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It's all Down Hill from here!

The mission of Tumalo Irrigation District is to manage our available resources to meet the present and future water needs of our service area by providing a reliable supply of irrigation water in an environmentally and economically responsible manner in an atmosphere of courtesy, integrity and quality of service.

Stock Run Information

Stock runs usually begin on Monday and end on Friday. Please check your ponds early in the week to avoid missing a stock run.

Stock runs are scheduled around clean-up and construction work by the field crew.

If a stock run is delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather, (see www.tumalo.org for why) we may have to reschedule a run with little or no notice.



Winter Stock Runs

If your head gate is closed and you want water, please call the District office.

Under those circumstances, please call the office for current information, or visit our web page, as sending out notices usually is not an option.

The Last Winter Stock run will be on February 23, 2009 weather permitting.



2009 Season Info

- The 2009 irrigation season will start on **Monday, April 20, 2009**
- The District will attempt to deliver as much water as possible, but at this time it is too early to predict a percentage. Currently Crescent Lake is only 72% full.
- The next Winter Stock run will be on **February 23, 2009** weather permitting.
- If you wish to transfer water during 2009, please contact the District Office as soon as possible.

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Manager's Report

I hope that 2008 was a good year for all of you despite the poor economy. The water assessment for the 2009 season has been raised about 8%. Several things have contributed to this increase but mostly the costs in fuel and inflation. Your Board of Directors and TID management struggled to cover these expenses and have a balanced budget. Currently TID has no debt and we are working hard to keep it that way.

It is too early to make any prediction about snow-pack and water supply for 2009. As of this date, Crescent Lake is 72% full with 63,335 acre feet of water which is an increase of 1530 acre feet over this time last year. The water year started off with a bang,

but December and January were slow water months. This placed us below average, but it looks like February is starting wetter, hopefully we will catch-up by the start of the irrigation season.

The newsletter is a bit late this year, we've had a lot of changes both good and bad. You'll notice as of the last newsletter, TID is taking some advertising to help cover the costs of this newsletter. The current format has been very popular but costs are about three times as much as the old one page B&W format.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Bob, Coleen and Katie Varco, over the loss of their daughter

and Katie's sister Rebecca on Thursday, February 5th. Bob is a 30 year employee of the District. There are no words that can express our heart felt sadness over Becca's loss. May the Lord be with his family through this tragedy, she was loved by all of us who knew her.

Tumalo Irrigation would also like to thank all those who have been supporting the Varco's during this trying time. The turnout at Becca's services was a real testament to Rebecca and the people living and working with the District. Donations to help offset expenses can be made to the Rebecca Varco Account at Bank of America in downtown Bend.

Board of Directors Election

The result of the November 2009 election for the Board of Directors for Division #2 and #5 is as follows;



Division #2 Patricia M. Gainsforth, the incumbent, was the only candidate for this position and was elected by default.

Patricia M. Gainsforth will fill her position on the Board of Directors from January 2, 2009



through January 3, 2012. Division #5 Robert A. Morrow, the incumbent, was the only candidate for this position and was elected by default.

Robert A. Morrow will fill his position on the Board of Directors from January 2, 2009 through January 3, 2012.

The Board of Directors Election

of Officers was held at the Annual Board Meeting on January 13, 2009. The results are as follows:

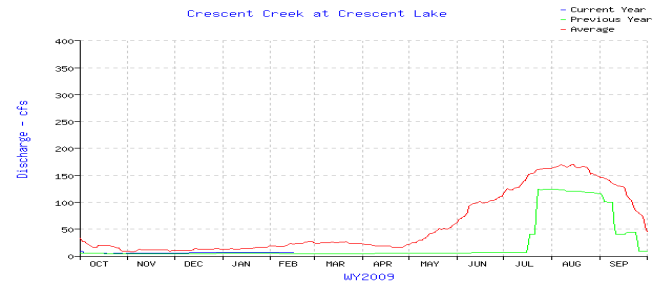
- William F. Martin, Division #3, Chairman
 - Robert A. Morrow, Division #5, Vice-Chairman
 - Stephan L. Putnam, - Division #1 - Director
 - Patricia M. Gainsforth, Division #2 - Director
 - Ronald W. Cochran, - Division #4 - Director
- If you would like to be a volunteer for the 2010 election which will be Divisions #4, please contact Anne or Jan at the office during the next election cycle.

For more information on your Board of Directors, please visit



Crescent Lake Report

We are in great shape relative to last year. Our usage during the 2008 season was at another low considering we delivered over 100% flows. The piping and water conservation strategies are really starting to pay off. By saving our summer Crescent Lake flows (piping), hopefully we can, someday, start to work off the top level of the lake instead of the bottom levels. We ended the 2008 season with more water than we started with which is always a good thing.



