



Newsletter
North Unit Irrigation District

Manager's Message

As the year winds down and we look back at the year in review the District was initially optimistic about how the irrigation season would unfold. We began with a full Wickiup reservoir and snow in the hills, albeit not a lot, but enough to feel comfortable setting what the District believed to be a conservative allotment.

For those not familiar, allotments are set based on the best available information the District has at the time. This information includes current weather reports and forecasts, reservoir levels, snow levels and river/stream flows, all of which are monitored regularly regardless of the month or time of the season. Additionally, the District has accumulated decades of data regarding reservoir storage (season ending/beginning), river flows from Wickiup releases, natural river flows, amounts pumped from the Crooked River and corresponding allotments

based on all of the above. The District also works closely with the Oregon Water Resources Department receiving regular forecasts and updates on basin supplies and demands. Also taken into account were the nuances of operating a system for 7 decades in one manner then turning it upside down to address the needs of our friend the Oregon Spotted Frog (sarcasm noted). The District completely understands how difficult this past season was for everyone, especially towards the end when waterusers wanted a definitive shut off date. The reason for describing all of this is to acknowledge that setting allocations or allotments, particularly in water challenged years, is no easy task. Even taking all the information and inputs noted above into account there is still many unknowns (sink holes, heat waves, spring/summer precipitation, etc.) that affect our supplies following set allotments. The

District does its best to meet allotments that have been set as demonstrated this past season by delivering 112,692 acre-feet as compared to the 10 year delivery average of 114,333 acre-feet.

Having said all of that and without surprise there will most likely be allotments set for the 2019 season based on where things sit today. Where we sit today is with Wickiup at nearly 60,000 acre-feet and a snowpack of 64% for the Upper Deschutes and Crooked Basin. As the late Jerry Reed song says "We've got a long way to go and a short time to get there". In closing I would like to thank district patrons and waterusers, the board of directors and district employees for your support and fortitude during the 2018 irrigation season.

District Right-of-Ways/Easements

It's the season for maintenance and general upkeep of the project. All canals, laterals, roads and control devices of the District are within the right-of-ways established by the Bureau of Reclamation when the project was constructed. They were established to allow the District to operate, maintain and repair the District's works. Landowners and waterusers may not encroach on or re-

strain the District from free access on these lands. The rights-of-ways are not to be used as public thoroughfares. Please keep these areas clear of buildings, fences, equipment, etc. Maps of right-of-way widths are available at the District office. Tree and woody vegetation removal from canals and easements is part of routine operations and maintenance, removal improves canal integrity.

District Charges

The 2019 District operating budget was approved and District charges were set at the board of directors' meeting on November 19, 2018. An explanation of the 2019 District charges is included with this newsletter.

The approved budget is available for review at the District office.



The District office will be closed for the holidays beginning at noon on December 24, 2018 through December 25, 2018. Also at noon on December 31, 2018 through January 1, 2019

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Assistant Manager Retiring

More changes are underway within the District as current Assistant Manager Kirk Holcomb prepares to retire from the district in January 2019. In Kirk's 31 years with the District he has held numerous positions beginning on the maintenance crew, then onto ditchrider, watermaster and currently assistant manager. Kirk has enjoyed his years of working with the farmers, but is ready for a slower pace and is looking forward to spending more time with family. Good luck Kirk and enjoy the next

chapter of your life.

Gary Calhoun who has served as District watermaster for the past 12 years will transition into the operations manager position. Like many others before him, Gary began his 16 years with the District working as a ditchrider, moving to watermaster and now into the operations manager role. Gary's experience with the District will be beneficial as we prepare to phase into upcoming changes.

Equipment Rental

Remember to schedule your equipment rental jobs before March 1, 2019 in order to allow District staff time to complete your project prior to the 2019 irrigation season. Contact Gary for arrangements.

Farm Fair Information

The 39th annual Central Oregon Farm Fair & Trade Show is scheduled for February 6 & 7, 2019 from 9 am - 4 pm at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Instream Water Leasing

The Deschutes River Conservancy and the District are collaborating to offer their annual water leasing program for 2019. The deadline for sign up is March 1, 2019.

For questions contact the District office. In addition information regarding the program can be obtained by visiting the District's website.

Board Member Election Results

Two petitions were received for Division 4 which resulted in a District wide election held on November 13, 2018 to decide between candidates Richard Macy and Barry Dinkel. Richard Macy received the most votes and will serve another 3-year term beginning January

1, 2019. Director Macy has been on the board of directors since 1985 and has previously served as chairman of the board. His experience and unselfish dedication to the District are both admired and appreciated. Thank you for your continued service.

