

South Board of Control Newsletter

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Owyhee Water Supply

As of the writing of this newsletter the dam is 62% full. The water allotment for the 2019 season has been set at 4-acre feet per acre in all districts with no excess for New Gem and Ridgeview at this time. In the Old Gem, excess is available if excess charges are paid. 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 2019, any concerns can be handled by contacting the office. Water delivery date has been set tentatively for April 8, 2019

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 southboardofcontrol.com

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

Manager Notes

The board was able to keep the assessment in the Ridgeview District the same and Gem District a reduction of .07 cents per acre for 2019. They also authorized the purchase of a spare transformer for the Marsing Pumping Plant, and replaced the C line from the pumping plant to canal. This is great insurance that we will be able to keep water running to the district. The crew has also been busy this winter and spring getting the upgrade to the Gem 2 pumping plant completed, the jump creek siphon repaired and removing trees from the south canal. It also looks like our weed pre-emergent program has been working well. I want to thank the board and crew for their hard work in keeping the irrigation flowing.

Board Members

Gem District

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

Ridgeview District

John Lax, Chair
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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

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