

Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District



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To: MLIRD Property Owners

With the passing of Senate Bill 5460, a new assessment method will be used starting in 2024 by MLIRD to assess for MLIRD's RCW Ch. 87.84 Rehabilitation and Recreation activities. MLIRD will also be modifying its assessment methodology under RCW Ch. 87.03 for its irrigation functions.

First, under RCW 87.84.070, as modified by the 2023 Washington State Legislature for Irrigation and Rehabilitation Districts, MLIRD will determine the rehabilitation benefits to classes of lots (parcels). This statutory amendment was in response to Court rulings on MLIRD's previous assessment methods. MLIRD has contracted with a Geospatial Engineering firm for assistance in determining classes of lots and associated benefits. Lakefront properties receive more benefits from MLIRD's rehabilitation activities than non-lakefront properties and are likely to be assessed at a higher rate than non-lakefront properties.

Second, under RCW Ch. 87.03, for Irrigation Districts, MLIRD currently plans to only assess lakefront parcels and other parcels with a water delivery system and/or access to lake water. This complies with the Court's ruling for MLIRD. Parcels without access to lake water will not be assessed for water availability benefits.

THESE ARE PRELIMINARY PLANS AND MAY CHANGE IN THE FUTURE. YOU ARE ADVISED TO CHECK THE MLIRD WEBSITE AT **MLIRD.ORG** FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING 2024 ASSESSMENTS AND NOTICES FOR ANY HEARINGS ON ASSESSMENT ISSUES.

Sincerely,

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