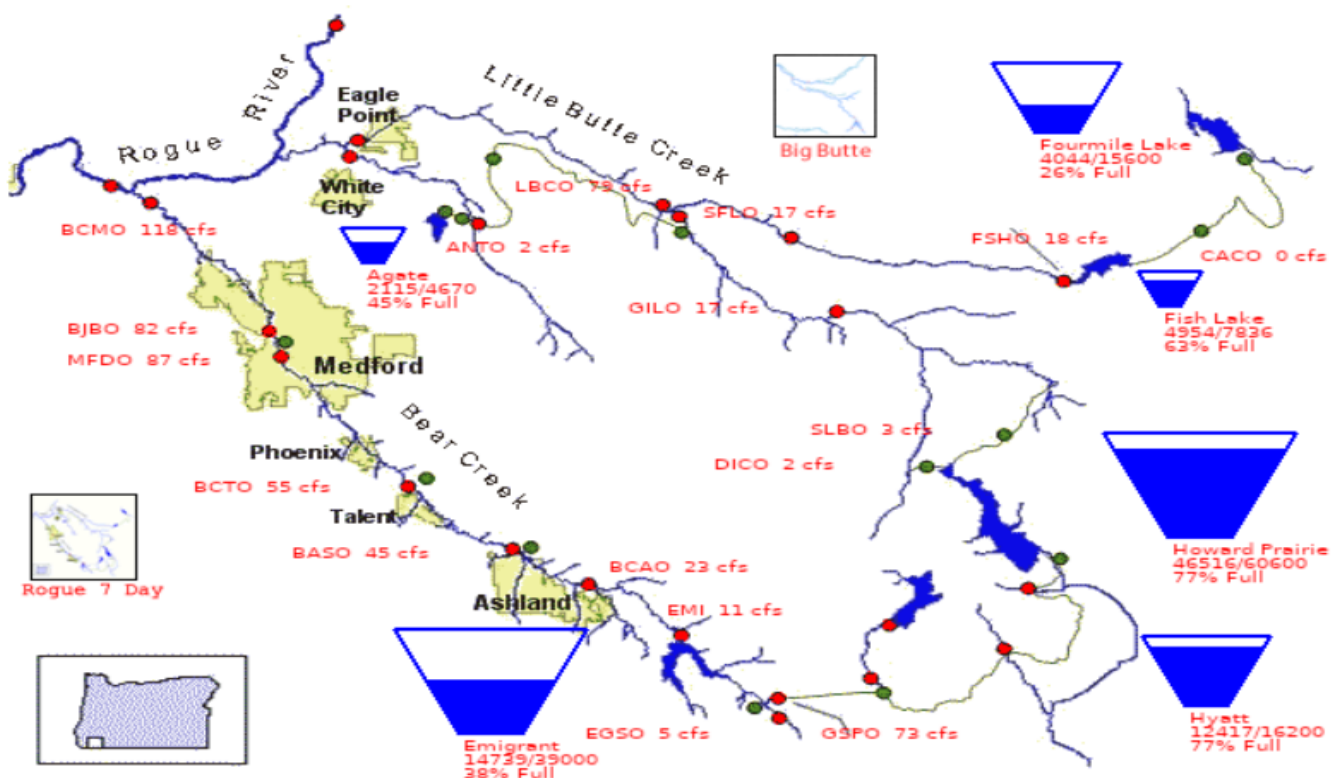
RRVID operates on a calendar year. Assessments are mailed out the 1st week of January. To have uninterrupted water delivery, please pay your bill in a timely manner. We give our patrons an interest free grace period which ends on February 28th. Interest is added to all accounts on March 1st and is retroactive 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 rrvid@rrvid.org or call the office to set up the plan.

- ♦ A \$25.00 late fee will be added on April 1st to all accounts that have not signed a payment agreement or paid their account in full.
- ♦ In July, the District must file a Lien at Jackson County, for all unpaid Irrigation fees, plus interest and the Lien Fee of \$325.00.

To assure water delivery for the 2026 Water Season: 1) your account must be paid in full or 2) you must have a signed payment agreement on file in the District office and be making your monthly payments.

