



# Hayden Lake Irrigation District

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## District Bylaws

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### Important Dates to Remember:

- **October 20:** Board Meeting at 6 PM
- **October 31st:** 3rd Qtr water payment due
- **November Board Meetings:** 11/3 & 11/17
- **December Board Meeting:** 12/1 & 12/15
- **December 20:** First Half of Irrigation Assessments Due

*Domestic Allotments for 3rd quarter is 45,000 gallons and 4th quarter is 15,000 gallons .*

Hayden Lake Irrigation District is revising its bylaws. Bylaws are the Districts primary governing document, they can be best described as the Districts contract with its patrons, or members.

The Districts current bylaws were in need of revision. We made some minor revisions last year but at that time the District Board recognized a major rewrite was necessary. We have been working on the revisions and the final

draft of that rewrite is ready for presentation to our members, and receiving your comments back.

The draft proposed bylaws are available at our office and on our website. The copy available will include both the current existing bylaws and the proposed bylaws. If you obtain them from our website you will need Adobe Reader, a free version is available and a link will be provided

## Water Rate Increase

Water rates have been established and a small increase was necessary. The domestic rate charged to residences will increase from \$ 50.00 per quarter to \$52.50 per quarter. Water allocations will remain the same and excess water will continue to be charged at \$0.75 per 1000 gallons.

The District has absorbed consistent electrical rate increases for the past few years by improving our efficiency of

operations. We are anticipating an electrical rate increase of 12% from Kootenai Electric in October and 3% from Avista later this year. We use both utilities at our well sites. The Districts rate increase is 5%. The 2010 Irrigation Assessment will also increase by \$4.00 per acre. This will be discussed in more detail in the newsletter included with the Irrigation Assessment bill.

## Billing Cycles

We thought this would be a good time to remind everyone of our billing cycle; mailing time frame and due dates for our 5 bills per year.

Irrigation Assessments are billed in the fall and due by December 20th of that year. If the first half is paid by December 20th, then the second half is due by June 20th of the following year. No statement is sent for the second half. You can always choose to pay the entire bill by the December 20th due date.

It is our goal to have the Irrigation Assessment bills sent out by the end of October.

The Domestic Quarterly statements are sent in the following months are due by the end of that month:

<u>Month Sent</u>	<u>Water Usage Period</u>
January	October, November, and December
April	January, February, and March
July	April, May, and June
October	July, August, and September

In a nut shell you will receive a bill from us in October, November, January, April, and July.

## Mailing Address and Bill Payments

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Our mailing address changed last July. We no longer use the post office box. We have noted this change in each of the newsletters since. The postal service is no longer forwarding the mail from our old address.

If you use your banks on-line bill payment system you need to verify that the address and account numbers are correct. Bill pay systems work by forwarding your payment request to a third party check writing service. That service prepares a check in the amount you direct and ***mails*** it to us. If the address is incorrect we will not receive the payment. You will not know we didn't receive the payment, until you receive a Delinquent Notice and we have applied a late charge, penalties and interest to your account balance.

**To avoid this**, all you need to do is check the address you have directed your bank to send the payment to, and make sure the account number is correct. Adding the home street address will provide a second method for us to apply your payment correctly. This will help ensure we receive the payment, and are able to apply it to your account. Thank you for taking a moment to verify your information is correct.

Our mailing address is:

Hayden Lake Irrigation District  
2160 W. Dakota Ave.  
Hayden, ID 83835-5122

## Homestead / Livestock Resolution

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The District Board passed a resolution (Resolution # 09-01) regarding livestock watering. This resolution allows for the use of the existing irrigation allotment to be used for the purpose of providing water to certain types of livestock or agricultural animals during the winter, or non-irrigation season. To qualify a customer must own or lease/rent at least 2.5 acres and maintain two (2) or more livestock on their property. Livestock is defined as hoofed animals raised for private or commercial purposes. Customers

must apply for this use on a form provided by the District. Each application is reviewed and approved by the District Board. If approved the customer must then validate every two years following that this classification still applies. No additional water is provided through this classification. If you feel this would apply to your property and use, you are invited to complete the form which is available at the District office. Please note that domesticated pets such as dogs, cats and such do not meet the criteria to qualify.

## Water Right Adjudication

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All property owners in the Hayden and Rathdrum zip codes have received a letter regarding water rights. Property owners in the Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls zip codes will be receiving this letter in the near future.

For properties held within Hayden Lake Irrigation District's service area the District holds and maintains the water rights. We use these water rights to pump the water that we provide to our customers. The District has filed all appropriate forms to meet the requirements of adjudication. Adjudication is a legal term meaning a legal process conducted through a District court to determine the extent and validity of existing water rights. An adjudication does not

create new water rights, it only confirms existing rights. The adjudication process will not take away existing water rights that are valid (i.e.: water is being used for the correct purpose).

If customers of the District hold property outside of the District, but within the area shown on the map included with the letter, and that property has a water source that is individual, private, or not provided by a water utility then you would want to be sure to file the adjudication paperwork for those rights. Questions should be directed to the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

## How to Contact Us

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