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Dear Property Owner:

RE: Winterization of Agricultural Meters

In accordance with BMID's normal shut off procedures, BMID crews will begin turning off irrigation during the two-week period from October 6-17, 2025. At that time, they will turn off the irrigation water supply and close the gate valve downstream of the meter. **The OWNER must ensure this gate valve is OPEN once their irrigation system has been winterized.** Failure to open the gate valve after winterization may result in water remaining in the service line, which will freeze causing a cracked valve which will have to be replaced by the property owner prior to irrigation being turned on next spring.

It is important that the agricultural meter on your property be properly winterized, and it is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that air and/or water is not blown backwards through the meter into the BMID system during the winterization of your irrigation system, as that process could damage the meter. If a meter requires replacement due to a property owner's lack of care and attention, it will be at the property owner's expense.

If you require your water to be left on longer than the October 6, 2025, shut off start date, please advise the office of the preferred date of shut off prior to October 6th. If the requested date of water service extension is later than October 17, 2025, this will require that you come into the office, fill out a form and pay the required fee.

Please note that there are additional charges that will apply if extra trips are required by BMID crew to turn on or off the water.

If you have any questions regarding your agricultural meter or this winterization process, please contact the office at 250-765-5169. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours truly,

Black Mountain Irrigation District

Robert Hrasko Administrator