



LID 1000 Fact Sheet **Consolidation of Pressurized Irrigation Systems**

The purpose of proposed local improvement district (LID) 1000 will be for KID to consolidate individual LID irrigation systems into one larger KID-owned and KID-operated delivery system. If the KID Board decides to form LID 1000, water users within the LID 1000 will be in one of two groups: non-pressurized service or pressurized service. Operations and maintenance will be assessed on a toll basis as described in RCW 87.03.445, which is incorporated for LID assessments by RCW 87.03.495. These tolls would take effect in 2008. Benefits to pressurized service water users will include:

- Rates:
 - Normal and customary charges for water delivery, similar to the flat rates charged by other utilities
 - Distribution of costs over a larger property base
 - Elimination of widely fluctuating assessments associated with unexpected repair and maintenance costs for individual LIDs
 - Simplified accounting of maintenance costs

- Service and Reliability:
 - Allows physical consolidation and upgrade of storage, pump stations, and piping systems
 - Better service and water delivery by allowing KID to do comprehensive system planning and execution of upgrades and improvements
 - Uniform delivery systems with more predictable operations and maintenance needs provided by KID

If the KID Board decides to form LID 1000, existing, individual LID account funds will be reconciled at the end of 2008 to ensure that any current LIDs having a positive balance will be credited for that balance, and that any current LIDs having a negative balance will be assessed for any deficits to ensure that the properties in LID 1000 start on a fair and equitable basis. Details vary for each LID and specific inquiries for your LID will be generally addressed at the informational meetings. Of course, events requiring maintenance and operations expenses during 2008 may affect the current LID's status.

If the KID Board decides to form LID 1000, its intent would be that all future LIDs will be created for construction purposes only, each new system will be dedicated to the KID after construction, and each new system would be annexed to LID 1000 for operation and maintenance purposes and charged on the toll basis proposed for LID 1000 .

If the KID Board decides to form LID 1000, current LIDs which do not become a part of LID 1000 may opt to become a privately owned and maintained system ("private system"). A private system would be assessed general KID assessments (meaning the KID construction assessment for the



construction of the KID main canal and other structures, the KID operations and maintenance assessment, and other general district assessments), but would not be assessed for operations and maintenance within the LID distribution system. The KID Board may determine that KID should not operate and maintain such systems. In that event, private systems would need to make their own arrangements for operations and maintenance services.

The process and other considerations for individual LIDs to be excluded from LID 1000 and become privately owned will be presented at the informational meetings.