LINDSAY - STRATHMORE
IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Governing the Distribution

of Water in the

Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District

Rules and regulations governing the distribution of water in the Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District were adopted by the Board of Directors under authority of the provisions of Section 15 of the Irrigation Act of 1897, which reads as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the said Board to establish equitable by-laws, rules and regulations for the distribution and use of water among the owners of said lands, which must be printed in convenient form for distribution in the District. Said Board shall have power generally to perform all such acts as shall be necessary to fully carry out the purposes of this act."
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of the
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IRRIGATION DISTRICT

No. 1: CONTROL OF SYSTEM

The distribution system and works of the District are under the exclusive management and control of the Manager, appointed by the Board of Directors, and no other person shall have any right to interfere with said distribution system and works in any manner.

No. 2: WATERTENDERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES

The Manager shall employ such operators, watertenders and other assistants as may be necessary for the purpose of the proper operation of the system and distribution of water. Each watertender shall have charge of his respective area and shall be responsible to the Manager for said area. From the watertenders decisions an appeal may be made to the Manager. From the action of the Manager, appeal may be made to the Board of Directors.

No. 3(a): APPOINTMENT OF IRRIGATION WATER

Irrigation water shall be apportioned within the District, in the event of shortage, to only those lands which are served by irrigation meters. It shall be apportioned on the basis of the ratio of the landowner's last assessment against his land for District purposes to the whole sum assessed to those lands served by irrigation meters. The District's assessment books will be the sole and final source for the computation of these assessments.

No. 3(b): APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC WATER

In the event that apportionment of domestic water is inevitable, such apportionment shall be based on limiting monthly use to each domestic meter in the ratio of each parcel's last assessment to the whole of those parcels served by domestic meters only.

No. 4: MEASUREMENT OF WATER

Water will be delivered to landowners through a meter only, either installed by the District at the expense of the landowner, or installed in accordance with the specifications for such work as set forth and in effect by the District.

No. 5: CONTROL OF DIVERTING GATE VALVES, LOCKS, LOCK CHAINS, AND METERS

The District's employees alone will be allowed to unlock or otherwise remove a lock chain from the diverting gate valve. Tampering with a diverting valve, lock, lock chain, or meter is strictly prohibited. Any landowner deviating from this rule will be subject to a charge based on the usage through the meter since the last lock-up, plus 50%, or, at the discretion of the Board, be required at the landowner's expense to render his meter entirely inaccessible to any but the District's employees.
No. 6: WASTE OF WATER

Persons wasting water on roads or vacant land, or land previously irrigated either willfully, carelessly, or on account of defective or inadequate ditches or pipelines, or inadequately prepared land, will be refused the use of water until such conditions are remedied.

No. 7: LIABILITY OF LANDOWNERS

Attention is called to the fact that any person draining water upon or permitting water to drain upon a public highway is liable to fine and damages. The District will not be liable for any damages resulting directly or indirectly from any private pipeline or ditch or the water flowing therein, and the District's responsibility shall absolutely cease when the water is turned therein according to these rules and regulations.

Any interference with the distribution system or works of the District is a penal offense.

It shall be the duty of the landowner to furnish sufficient protection for meters and gate valves to prevent damage to said meter. In the event protection is not adequate, any expense of repair will be borne by the landowner.

No. 8: UNLAWFUL ACTS

Every consumer of water shall be responsible to the District for damage occurring to meter or other equipment or property owned or maintained by the District caused by acts of the landowner or his tenant, or employee, including the breaking or destruction of locks on or near a meter. Such repairs shall be made by the District at the expense of the landowner and will include material, labor, and administrative fees.

No. 9(a): ORDERING IRRIGATION WATER

Orders for irrigation water turn-ons must be placed at the District office at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of delivery. Orders for delivery of irrigation water will be taken at the District office until 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Meters will be unlocked the day following ordering on or the earliest time manageable by the water tender. Orders for turn-ons on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday must be made to the District office by 4:00 P.M. Friday. Orders for "early" turn-ons must be made to the District office by 12:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Unauthorized turn-on and usage constitute an infraction of this rule and such usage shall be charged on the same basis as other continuous flow users at the rate then in effect for continuous flow users.

No. 9(b): ORDERING DOMESTIC WATER

Orders for domestic water turn-ons may be made at the District office by either the landowner or a tenant. However, if water is ordered turned on by a tenant, only the tenant may order the water turned off in the absence of a written agreement between the landowner and the tenant, delivered to the District, giving the landowner the right to order the turn-off.

