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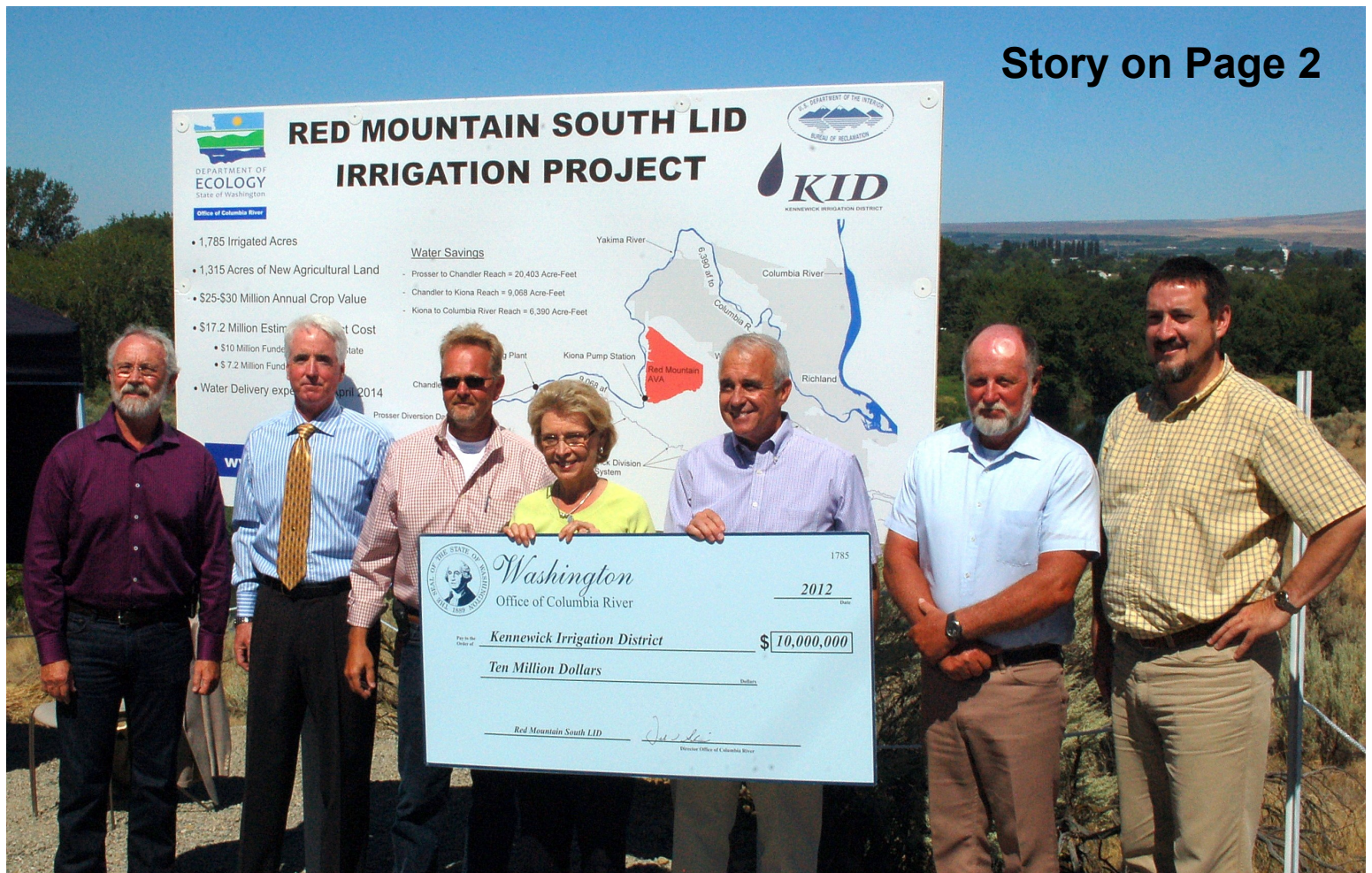
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# Red Mountain Water Right Signed



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Pictured Left to Right; Dan Newhouse, WA State Director of Agriculture; Patrick McGuire, KID Board V.P.; Kirk Rathbun, KID Board; Governor Christine Gregoire; Derek Sanderson, Ecology's Office of Columbia River Director; David McKenzie, KID Board; Ted Sturdevant, Director of Ecology.

