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"SERVING 72,000 ACRES IN THE YAKIMA VALLEY"

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April 11, 2014

Benton County  
Board of Commissioners  
620 Market Street  
Prosser, WA  
99350

Dear Commissioners:

The Roza Irrigation District provides water to approximately 72,000 acres in Yakima and Benton County. Roza, as well as other irrigation districts, note that decisions are being made regarding licensing / permitting / growing marijuana. Local irrigation districts operating federal irrigation projects have recently been advised that under Federal Reclamation Law, it is likely project water cannot be delivered and utilized for purposes that are illegal under federal law. Presumably growing marijuana would fall into this category. The Bureau of Reclamation has indicated that a statement on this subject will be issued as quickly as possible.

We feel that in fairness to all concerned this precautionary message needs to be communicated. If you need further information, I suggest you contact the Bureau of Reclamation in Yakima.

Sincerely,



Scott Revell  
District Manager