

DISTRICT INFORMATION

KRD Tributary Supplementation Program

During the severe drought of 2015, the KRD secured outside funding to save its distribution system from significant drought related damages, and to help endangered fish. This was done by transporting Yakima Basin Project water through KRD canals destined for downstream uses in the lower Yakima River. The District spilled Project water throughout the summer into multiple tributaries. This pass-through water resulted in saving fish that would have otherwise died because those tributaries were going dry.



Big Creek
Delivery



Little Creek
Recharged Near I-90

Water delivered to creeks via the KRD canal system in 2015 prevented the loss of thousands of fish stranded in pools that were drying up. WDFW documented listed salmonids in multiple life stages that were "rescued" by the cold, clean water delivered to the creeks by the KRD.

Riparian habitats are important to foster and maintain healthy stream functions. Streambanks not supported by the root-structures found in functioning riparian areas erode and cause flooding. The supplemental water prevented riparian vegetation losses as well as losses from future flooding events.

Keeping water in the KRD canal preserved the concrete-lined sections from heaving in the summer heat, and reduced erosion of the banks in the unlined areas. Also, without the pass-through water already in the canals, the KRD could not have delivered the small amount of irrigation water made available by the Bureau of Reclamation later in the year.

With increased funding for system efficiency, the KRD can continue to supplement creeks in drought years. As a result of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan, the agreement which led to this program, multiple agencies and interest groups are coming together to meet every need thoughtfully, responsibly, and in a fiscally responsible manner.

Know Your District

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Ditch Riders: 925-6158

Ride 1: Bob Fralick, Westside (South Branch)
 Ride 2: Mike Minor, Hayward Hill to Wilson Creek Rd
 Ride 3: Mike or Doug, Wilson Creek Rd to Caribou Rd
 Ride 4: Doug Webster, Caribou Rd to Pumping Plant
 Ride 5: Paul Keith, Badger Pocket
 Ride 6: Chris Sandvig, Upper County. Call: 656-2265
 Ride 7: David Mayer, Turbine 0.2 lateral. Call: 968-4372

*Water orders
 are taken
 Monday
 through Friday
 7:00 A.M. to
 7:45 A.M.*

WATER ORDERING: Water Orders are taken by your ditch rider Monday – Friday between 7 A.M. and 7:45 A.M. Orders may also be placed with office staff from 7:45 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday – Friday, HOWEVER, those orders will not be given to the ditch rider until the next morning (The after hours answering service is for emergencies only and will not take water orders).

WATER DELIVERIES: After receiving estimates from the Bureau of Reclamation, the KRD Board of Directors will set the yearly allotment. KRD will start flushing and priming the system on April 20th. Ditch riders will start taking water orders on April 23rd. Please contact your ditch rider for water delivery dates.

There are no water orders taken on Saturday or Sunday. It is best to give your ditch rider forty-eight (48) hours notice to insure timely delivery. The District also has a forty-eight (48) hour notice with the Bureau of Reclamation. Mondays and Fridays are the most difficult days to receive "same day" deliveries. You should have your order in by Thursday 07:45 to have water delivered on Monday. The ditch riders will attempt to service their rides following the same route daily so you will be able to anticipate when your water will be adjusted.

WATER ASSESSMENTS: Statements are mailed in February, with the first half due April 30, and the second half due October 31. Call the office for specific questions relating to your assessment. Your assessment goes to pay for the original Construction Debt Retirement, Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the five Bureau reservoirs and the O&M of KRD facilities.

AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER IRRIGATION WATER: Forms to transfer water from your account to another account are available at the office or from your ditch rider. All transfers must be approved, and are authorized only for the current water year. Please call the office to discuss your particular water requirements. Landowners that own land in more than one ride may transfer water between owned or leased parcels.

RECLAMATION REFORM ACT (RRA): Landholders who own and/or lease more than 240 acres (combined acreage under KRD and other Districts under Bureau contract, such as Columbia Basin, Roza, etc.) are required to comply with the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. KRD cannot deliver water to any combination of owned and/or leased lands 240 acres or more without the proper forms on file in the office. If you lease your lands to another party, you must notify them of this requirement. If your land is held in trust, you must notify the KRD office. Regardless of acreage, Federal Reclamation law requires USBR approval of ALL TRUSTS. Compliance with Reclamation Reform Act is required on a YEARLY basis. Please call Keli if you need additional information.

