

News Release

Pioneer Irrigation District

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First Payment Date Nears **For 2009 Pioneer Irrigation Tax Bills**

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The Pioneer Irrigation District wants to remind its thousands of patrons that the first payment date for their 2009 irrigation district tax assessments is now less than three weeks away.

“The first one-half of the assessment is due by December 21, 2009. If patrons pay at least the first half by December 21, they have until June 20, 2010 to pay the second half. If they want to pay the bill in full, that must be done by December 21 as well. Pioneer’s 2009 assessment rates for its patrons are the same as they were last year and that’s good news, given the current tough economic times in which we all find ourselves,” said Dawn Fowler, Pioneer Secretary Treasurer.

The normal payment deadline is December 20, but this year that date falls on a Sunday so the deadline was extended one day to Monday, December 21. Pioneer Irrigation District mailed tax notices to its patrons in October.

“It is crucial that Pioneer patrons pay their irrigation assessments promptly. Idaho law dictates that the assessment becomes a lien on the land when it becomes delinquent, and that tax deed action be taken against properties whose assessments have not been paid for three years. Tax deed action can eventually lead to property being sold at a tax auction if the owner does not pay the assessments. Pioneer has not typically sold properties at auction; however, because of the rising delinquency rate, that may become necessary in the future.” Fowler added.

People who have questions about their tax bill should contact the Pioneer office at 459-3617 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. More information about Pioneer Irrigation District is also available at its website: www.pioneerirrigation.com.

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