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KID CREATES CITIZEN WATER RATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) Board of Directors is seeking applicants to serve on the newly created Water Rate Advisory Committee. After the Board unanimously approved the resolution to create the Committee, Director Pringle said, "I think a Water Advisory Committee is needed - we need more public input."

The main function of the Committee is to serve as an advisory body to the Board of Directors relative to the District financing and setting of rates and assessments of the KID. The Committee will help foster communication with our ratepayers to achieve greater efficiencies. Under authorization of the Board of Directors, the Committee may conduct surveys, analyses, studies and reports relating to the KID.

Through resolution the Board has established a new five member Citizen Rate Advisory Committee. The proposed resolution requires that membership on the Committee represent a diverse array of water users and not be tilted toward any one type of water user (e.g. urban, rural or farm). Applicants must be KID water users and be available to commit to at least a 2-year term.

It is expected that the committee will meet at least three times in 2009 to begin the orientation process for the many issues that affect the delivery of water. Staff is programming funds into the 2010 budget to hire a rate consultant to assist the committee in examining KID's costs for delivering water to various kinds of customers.

The enabling resolution charges the committee with bringing recommendations to the Board by August 31, 2010 for setting the 2011 assessment roll.

The deadline for submission is August 7, 2009. If interested, please submit an application form and letter of interest explaining your qualifications and why you would like to be on the Committee. Send your completed information or direct any questions to Beth Smith, HR/Risk Mgmt Administrator at the KID Administrative Office, 12 W. Kennewick Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99336. The application form can be found on our web site at www.kid.org.

The Board will review the applications and interview finalists for appointment by the Board no later than September 2009.