

# News Release

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### **Secretary Treasurer Naida Kelleher Retires After 21+ Years of Service**

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Naida E. Kelleher, Secretary Treasurer of the Pioneer Irrigation District, retired February 1 after almost 22 years of service, Pioneer officials have announced.

Kelleher, who lives in Caldwell, joined Pioneer in March of 1987. District officials, employees and friends and family helped honor her at a special retirement ceremony held January 30, 2009.

Just last month she was awarded the Outstanding Employee Award by the Idaho Water Users Association based on her superior service to the District and its more than 7,000 patrons.

Dawn Fowler was named to replace Kelleher as Secretary Treasure for the District.

At the retirement ceremony, Pioneer officials lauded Kelleher for her efforts in overseeing many changes such as automating billing and record keeping, her work in safeguarding Pioneer's water rights during the Snake River Basin Adjudication and for her work in prompting legislation that allows irrigation districts options in how election votes are counted, helping to assure the lands within a district are accurately and fairly represented in elections.

“Over the years Naida has become the face of Pioneer. People have grown accustomed to seeing her when they come to pay their bill or seek other assistance. They have come to rely on her ready smile and infectious laugh. She will truly leave a void that can never really be filled,” said Alan Newbill, president of the Pioneer Board of Directors.

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**Naida Kelleher of Caldwell is obviously delighted with a very special retirement gift from Pioneer Irrigation District given to her on her last day of work. It's an electronic calculator she has used for almost two decades with the District. (Photo from Pioneer Irrigation District)**