

STATE ASSOCIATION OF  
**WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS**

SOUND IRRIGATION PROGRAMS PROMOTE PROSPERITY

1252 N. Perry Loop

Kennewick, Washington 99336

OBJECTIVES:---

1---TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS  
OF IRRIGATED FARMING

2---TO IMPROVE THE OPERATION  
OF IRRIGATED DISTRICTS OF  
THE STATE

3---TO ACT AS A CLEARING HOUSE  
ON INFORMATION  
FOR IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

November 30, 1977

To Directors, Secretaries and Managers of all Irrigation Districts:

Many irrigation districts were not represented at the Annual Meeting of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts and this communication is an attempt to identify, for all districts, areas of action by districts which have been questioned by the State Auditor during the last several months. Mr. Darrell Russell, Chief Examiner, Division of Municipal Corporations, has made available information from which this report was prepared.

1. Expenses for a director's wife cannot be paid by the district.
2. No member of directors or secretaries family may work for the district.
3. No director or secretary may sell, rent or buy from the district.
4. In accordance with RCW 82.12, a district must pay a use tax on equipment obtained from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
5. In accordance with RCW 87.03.260 a district must establish a special fund to repay construction costs or construction bonds.
6. The district financial statement must show long term indebtedness.
7. All claim vouchers and especially travel vouchers must have sufficient information to identify each item.
8. Only three items may be discussed in a closed meeting: 1. National Defense. 2. District personnel. 3. Purchase of land.

Mr. Russell reports a definite improvement in compliance with State Law by irrigation districts.

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cc: Darrell Russell