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February 16th), we are at 63,335 AF. As you can see on the attached graph, our withdrawals (the green line) were well below average (the red line). The people who study these things are predicting that this winter will be about normal, so we are keeping our fingers crossed, hoping for the best in February. You can view the Central Oregon lake levels in near real time by going to the US Bureau of Reclamation tea cup page on the internet. The address is: <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/destea.html>.

Last year at this time Crescent Lake was hovering around 44,000 AF. This year, (today

The 2009 irrigation season will begin on Monday, April 20, 2009. The availability of water for this year has yet to be determined as most of the snow pack used for irrigation water occurs in the last half of the season. As of Feb 16th, 2009, Crescent Lake had 63,335 acre-feet out of a possible 86,900 acre-feet. We hope to be able to deliver a minimum of 80% depending on how much Crescent Lake fills.

Safe Drinking Water Act

For those of you who have installed a treatment system, please continue to maintain it according to your installer's instructions. Those who are having water hauled for domestic use must continue to do so until they have installed a well or a State approved treatment system.



If you are new to the District, and have a treatment system or are having water hauled, you will be notified that you are

required to provide an affidavit confirming your source of domestic water.

Water Charges

The 2009 water charges are as follows: Delivery Charge - \$485.00 per account and Operation and Maintenance - \$51.00 per acre. The first half is due March 1, 2009, and the second half is due July 1, 2009. Interest on past due accounts is charged at the rate of 16% per year.

Please contact the District office if you would like to arrange a monthly payment schedule.

Water Leasing

The Deschutes River Conservancy and Tumalo Irrigation District are partnering to offer their annual water leasing program again in 2009. Each year of a lease counts as a year of beneficial use, thereby preserving the validity of your water right. You may lease all or part of your irrigation rights. In 2008, the Tumalo Irrigation District and its patrons contributed 330 acres and nearly 7 cfs instream. 6,435 acres were leased basin wide, resulting in

additional flows to Whychus Creek, Tumalo Creek, the Crooked River, and the doubling of flows in the middle Deschutes.

Under the program, water right holders are paid on a per acre foot basis to leave their water rights in the river. The funding for this program is contingent on the availability of grant funding and will be paid on a prorated basis. 2009 TID leases will be paid at \$7 per acre foot for measurable water instream at

the end of the lease season. For example, if the lease duty is 10 acre feet but only 8 acre feet are measured instream, then only 8 acre feet will be paid.

For more information or to sign up, contact Jan at TID (541-382-3053) before March 13, 2009. Early notification is strongly encouraged to allow time to prepare the documents. Please note: You are still responsible for your assessment, which must be paid in full before your lease can be ap-



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proved.

Farm Deferral

Instream leasing is a beneficial use that protects your water right from forfeiture and allows for compensation for this instream use, but please note that it does not automatically protect against loss of farm use special assessment. Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zoned lands may still require at least minimal use with the intent to make a profit if followed for more than one year.

Weeds

The DRC assumes participants in the Leasing Program will continue to exercise agricultural best management practices on lands enrolled in the Program, particularly with respect to the control of noxious and/or nuisance weeds. Failure to control weeds on leased acres may result in exclusion of payment from the Program.

Payment for leases each year is contingent on grant funding; leases with unaddressed weed issues, leases of less than 5

acres and leases with public entities are not paid.

The Deschutes River Conservancy implements voluntary, market based approaches to water management. It is a non-profit organization that facilitates a wide range of transactions and discussions between agriculture, industry and municipal interests to increase streamflow and water quality in the Deschutes Basin. For additional information contact Gen Hubert at 541-382-4077, ext. 16 or gen@deschutesriver.org.



The Regular Board Meetings are normally held the second Tuesday of every month, at 10:00 A.M., in the District office.

Regular Board Meetings are open to the public, and we encourage you all to attend whenever possible. Holidays and other events can sometimes change the day of the meeting. In such an event, and given enough time to do so, we will notify you of the change.

Please check our web page for meeting dates.

If you wish to be heard at the Board Meeting, you must notify the District at least nine days in advance, so that you can be put on the agenda.

Water Transfers

The District's water transfer policy requires that transferred water must be proved up (beneficially used) in the new location during the irrigation season in which the transfer application is made. In order for the recipient to meet this

requirement, transfers must be approved by the Board of Directors no later than the August Board Meeting. Transfers made after the August deadline will be processed in the following calendar year.

Delinquencies

As a reminder, any accounts, whether for water charges, construction charges, or miscellaneous charges, that are unpaid at the September 8, 2009 Board Meeting, will have a Notice of Right to Lien filed against the property. If the account is still unpaid at the November 10, 2009 Board Meeting, the District may file for foreclosure on the property. Under this policy you can lose your property. **Please contact the District office if you would like to arrange a monthly payment schedule.**

Internet

Please note that the District's E-Mail address is tid@tumalo.org. While we welcome your comments on the Internet, we do not encourage using the Internet to convey your water changes, as this will delay your response from the ditch riders.

Don't forget to visit the District's web page at <http://www.tumalo.org> for District maps and policies which are now online.



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