## Cover Story...

Governor Christine Gregoire was on hand August 3<sup>rd</sup> for a signing and ground breaking ceremony with the KID Board and area officials to execute the water right change documents that will make the Red Mountain project possible. The event marked the end of a process that was many years in the making. KID has had plans to serve the Red Mountain area as far back as the 1920s.

The water users at Red Mountain will pay for the systems construction and operational costs. The water for the project was made available through the idling of former farm lands in the District that have been urbanized and now developed with homes. \*Washington ranks 2nd nationally in premium wine production. Vineyards on the east side of the Cascades grow 99% of Washington's wine grapes.

*\*Excerpted from Wines Northwest™ The Pacific Northwest's online guide to wines.*

As a result of the project using a pump station near Red Mountain rather than through the Main Canal, over 20,000 acre feet of water will remain in the Yakima River for ESA threatened steelhead from Prosser to the Chandler Pump station, which is located about five miles upstream of Benton City.

The new Kiona Pump station will be located along DeMoss Road just down stream from Van Geisen Street (Hwy 224) near Benton City. Construction is expected to begin in June 2013 with water available in April 2014.



## Checkout our New & Improved Website!

We are pleased to announce the launching of our new district web site ([www.kid.org](http://www.kid.org)). We hope you find it informative and user friendly. Our mission was to make our website easier to navigate with you, our customers in mind. The KID website is a great source of insight to district activities, information, and resources to help you get the most out of your irrigation system.

Since last year, you have been able to view your account balance and make payments online. If you haven't done so already, you will need to set up a profile using a primary phone number. The phone number you designate in your profile must match the phone number KID has on file for you and is how you access your account information so be sure to notify us if your number changes.

You can call Customer Service to verify or add a phone number or update any other information at (509) 586-9111 ext. 2 or, if you prefer, send an email to [customerservice@kid.org](mailto:customerservice@kid.org) with your phone number and address information. We'll be happy to update your account information.

## REMINDER...2nd Half Assessments are Due October 31st!

Avoid paying interest and a delinquency fee...make sure your 2nd half assessment payment for 2012 reaches us by Wednesday, October 31st!

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# *Proud to be... KID!*

Do you know the person on the other end of the phone when you call KID? We have great staff who are here to help in many ways. Let us introduce you to a few of our team members...



**Susan Herriford**

Susan Herriford is our wonderful Receptionist. She says it has been her pleasure and privilege to be answering your calls here at the KID for the past 16 years. Susan is the front line person who is here to greet you and will always do her best to connect you with the right department and staff person to answer your questions. One of Susan's favorite pastimes is spoiling her terrier mix, Sophia. Susan has a son and a daughter who live on the Westside of the state and she enjoys frequent visits with them and her grandchildren.



**Teresa Horrocks**

Teresa Horrocks, Customer Service Specialist III, has been with KID for 6 years. Chances are if you are calling in for a water order, Teresa is the one you will talk to. She also assists with other customer service calls so if you have a problem with service such as a flood, broken valve or no water she is always happy to assist you with those concerns as well. Need to make a payment? Teresa can help with that too. Her favorite things to do outside of work are spending the day with her family at car shows, going camping or just spending the day in the sunshine.



**Colleen Storms**

Colleen Storms, CPA, joined the KID in August of 2010. Most recently working as the Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Twisp, she has 22 years as a chief financial officer for Washington State local governments. As a CPA with a governmental focus, her goals for financial management are two-fold: First, comply with State law and have clean audits; Second, create clear and accurate reports that will facilitate good management of the District by the Board and District Manager. She also heads up the Customer Service Department and has a passion for improving our service to our customers. In her off time, Colleen and husband Mike are active in their church, spend as much time as possible with grandkids, and enjoy raising and showing Miniature Australian Shepherds.

