

## RRA FACT SHEET

This fact sheet briefly describes some of the RRA information. For additional information, please see the BOR website, [www.usbr.gov/rra](http://www.usbr.gov/rra) or call the District Office.

### THE BOR WILL ASSESS FINES IF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED.

#### Who Must Submit RRA Forms?

All landholders who own or lease a combination of a minimum of 240 irrigable acres

- All landholders who own a minimum of 240 irrigable acres and lease all or part of the acreage out
- Multi-district landholders that hold land in more than one District **MUST** submit forms based on their total owned and leased land of all Districts of a minimum of 240 irrigable acres

#### When are RRA Forms Submitted?

- RRA forms must be submitted to the Vale Oregon Irrigation District Office annually and before any irrigation water will be delivered.
- Every time you have a landholding change (a change in ownership, number of acres leased, leased acres now owned acres, etc) you must submit a new RRA form to **all** Districts in which you hold land **within 60 calendar days** of the date the landholding change became effective.

#### Who is responsible for the information on an RRA form?

- Landholders are ultimately responsible for the thoroughness and accuracy of the information provided on the RRA forms. This applies even if another party (a district employee, attorney, accountant, relative, etc.) completes the RRA form for a landholder.

#### Important things to know about the Qualified Recipient Ownership Entitlement

- **The ownership entitlement for a qualified recipient is 960 acres.** In other words, a qualified recipient can receive Reclamation irrigation water on a maximum of 960 acres of directly or indirectly **owned** land.
  - If you are an **individual** then you, your spouse, and your dependents are considered to be one qualified recipient with one 960-acre ownership entitlement.
- Any owned land above 960 acres is then designated as excess land and is unable to receive Reclamation water
- Landowners owning and leasing a combination of more than 960 acres will be subject to **the Full Cost Rate.**

#### Leased Land

- The lease must meet all of the following criteria:
  - The lease must be in writing and a copy filed in the Vale Oregon Irrigation District Office
  - The lease includes the effective date and term (length) of the lease, the length of which must be 10 years or less
  - The lease includes a legal description of the leased land that is at least as detailed as what is required on the RRA Forms.
  - Signatures of all parties to the lease are included on the lease.
  - The lease includes the date(s) or conditions when lease payments are due and the payment amounts or the method of computing the payments due.
  - The lease is available for Reclamation's inspection.
  - The lease provides for agreed upon payments that reflect the reasonable value of the irrigation water to the productivity of the land.

#### Trust & Estates

- The Vale Oregon Irrigation District must receive a copy of all Trusts & Estate documents.