

# **PALO VERDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAX ASSESSMENTS AND WATER TOLLS**

Palo Verde Irrigation District was organized in 1923, by California State Legislation, consolidating three water agencies. The Main purpose of the consolidation was to protect and conserve water of the Colorado River and the rights to these waters.

## **PROTECTION OF WATER RIGHTS**

All Water pumped from private wells, City of Blythe wells, East Blythe County Water District wells, County wells in Ripley, etc, is pumped under the Palo Verde Irrigation District water right. Considerable expense is incurred by the District to protect this water right. PVID assessments are used to help defray this expense. Water Bills paid to the City of Blythe etc. are for the costs incurred in pumping the water and piping it to each home.

## **STORM WATER DAMAGE**

All storm water from city streets, etc. is either drained into Palo Verde Irrigation District drain channels directly or pumped into Palo Verde Irrigation District canals for disposal. PVID assessments are used to help defray the expense of maintaining these drains so the channels will be capable of carrying away this storm water.

## **MAINTAINING WATER TABLE**

Considerable expense has been incurred to deepen the drain channels throughout the Valley. This deepening has lowered the water table in most areas of the Valley; thus making it easier and more economical to construct swimming pools, basements and other types of construction. PVID assessments are used to help defray this expense also.

## **DISTRICT REVENUES**

The revenue of the District is derived from the levy of annual assessments and the collection of Water Tolls from land feasible for agriculture. Irrigation water is not delivered to any property if either Water Toll or Assessments are delinquent. State and County taxes are handled by the Tax Collector at Riverside.

Assessments are levied annually against all real estate in the District, including city and town lots. Assessments are a lien against the real property assessed as the property stands of record on the first Monday in March of each year. Assessments are **DUE** and **PAYABLE** on the third Monday in October, but may be paid in two installments. The first installment is delinquent after the first Monday in December, and the second installment is delinquent after the last Monday in April. A 5% penalty is

added after an installment becomes delinquent. In addition, after the second installment becomes delinquent, a \$5.00 charge will be added, per assessed item, to the amount due.

Failure to pay Assessment results in the property being advertised as delinquent and being sold in the latter part of June. Property so sold may be redeemed at anytime within four years from date of sale by the payment of the amount of Assessment, penalties and costs for which it is sold, plus interest at the rate of three quarters percent (3/4%) per month from date of sale to date of redemption. If not redeemed within four years, a tax deed will be issued to the District, after which the redemption privilege will be forfeited. An estimate of the amount required to redeem property sold, before issuance of tax deed, will be furnished upon request.

The Assessment Roll is completed on the first Monday in July and is open to inspection from completion date to the Board of Equalization Meeting the latter part of July. Valuation corrections will not be made after the Board adjourns.

Water Toll is DUE and PAYABLE July 1 of each year, whether water is used or not, and may be paid in two (2) installments. The First installment is delinquent after July 15<sup>th</sup>. The second installment is delinquent after January 15<sup>th</sup>. A 5% percent penalty is added after an installment becomes delinquent and an additional charge of 1½ percent per month is added for each month thereafter on the total amount due until the delinquent installment has been paid. If Water Toll is not paid in the current fiscal year, it will be added to the following year's assessment.

## **FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

### TAXES:

1<sup>ST</sup> INSTALLMENT DELINQUENT AFTER MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009

2<sup>ND</sup> INSTALLMENT DELINQUENT AFTER MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010

### WATER TOLL:

1<sup>ST</sup> INSTALLMENT DELINQUENT AFTER WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

2<sup>ND</sup> INSTALLMENT DELINQUENT AFTER FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010

### RATES

(VALLEY)	\$55.00/WT AC – REGULAR
\$8.17 - LAND	\$58.00/WT AC – SPILL
\$1.24 - IMPROVEMENT	\$55.00/WT AC – PUMP
	\$53.50/WT AC – DAM & PUMP

(MESA)

\$0.40 – LAND

\$0.70 - IMPROVEMENT

**IT IS THE PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND WATER TOLL DUE PRIOR TO THE DELINQUENCY DATE. FAILURE TO RECEIVE A TAX OR WATER TOLL BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES AFTER THE DELINQUENT DATES.**

If you have sold or have purchased property, or have changed your mailing address, please contact the District office at the number listed below.

If you have questions concerning taxes or water toll, please contact the Palo Verde Irrigation District Office, (760) 922-3144. Our address is 180 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Blythe, CA 92225