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Landowners who were actively bypassing irrigation water flow meters will suffer the harshest penalty possible—permanent retirement of irrigation on the affected land.

In a special meeting Tuesday, June 22, members of the Upper Republican Natural Resources District board handed out the sanctions after more than five hours of discussion and deliberation.

The board permanently retired irrigation on 1,476.4 acres and retired another 779.4 acres for 10 years, along with the loss of all carryforward. The board levied sanctions against a total of 3,971.85 acres.

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