AUTHORIZATION TO ORDER WATER: Forms are required ANNUALLY to authorize someone other than the legal owner to order water. Your signed authorization form must be on file with the KRD office prior to placing a water order. This includes orders placed with your Ditchrider and/or the district office. Water authorization forms were mailed with your Assessment Statement. If you did not receive one, or need additional forms please contact the KRD. **TO AVOID ANY DELAYS, ORDERS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED WHEN PLACED BY AN AUTHORIZED PERSON.**

CROSSING & USE LICENSES: Crossing licenses are required for any activity on District Rights-of-Way. This includes bridges, culverts, flumes, pipes, utilities, new turnouts and residential access via operation and maintenance (O&M) roads.

LAND DIVISION GUIDELINES: KRD has General Guidelines, conditions and requirements that must be met. Certain language is required on the face of a plat and all land division with classified irrigable acreage must submit a written irrigation distribution plan along with map showing the plan. In January of 1999, the KRD Board adopted a resolution that the same approvals and conditions should be applied to any division of irrigable property within KRD district boundaries regardless of whether the division is exempt from County platting or subdivision procedures. In essence, any land action that

changes acreage within any given parcel could change the assessed acreage within that parcel and must come before the KRD for review. A water plan must be completed prior to the sale of any lot. Please call Keli for additional information. Project approval will not be granted until the requirements set forth in the general guidelines have been met.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please notify the office if you have had a change of address, or if your phone number your mortgage company has changed within the past year. We would also appreciate your unlisted/cell phone number so we can contact you in emergency situations. We will respect the confidentiality of your unlisted number. It is the responsibility of the landowner to notify the KRD of any address change and to provide the required documents for name changes.

USE OF KRD WATER: At the inception of the KRD, the Bureau of Reclamation sent engineers into the valley to complete a survey of the varied soils within the district. The results of the survey identified the lands that were to be considered irrigable within the established district boundaries. Each landowner is given a water allotment based on their irrigable acreage. KRD water is to be applied to irrigable acres ONLY. Under no circumstances is KRD water to be put on lands that are classified as non-irrigable or outside of the district boundaries.

PERMITS AND FORMS: Permits and forms are available at the Office. Some of the forms can also be downloaded from our web site:
www.krdistrict.org

CALL US: Ditchriders and crew are here to assist you with all of your district water needs. Ditchriders attempt to check your point of delivery at about the same time each day, Monday through Friday. Crews are assigned specific maintenance tasks as well as instructed to do whatever ditch bank maintenance they see that needs attention. They are willing to answer questions that you might have. Sometimes things that will help with your water delivery might be overlooked. Please call us and let us know how we can serve your needs better.

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Aquatic Herbicides

The District uses aquatic herbicides to control the growth of algae and pondweeds that can affect canal capacity and water delivery. If you are using KRD water to supply a pond with fish, or if there is any other reason your deliveries should be suspended during herbicide treatments, notify the KRD.



KRD and Water Facts

Water Orders are taken by your ditch rider Monday – Friday between 7 A.M. and 7:45 A.M. 925-6158

1 cubic foot per second (cfs) = 2 acre feet in 24 hours

1 cubic foot per second (cfs) = 449 gallons per minute

1 cubic foot per second (cfs) = 646,317 gallons in 24 hours

1 cubic foot per second (cfs) = 50 California miner inches

Land Reclassification Policy Opting In and Out

If a landowner has KRD assessed acres and wants out of the District, or alternately has non-assessed acres that are within KRD boundaries that they would like to include, this policy may provide the path.

The KRD will, as applications are received, maintain a list of landowners that want to surrender their water entitlement (Surrender Pool) and those landowners that want to have their lands reclassified as irrigable (Reclassification Pool). No new net irrigable acres can be created. Any "new" acres must be offset by acres leaving.

Surrenders and Reclassifications will be considered on an irrigable acre basis. Until the surrender and reclassification are fully completed, the lands from which the entitlement is to be surrendered shall remain fully liable for and pay the construction and O & M charges attributable to the irrigable acres on the land.

KRD Roads

KRD operation and maintenance roads (O&M) are restricted use roads. No general public access is authorized. The KRD does permit use of certain O&M roads for specific reasons. Landowners who have agricultural access needs may be authorized use of O&M roads adjacent to their property. Law enforcement and Game Department personnel are authorized access on an as needed basis. Utility Company staff inspecting or working on their facilities are also permitted access with notification. There is no authorized use of O&M roads for recreation by adjacent landowners or the general public.

No permission has been given to adjacent landowners or the general public to walk, ride bikes, horseback ride, rock hunt, ride snowmobiles or ORVs, hunt, or gain access to private property using KRD O&M roads.