TEACUP DIAGRAM: US Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific NW Region. Bear Creek and Little Butte Creek Basins. This Diagram is as of 02/19/2026. For more information or to view the most current Teacup Diagram, go to <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/roguetea.html> or visit our website to find the link.

02/19/2026



INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP LOOKS TO ENHANCE WATER SUSTAINABILITY

Rogue River Valley Irrigation District and City of Medford Exploring Options to Improve Water Stewardship and Sustainable Water

This partnership aims to enhance water sustainability by utilizing recycled water for agricultural irrigation, improving water stewardship, and creating long-term water resiliency in the region.

As part of Rogue River Valley Irrigation District's (RRVID) broader irrigation modernization effort to enhance water security and reliability while meeting environmental goals, water reuse can play a key role in the District's future. RRVID has secured funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to assess the potential for a piped and pressurized system that would utilize recycled water.

The partnership exemplifies the region's forward-thinking water resource management approach—maximizing the value of available water and protecting the future of agriculture.

A WIN-WIN

The City of Medford is undertaking significant upgrades to its Regional Water Reclamation Facility to enhance its capacity and capability in water treatment. This project focuses on addressing new Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus limits while also providing the opportunity to provide a reliable supply of water for local agriculture and conserve water resources.

KEY FEATURES

TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

The facility will undergo extensive upgrades to meet more stringent temperature limits, more stringent ammonia limits that apply year-round, and new requirements to meet total nitrogen and total phosphorous ensuring compliance with state and federal guidelines.

RECYCLED WATER PRODUCTION

The upgrades will enable the production of recycled water that is treated to a high standard and suitable for various uses, including agricultural irrigation.

CAPACITY FOR WATER PRODUCTION

The facility will have the capability to produce up to 17.5 million gallons per day, equivalent to 27 cubic feet per second, significantly increasing the water supply available for community and agricultural needs.

IRRIGATION SEASON AVAILABILITY

Recycled water for agricultural reuse will be available from April 1 to October 31, aligning with the irrigation season to support agricultural activities in the region.

PROJECTED AVAILABILITY

The City plans to begin producing recycled water for agricultural reuse as early as September 2030 in compliance with state and federal requirements.



RRVID FACTS

713 patrons served

9,600 acres irrigated

Irrigation season
April 15 - October 1

93-mile system

Droughts and climate
impacting water availability

PROJECT BENEFITS



DROUGHT RESILIENCE

Reduces dependence on traditional water sources, enhancing community resilience to drought conditions.



INCREASED RELIABLE IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY

Produces a consistent and reliable supply of water that is suitable for agricultural uses, extending the irrigation season and promoting agricultural production to improve crop yields.



IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION

RRVID, in collaboration with the City and NRCS, is planning infrastructure modernization efforts to efficiently accept and convey the recycled water to its patrons.



IMPROVED STREAMFLOWS

Allows RRVID to meet irrigation demand while decreasing diversions from existing water sources, helping to sustain surface water levels.



FISHERIES AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

Protects and enhances local fisheries and aquatic habitats by reducing effluent discharge into surface waters.



FIRE OUTLETS

Provides additional water sources for wildfire management and firefighting efforts.



ENVIRONMENTAL GOAL SUPPORT

Aligns with and supports local and state environmental goals, promoting sustainable water management practices. Protects and enhances local fisheries and aquatic habitats by decreasing diversions and reducing effluent discharge into surface waters.



INNOVATIVE AND ECO-FRIENDLY SOLUTION

Provides an innovative approach to water resource management, contributing to environmental stewardship.

WHAT IS WATER REUSE?

Water reuse, or water recycling, is the process of capturing wastewater and treating it for safe use in various applications, such as:

IRRIGATION
(agricultural or landscape)

INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES

**SURFACE WATER
REPLENISHMENT**

WATERSHED RESTORATION

By reusing water, communities can conserve water resources and reduce discharge into surface waters. Recycled water supports water conservation by reducing the withdrawal of water for non-potable uses and improving water quality by reducing treated effluent discharges into surface waters.

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