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Memorandum

Date: 25 March 2022
To: Municipal Irrigation System Patrons
cc: Mayor, City Council
From: Lee C. Belt, City Clerk

RE: 2022 IRRIGATION SEASON

Greetings!

Last year was a tight irrigation water year and the season ended a few weeks early. At this point in time, the 2022 irrigation season appears to be shorter yet! In a typical irrigation year, the city puts water into the gravity feed system for four days, Monday through Thursday. The city may need to postpone start and reduce delivery of irrigation water so it will last through the season, and not deliver water this spring if there is rain.

The city's municipal irrigation system receives irrigation water from the Wilder Irrigation District, a part of the Boise Project. An announcement currently posted on the Boise Project's website (<https://www.boiseproject.net/Public/>) reads as follows:

Start of 2022 Irrigation Season for the Boise Project Board of Control

The Boise Project Board of Control serves nearly 167,000 acres. Starting on April 18th, 2022, the Project will activate over 460 canals and laterals in Ada and Canyon Counties. Irrigation delivery service to our patrons will begin no earlier than April 22nd, 2022, after the canals have risen to allowable elevations and the water is ready to be delivered.

Southern Idaho is experiencing drought conditions for the second year in a row. As a result the snowpack in the Boise River basin is substantially lower than normal and reservoir elevations are also lower than normal. Based on the current water availability projections, the Boise Project Board of Control has set the water allotment at this time at 1.20 acre-feet of water per acre. This allotment amount is subject to change due to unknown variables in the weather, future precipitation, and snowmelt runoff.

This press release is to further serve as notice to parents and children alike of the approaching hazards of water in the irrigation canals. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Carter, Project Manager, at (208) 344-1141.

Please contact City Hall if there are questions. More information will be posted as a memo on the 'bulletin board' on the city's website (www.greenleaf-idaho.us) as it becomes available.