



# South Board of Control Newsletter

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## COVID 19 Virus Update

Due to Coronavirus we are doing business over the phone, and by mail. Our office is locked but we have a slot in the door that payments and forms can be put through. We are available by phone (208)337-3760 so you can call for bill totals, or any other questions you may have.

Water orders can be made over the phone or by dropping off cards at the water office. If you would like to leave your cards at card stop on your ditch riders ride you will need to contact your rider to set this up. You can call your rider between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. You must call by 7:30 a.m., if you call later you will have to wait for water to be ordered. No calls after 1:00 p.m. You can still call the normal water office numbers between 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., someone will forward your calls to your rider. Individual Rider Numbers are as listed below:

Water Office Phone Numbers  
 (208)337-3505 & (208)337-4141

- #21 Clark Maybon.....695-4535
- #22 Dave Bowman.....899-7581
- #24 Andy Howard.....869-1746
- #25 Servando Zalazar...880-8187
- #26 Kenny Woods.....250-6083

## Manager Notes

Due to the trying times we are in, I held off on sending the newsletter out, till water was on. Things were changing daily so I wanted to see how things were going to play out. I have no doubt we will make it through this water year smoothly.

With the earlier scare we have determined that even after the earth quake, the tunnel is in good shape. The dam also checked out good.

We have almost completed the A-2 project and it should be ready for water soon.

The board was able to hold the assessment to an increase of .02 cents an acre in Gem and .01 cent an acre in Ridgeview. For 2020 rates are \$60.08 for Gem and \$60.57 Ridgeview.

## Board Members

### Gem District

Rick Smith, Chair  
 Chris Landa, Vice Chair  
 Dennis Turner  
 Ryan Criffield  
 Steve Clapier

### Ridgeview District

Mark Aman, Chair  
 Brett Nielson, Vice Chair  
 John Lax

## Board Meeting Change

Until further notice monthly board meetings will be held via "Zoom" if you wish to attend call the main office for information.

**Let's have a good water year**

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## Owyhee Water Supply

As of the writing of this newsletter the dam is over 600,000-acre feet which is 84% full. We still have fair snow pack up high, so we will see how it comes off. The water allotment for the 2020 season has been set at 4-acre feet per acre in all districts. Be sure if you want to work your water together with owned and leased properties that you come in and complete the required forms prior to water use.

**NOTE:** There will be no water user meeting in 2020, any concerns can be handled by contacting the office.

## Dates to Remember

**Prior to Water Use** – Assessments are due and for those that own or operate over 240 acres Reclamation Forms (RRA) are due. If you make any operation or ownership changes during the year, you **must** complete a new form within 60 days to meet Bureau of Reclamation requirements.  
**June 1** - Declaration of Land Leased Forms

## Computerized Water Program

The new computerized water entry program has continued to work well. Remember you have the option to view your property water entries. You will need to contact the office for instruction, an activation pin and customer number for sign-in to your account. This is for viewing only. The web site is:

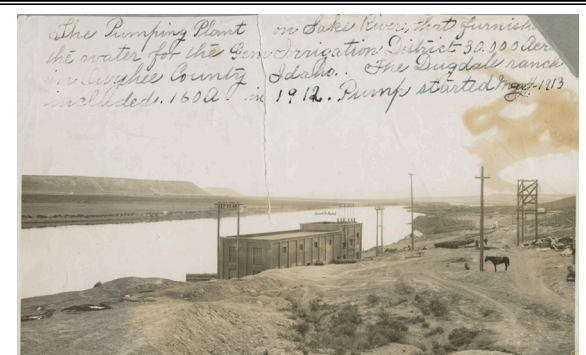
[www.southboardofcontrol.com](http://www.southboardofcontrol.com)

## Change in Water Letter Mailing

With a full allotment year and the option to review water entries on line we will only be mailing out one water letter later in the water season. Please feel free to contact us here at the office for water balances at any time we will be glad to look them up for you if needed.

## SILT NOTICE

THE DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTROLLING SILT RUNOFF FROM YOUR PROPERTY. A NEW IDAHO LAW STATES THAT LAND OWNERS CAN BE CHARGED FOR SILT REMOVAL IF THE DISTRICT WOULD DETERMINE THAT SILT HAS BECOME AN ISSUE ON YOUR PROPERTY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR EXCESS SILT RUNOFF



### Additional Notes:

- Remember to include your property number or customer number with your assessment payments
- Water orders can be called in to ditch riders between 7 and 7:30 a.m. at (208)337-4141, or (208)337-3760 or (208)337-3505 with 24-hour notice