# *Proud to be... KID!*



**Rebecca Hiles**

Rebecca (Becky) Hiles graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from Washington State University in 2008 and worked for the Whitman County Public Works Engineering Department in Colfax, WA for three years. After moving to the Tri-Cities in August 2011, she started working for the District in January of this year. She works with developers for the ever-expanding growth throughout the District to ensure that they understand and follow the District's Standard Specifications. She helps customers with new services, permits, and all other general engineering inquiries. In her free time, she enjoys sewing, camping, and gardening.



**Con Higley**

Con Higley has worked at Kennewick Irrigation District for 17 years serving mainly in the Operations department. Currently, his position is Assistant Operations/Maintenance Manager. Con was born and raised in Kennewick Washington. He is married to Bette and they have three boys, two in college and the youngest in middle school. In his spare time, you might find Con on the river wake board surfing or the slopes snowboarding, just depends on the season!



**Beth Smith**

Beth Smith has worked with the District for 13 years this November. For the past two years she has worked in the Operations Department as an Assistant Operations Manager. Before that she worked in Customer Service, Human Resources, Engineering and Realty. Beth graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Washington State University in 2001. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, gardening, scrapbooking, and most of all spending time with her husband, three children and four grandchildren.

# Winterizing Your Irrigation System & Riser

This is the time of year to winterize. We like to run this article every fall to remind you of the steps to take for winterization of your irrigation system and riser. Each spring, the most common irrigation service problem for KID customers is a leaky or broken valve due to improper winterization. To help prevent the KID valve and riser in your yard from freezing during the winter months, here are a few winterization steps to follow. Taking a few moments to follow these steps now will help keep maintenance costs down and will help to prevent a leaky or broken valve next spring.

## **Follow these steps for winterization:**

- 1) Locate the KID riser on your property.
- 2) Drain the KID riser and valve (see picture showing different types of valves). Ensure that your water delivery has ended for the season (a few days after October 17th). Drain times will vary from home to home so please be patient and wait for the water to stop flowing from the riser completely.
- 3) Once the water flow has stopped completely, you are ready to winterize your irrigation system. Consult with a professional to determine the proper winterization procedure for your irrigation system. **Warning: Personal injury and/or property loss can and will occur if winterization is done improperly or incompletely!**
- 4) Ensure your entire irrigation system and all lines have been completely drained and/or professionally blown out and completely free of water. Open and close the KID valve several times to ensure that water is not trapped inside the valve or riser.
- 5) Finally, close the KID valve completely and leave it closed over the winter. If your valve is above ground, it is more susceptible to the elements and it may be a good idea to open and close the valve a few times during the winter season to allow any trapped water to escape.



## **Before next spring irrigation start up :**

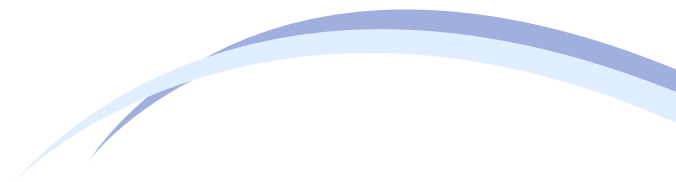
- Make sure the gate valve or ball valve on your irrigation riser is completely closed before the irrigation water is turned on to avoid a surprise flood. In order to receive water again in the spring you must open your valve up again. To help avoid flooding make sure the water is on and you are at home before turning it back on.
- Visually check your entire irrigation system for leaks, cracks or breaks. Make any necessary repairs on your irrigation system or lines to avoid flooding on your property when start up occurs.
- If you find a leak, crack or break in the KID riser, valve or solenoid, call the KID office to schedule a service call.

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## CANAL LINING WORK WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE WINTER WATER-OFF SEASON



When the irrigation season is over, KID crews are busier than ever working to make improvements and repairs to the canal system.

This winter, KID plans to install new canal liner to approximately 4.5 miles of open earthen canal. The focus of this work will be in the Badger Mountain and South Richland vicinities. Lining the canals conserves water by eliminating seepage and makes the occurrence of a canal break less likely.

This project will be ongoing for several years. This work is part of the capital improvements plan for the KID canal system.