

## UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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### UNITED IRRIGATION DISTRICT WATER DELIVERY POLICY

The following policies are applicable in the purchasing and delivery of all irrigation water. District personnel are being instructed to administer the following policies regarding the use of the water by all water users to receive its pro-rata share of irrigation water. Please note all flat rate assessments are to be paid prior to purchasing irrigation water. The district's obligation is to provide irrigation water to the highest delivery point on a tract of land and to provide 1,350 GPM. Upon discharging this obligation, it is up to the individual landowner(s) to provide at their own expense the means to receive irrigation water. This is accomplished by the installation of private pipelines, ditches, or canals to their property. *Please note that the policy is subject to change.*

1. **Ordering deadline:** The deadline for purchasing a water ticket is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, the week before the water is to be used. All water ordered during the week will generally be scheduled for delivery the following week. Any water ordered after the deadline shall be placed at the bottom of the delivery schedule. If water is available, and depending on the conditions, deliveries shall be made as soon as possible either during the following week or the week following. The Canal rider makes all scheduling of water deliveries. Irrigation customers who refuse to accept a water delivery when scheduled, will have their right to water delivery canceled for the week ordered. Those customers will not be placed on a new list of orders until they reorder the water for another delivery period. All unused water tickets will be kept for 60 days after the 60 days water ticket will be refunded.
  - A. **Clean Private Ditches:** All water users are required before any water is delivered. All private lines and ditches must be capable of transporting water without unreasonable loss.
  - B. **Containment Borders:** All water users shall be required to provide containment borders of sufficient size to minimize water spillage. Should a containment border collapse while irrigation water is being delivered, and irrigation was continued regardless of the breakdown, all extra time required to complete the irrigation shall be added to the hours used to irrigate said property. To promote water conservation all water users shall be responsible for paying for water lost due to spillage.
  - C. **Time Limits:** At times where more than one customer is scheduled to irrigate on the same canal, pump, or pipeline system, one (1) water ticket will be the maximum time allowed for any customer where a limited amount of water can be delivered. When the time limit has expired, deliveries to such a customer will be terminated to allow the next customer to begin receiving water delivery. Should there be no

one waiting to receive water deliveries, no termination will take place for an additional reasonable time as determined by the General Manager.

- D. **Notice to Customers:** A written notice will be delivered to the owners of property who have an existing condition where valve plates and stems are missing or the locations where the valve plates have been unlawfully opened on a District pipeline that traverses their land. This practice causes irrigation water to be illegally diverted to their property. To promote water conservation, customers who refuse to correct the problem within the time specified in the notice are in violation of *the Texas Water Code, Texas Civil Statutes*.
- E. **Pond Deliveries:** Ponds are to be maintained to deter water loss and water seepage. When the district is on allocation all pond deliveries will be subject to purchase a water ticket for proper documentation of water availability. Water delivery to ponds which are not directly associated with the irrigation of land in the district are subject to curtailment during water shortage periods as determined by the district Board of Directors.
- F. **Yard Tickets:** Subject to one (1) irrigation when on allocation and its availability.
- G. **Excluded or Exempted land:** No resident, who is in a subdivision that has been excluded or exempted from the district, will be allowed to connect siphon tubes, pipes or hoses to any of the district's facilities or otherwise take water from the district facilities unless entitled to do so by contract with the district.
- H. **Private Line Connections:** All private lines connected to the District's Facilities shall have a line gate valve at the point of connection to depressurize the private line when it is not in use. Owners of private lines are responsible for the maintenance and repair of such facilities.
- I. **Out-of-District:** Is covered by special contract.