


Memorandum

Planning Department

To: Board of Directors
From: Scott Revell, Senior Planner 
Meeting Date: October 16, 2007
RE: Amon Basin Update- Discussion Only No Action

Attachments

1. Draft Amon Basin Access Control Plan map
2. 1962 post-irrigation aerial photo of the Badger Drain
3. 1955 pre-irrigation aerial photo of the Badger Drain

Background

Several items have occurred since the August update to the Board about KID's activities in the Amon Basin. Research into several issues has been ongoing, and a great deal of information has been assembled on the topics listed below.

Specific Issues

1. Access control and vandalism prevention- KID helped to organize a meeting of the various parties in September in order to create a comprehensive access control plan to fruition. KID's role is specific to the rights of way and KID managed irrigation facilities.

The City of Richland has posted new signs at several access points along the Badger Drain. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad will be posting additional signs along the railroad right of way. The railroad will also be rebuilding the north side of the railroad bed embankment at Beer Falls. KID will be posting new USBR made signs to prevent vehicles, boating, dumping and fishing in the Amon Wasteway.

2. Badger Drain- Currently, there is a forty (40) foot wide drainage easement through the Willowbrook subdivision for the Badger Drain. USBR will be establishing a federal right of way along the Badger Drain via the provisions of the Canal Act of 1890. The process takes several months complete.