

Tumalo Irrigation District

Q&A

Q: What was the property zoned before it became a surface mine?

A: The property was developed as a surface mine in the early 1900's. Prior to that the property was not zoned. If it had been, it would revert to that the previous zoning but that is not an option in this situation.

Q: Is there a timeline for the application process?

A: We expect the rezoning application process will continue through 2016. During this period, there will opportunities for testimony for and against the application. Once the zone is established, TID will work on a development plan. That will likely take much of 2017.

Q: Why did TID decide to do this now?

A: Now that the land is reclaimed, law requires rezoning. As the owners of the property, the District decided to initiate the process rather than waiting for Deschutes County to do so.

Q: Will the public still have access to the land while the zoning application process is ongoing?

A: The Board's intention is that the property should remain open to the public, but circumstances could change if the property is abused.

Q: Does TID anticipate a lot of resistance to rezoning the process?

A: TID does not anticipate a lot of resistance to rezoning because law requires it. However, it does anticipate a lot of interest in the type of development TID eventually decides to apply for. That is why TID is taking a very thoughtful approach and is considering many different options.