

WHAT IS AN LID?

An KID LID is an area, such as a subdivision, that receives its irrigation water through a localized pumping source. LIDs have several benefits over private lines systems.

First, the KID collects assessments from LID water-users to operate and maintain the system, rather than “passing the hat” among neighbors.

Second, system repairs are performed by KID maintenance staff: water-users don't have to make their own repair arrangements.

Finally, LIDs almost always make use of pressurized systems, so that pumps are not needed on the water-users' property.



Helping hands

Sooner or later, we all need a helping hand. That's why the Kennewick Irrigation District created a program that makes it easy for you to help others who may be in danger of losing their property because they can't pay.

The Helping Hands program's sole source of funding is donations made by you and other concerned neighbors. There are many reasons someone might find themselves in need of help: medical emergency, family problems, unemployment, and more. No one expects those kinds of problems. And very few people can handle them alone.

One way to donate to Helping Hands is by writing the amount you wish to donate on the line labeled, “Helping Hands Donation” in the upper right hand corner of your assessment notice. This one-time donation will be distributed by the Benton Franklin Community Action Committee to KID ratepayers who need help.



Local Improvement Districts



When to water

Even though KID's canals are full twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, please limit watering to four hours, every other day. That provides plenty of water to keep a lawn and garden in good health all through the water year.

Within each Local Improvement District (LID), neighbors need to alternate watering schedules, to ensure that everyone has enough water pressure to run sprinkler systems. LIDs that have ongoing problems in equitable distribution may have schedules imposed by a water coordinator.

To find out more about LIDs, look online at www.kid.org or call the KID's customer service department, at 586-9111.



How are LIDs formed?



1 – Informal Information Meeting

Those interested can learn how an LID can work in their area. KID will present a proposed project design and an estimated cost for the system.

2 – Petition

Signed petitions representing 25% of the property owners within the boundary of the proposed LID requesting consideration are presented to the KID and must be validated before proceeding.

3 – Public Hearing

The proposed project, including a design and cost estimates, is presented to those interested. The hearing is advertised and letters sent to all homeowners within the proposed boundaries.

Those in attendance are polled as to whether to proceed with the LID; those not in attendance are counted as having voted in favor. The KID Board of Directors then decides whether to proceed.

4 – Implementation

If formation of the LID is approved, District engineers complete detailed design and specifications and advertise for competitive construction bids. If the cost on an acceptable bid does not exceed the estimate by more than 10%, the project is scheduled for construction.

5 – Financing

LID projects are funded either through bonds or by the KID. The amortization period is usually set at 10 years at a fixed rate of interest.

For more information on forming an LID in your neighborhood, call 586-9111.