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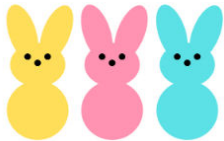
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The Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sewer District office starting at 6pm Please call the office at least one (1) week in advance if you would like to be included on the agenda.



Due Date for this billing is Friday, March 31st. Any outstanding balances after this date will have penalties, and late fees added to their account. All fees not paid on or before the due date (the last working day of each quarter) are delinquent. (Idaho Code 42-3212).

The Waste Watcher

Our Mission: To provide the best possible customer and wastewater services while preserving the public health, in accordance with all state and Federal regulations, while maintaining fiscal responsibility.



Rain and Snow Melts: If your property has a sump pump (submersible pump) in your crawl space or basement, it needs to be treated the same as storm water and diverted to storm ditches or storm drains and not connected to the District's Waste Water Collection System. All water introduced into the District's system must be treated before being discharged. Pumping additional ground or storm water into the system increases the costs related to the treatment and handling of these inflated flows. *Please note that it is a violation of Federal, State, and Local Laws; as well as District Ordinances, to deliberately introduce ground water into the sewer systems.* Keeping infiltration down will save in treatment costs throughout the year.

Other improper connections to check for:

- ⇒ Gutter downspouts
- ⇒ Footing or foundation drains
- ⇒ Outdoor stairwell drains
- ⇒ Driveway or yard drains



If you have any of the above connected to the sewer main or flowing into your cleanout, please have the connection removed, capped or rerouted by a professional. Please contact the District for assistance identifying any questionable connections.

Annual LID Billing:

Billing will be sent out the first part of April. This annual payment will be due by June 19th. When making your payment, please be sure to clearly mark your check as your LID payment and include the remittance slip. We would greatly appreciate that you make separate check payments for your LID and sewer bills.

Help Your Neighbor

- As we begin a new year we would like to take a moment to explain a donation program at the district called help your neighbor. Donated funds are used at the discretion of the board for individuals who may be in need of aid with their sewer bill. Anyone is open to donate and will receive a receipt upon request. For commercial accounts they may have their business cards displayed here in the newsletter. Please contact the office for more information. Thank you to our donation partners over the past few years! You have made a difference!

Metered Users:

Usages have been re-evaluated and changes in use will be reflected in this billing.





As a courtesy reminder to those of you who use automatic bill pay through your financial institution or online, please update your payment amount to reflect the current monthly rate. If you have a question regarding your monthly charge, please call the office.

Thank you!



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This is the first in a series of informational newsletters:

The District's mission is to provide the best possible customer and wastewater services while preserving the public health, in accordance with all State and Federal regulations, while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

To maintain compliance with State and Federal regulations, the District must adhere to an Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("IPDES") Permit issued by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (the "DEQ"). The IPDES Permit authorized the District to discharge **treated effluent** into waters of the United States in Idaho.

Prior to discharging **treated effluent**, the District ensures that the effluent undergoes a process called **disinfection** to reduce microorganisms. Chlorine is used to achieve this process. Prior to discharge, the effluent is subsequently **dechlorinated**. Specifically, the IPDES Permit establishes the level of nutrients and other substances in the water that will be protective of public health and environment.

In June 2018, the DEQ issued a new IPDES Permit to the District (the "New Permit"). The current wastewater treatment system cannot satisfy the required effluent limits established in the New Permit prior to discharge of the effluent into the Boyer Slough.

As a result, the District was required to enter into a "compliance agreement schedule" with DEQ whereby it is required to satisfy the new effluent limits prior to August 31, 2028.

On August 24, 2020, the District held an open house to present various options to attain compliance with the New Permit. Such options included:

- 1). Study of the lake for a potential deep-water outfall (discharge)
- 2). The potential regionalization of the District in conjunction with the City of Sandpoint and
- 3). The construction of a mechanical plant, which maintains the current discharge area of the Boyer Slough.

The District has investigated each of the foregoing options as follows:

In the latter part of 2018, the District commenced the study of the lake for potential deep-water outfall (discharge). The lake study was completed in 2021, and the results were provided to DEQ. In response, DEQ indicated that the District has not been approved for deep-water outfall discharge in the lake.

The District has been in ongoing communication with the representatives from the City of Sandpoint; however, at this time, a regionalization agreement has not been possible.

At this juncture, the District has determined the most viable option available to the District to attain compliance with the New Permit is to construct a mechanical plant as well as improvements to the current reuse site (the “Wastewater System Improvements”). The Wastewater System Improvements are related solely to new **treatment requirements** set forth in the New Permit.

The District anticipates releasing a series of newsletters to provide information about the District’s current plans for the Wastewater System Improvements, including additional information surrounding the anticipated costs and funding sources for such improvements.

