

Statement by the Grant County Treasurer as to the 2018 MLIRD assessments  
Dated: July 26, 2018

The Grant County Treasurer is required by statute, RCW 87.03.270, to send notices of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District (MLIRD) assessments by April 1 of each year and has done so for decades by including them on the Grant County general tax notices. This year, the Treasurer did not do that.

MLIRD used the same rate method in 2018 that it had in prior years. MLIRD's Board of Directors is authorized by RCW 87.03.445 to assess based on "rates or tolls and charges." For decades, the MLIRD Board has assessed based on the rates applied against the total assessed value of lands in the district. For decades, the Grant County Treasurer has included those rate-based assessments on the general Grant County Tax Notice.

There are pending legal issues between the MLIRD Board of Directors and the Grant County Treasurer which are currently in litigation.

The Treasurer has now agreed to send this statement to property owners, mortgage companies, escrow companies and other taxpayers. **Please Note: Some mortgage companies do not pay assessments, and it is your responsibility to communicate with them.**

Effective August 8, 2018, 2018 MLIRD assessments will be able to be paid by on-line payments using a credit card. Checks will be processed by the County Treasurer as soon as practicable. No properties shall be placed in a delinquent status by the Grant County Treasurer, because of the delay of the mailing of the 2018 notices beyond the April 1, 2018 deadline and payments for the first half of the assessments were paid after the April 30, 2018 deadline.

**The new deadline for payment of the first half of the assessments is August 31, 2018.**