Ownership Changes

Ownership changes such as, marriage, divorce, death, establishing trusts, LLC's or other entities all need to be reported to the District. It is important that our records are kept current and match the ownership documents record-

ed with the county. These changes can directly effect those waterusers that are required to complete Reclamation Reform Act certification forms. Please update us as these changes occur.

Temporary Water Right Transfers

The District has been participating in a pilot project for temporary transfers, which allows a landowner to dry up a piece of land and move the water right to another parcel for the water season.

Please contact the District office for a list of all requirements, procedures or questions. The District fee to process a temporary transfer is \$200 per transfer.

Office Hours

Non Irrigation Season:

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30

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Division 4: Richard Macy



NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2018-06

November 19, 2018

A motion was made by Director Macy and seconded by Director Fine to adopt the following resolution, and when put to vote, the motion unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of November 2018, the Board of Directors of the North Unit Irrigation District adopted a resolution fixing the time for the making and collecting of irrigation district charges for the year 2019.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the distribution facilities of the irrigation system of said district as well as to provide funds for the district's administration expenses in conducting its business affairs.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Board of Directors of the North Unit Irrigation District do hereby compute a charge necessary to be raised by said district to pay and be applied towards the cost of operation, maintenance, repairs and administration in conducting the business affairs of the district's irrigation system. The charge shall be in the sum of \$57.26 for each acre or portion of an acre on all its irrigable lands within the boundaries of said district. Landowners with less than an acre of irrigable land will be charged a minimum charge based on one acre of irrigable land.

ACCOUNT CHARGE

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Board of Directors sets the account charge at \$180 per owner of an account or accounts as set forth in Resolution No. 2013-02 adopted January 8, 2013.

HCP/NEPA/OSF/CR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Board of Directors established a special assessment to cover the costs of the Habitat Conservation Plan, which includes a NEPA, the Oregon Spotted Frog litigation, the Crooked River legislation implementation and PR/Marketing for these issues. The charge shall be in the sum of \$6.46 per acre on all irrigable lands within the boundaries of the said district.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that said charges are due and payable at the close of business on the 31st day of December 2018.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the 15th day of April 2019 shall become and is made the date fixed that if a charge is not paid that interest shall be charged on all such unpaid charges at the rate of 1 1/3 percent per month, each and every month, or fraction of a month after April 15, 2019, to such date the delinquent charges are paid.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the secretary may file a Notice of Lien at any time after April 15, 2019 with the County Clerk in and for Jefferson County, Oregon as allowed and described in ORS 545.494 regarding the charge or charges remaining unpaid. The procedure for filing liens is set forth in Resolution 2008-15 adopted by the board of directors on September 9, 2008.

EXCESS WATER CHARGES

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that in regards to the Deschutes water right acres that the first acre foot or fraction thereof of water delivered in excess of 2.0 acre feet per acre, if available, shall be charged at the rate of \$34.36 per acre foot. All water delivered in excess of 3.0 acre feet per acre, if available, shall be charged at the rate of \$40.08 per acre foot.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that in regards to the Crooked River water right acres that the first acre foot or fraction thereof of water delivered in excess of 1.0 acre foot per acre, if available, shall be charged at the rate of \$34.36 per acre foot. All water delivered in excess of 2.0 acre feet per acre, if available, shall be charged at the rate of \$40.08 per acre foot.

NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

DEBT CHARGES

RESOLUTION 2018-07

November 19, 2018

A motion was made by Director Fine and seconded by Director Macy to adopt the following resolution, and when put to vote, the motion unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of November 2018, the Board of Directors of the North Unit Irrigation District adopted a resolution fixing the time for the making and collecting of irrigation district charges for the year 2019.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide funds for debt repayment.

CONSTRUCTION CHARGE

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Board of Directors of the North Unit Irrigation District do hereby compute a charge necessary to be raised by said district for the repayment obligation under the District's repayment contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. The charge shall be in the sum of \$2.35 per acre on all Deschutes and Crooked River water right lands, with the exception of lands that have prepaid their construction obligation.

SAFETY OF DAMS CHARGE

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Board of Directors executed a repayment contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for repayment of the District's share of the costs to modify Wickiup Dam under the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act Amendments of 1984 (Public Law 98-404). The Board of Directors sets the charge for repayment of the Safety of Dams at \$6.00 per acre on all Deschutes water right acres. The contract also specifies an annual account charge based on the number of accounts under one ownership, with acreage of 10 acres or less. The Board of Directors sets this charge at \$15.18 per account on landowners with Deschutes water rights.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that said charges are due and payable at the close of business on the 31st day of December 2018.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the 15th day of April 2019 shall become and is made the date fixed that if a charge is not paid that interest shall be charged on all such unpaid charges at the rate of 1 1/3 percent per month, each and every month, or fraction of a month after April 15, 2019, to such date the delinquent charges are paid.

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Done and dated this 19th day of November 2018.