No. 10: IRRIGATION WATER TURN-OFFS

Orders for turn-offs must be reported to the District office in advance of said turn-off. Failure to give such notice shall constitute an unauthorized use and penalty will apply.

No. 11: EMERGENCY TURN-OFFS

In the event of an emergency turn-off, a note must be left under the meter cap and the District office notified as soon as possible thereafter of such turn-off.

No. 12: INTERRUPTIONS IN SERVICE

The District shall not be liable for damage which may result from an interruption in service from a cause beyond the control of the District. Temporary shut-downs may be made by the District to make improvements and repairs. Whenever possible and as time permits all landowners will be notified prior to making such shut-downs.

No. 13: RIGHT OF ACCESS TO PREMISES OF LANDOWNER

The District or its duly authorized agents shall have at all reasonable times the right to ingress and egress from the landowner's premises for all purposes properly connected with the service of water to the landowner.

No. 14: ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

No rubbish, swill, garbage, or refuse shall be placed in or allowed to be emptied into any works of the District, and the Manager and water tenders of the District are hereby instructed to see that this rule is strictly enforced. Any person found guilty of violating the above rule will be prosecuted for maintaining a nuisance.

No. 15(a): PAYMENT OF IRRIGATION BILLS

Regular monthly irrigation water bills are due and payable on presentation and payment may be made at the District office. Bills will be considered delinquent and a penalty of one per cent (1%) per month added thereto if payment is not made on or before the 15th day of the month following service period. Service will be discontinued for non-payment if bill is not paid on or before the 20th day of the month following service period.

When meters have been installed by the District at the expense of the landowner, the entire cost of such installation must be paid in full, or monthly payments as approved by the Board of Directors must be on a current status, before delivery of water will be made.

No. 15(b): PAYMENTS OF DOMESTIC BILLS

Domestic water bills will be sent every two months and are due and payable on presentation. Domestic bills will be considered delinquent and a penalty of five per cent (5%) added thereto if payment is not made on or before the 15th day of the month following the date of presentation. An additional five per cent (5%) penalty will be added if payment is not made on or before
the 15th day of the third month followingpresentation. Service will be
discontinued on all domestic water services if the bill remains delinquent
for a period of sixty (60) days. If water service is resumed after discon-
tinuance for delinquency, there will be a $5.00 turn-on charge during busi-
ess hours and a $12.00 turn-on charge after hours, both payable in advance.

No. 16: DELINQUENT TAXES

No water shall be furnished to any land within the District, from the irri-
gation system thereof, if any District taxes are delinquent thereon.

No. 17: DELIVERIES SUBJECT TO TERMS OF U.S. WATER CONTRACT

All water deliveries shall be subject to the terms and conditions of any
existing Water Service Contracts between the United States and the Lindsay-
Strathmore Irrigation District.

No. 18: DELIVERIES SUBJECT TO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGEMENT NO. 8807

All water deliveries shall be subject to the terms, conditions, limitations
and restrictions contained in the judgment entered on December 18, 1930,
by the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County
of Tulare, in the action then pending and entitled "Tulare Irrigation Dis-
trict, et al. plaintiffs, vs. Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District, defend-
ant" and numbered 8807 on the records and files of that Court.

No. 19: ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

Refusal to comply with the requirements hereof, or transgression of any of
the foregoing rules and regulations, or any interference with the discharge
of the duties of any official, shall be sufficient cause for shutting off
the water, and water will not again be furnished until full compliance has
been made with all requirements herein set forth.

No. 20: INTRODUCTION OF HARMFUL OR EXTRANEOUS MATERIAL INTO THE WATER
DISTRIUTION SYSTEM

No person or persons shall insert or introduce any substance or material,
liquid or solid, into the water system of the District. No person or persons
shall insert or introduce any substance or material, liquid or solid, into
the private water system or lines of a customer without providing the pro-
per cross-connection control device as called for by Title 17 of the Cali-
ifornia Administrative Code, Section 7604, between the District water system
and systems or lines carrying the altered water supply.

No person or persons shall fill any tank, container or spray rig with water
from the District system or from any consumer's system without providing
the proper cross-connection control device as called for by Title 17 of
the California Administrative Code, Section 7604, between the discharge
and the opening in the tank, container or spray rig.

No restrictions contained in this section (Section 20) of the Rules and Reg-
ulations of the District shall apply to the introduction of materials into
the District's facilities by employees of the District for District purposes,
or to the installation of water softening devices on the lines of either the
District or the water consumers.