

POLICY 2008-OP12

POLICY SUBJECT: SPILL WATER USE FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES

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PURPOSE: To provide acceptable guidelines for delivering excess water in case of inclement weather, or other unavoidable cancellations of water orders, to avoid spilling irrigation water that has been ordered for delivery.

DEFINITIONS:

Excess/excessive inflow: A volume of water in the EBID conveyance system that exceeds or jeopardizes its carrying capacity.

Field Supervisor: An EBID Watermaster or Assistant Watermaster.

Spill water: An excess of water caused by unavoidable cancellations of water orders or excessive in-flow to the conveyance system, which is generally due to inclement weather.

Spilled/spilling: Excess water that is discharged into a wasteway, drain, and/or to the river.

Wasteway: An EBID discharge facility that ultimately conveys water to the river.

CONDITIONS:

- 1. Spill water may not be delivered to a field for which a pending order has been cancelled.**
- 2. Spill water may be delivered to a field for which a pending order has been cancelled in the subsequent order cycle.**
- 3. Spill water may be delivered to a field that has received and been charged for an ordered delivery in the current order cycle.**

PROCEDURE: Spill water can be approved only by the on-duty Field Supervisor. Spill water will be approved only if all possible attempts to deliver water to pending orders(s) have been exhausted. Spill water will only be available until a pending order(s) is located, and can only be used during a specified time of excessive inflow.

If there are unavoidable cancellations of water orders, or if there is an excessive in-flow into the system due to inclement weather, and the water cannot be shut off at the diversion dam or contained within the canal by stopping the in-flow at the canal heading, all attempts will be made to deliver the spill water for irrigation purposes before it is spilled, according to the following:

1. The Ditchrider shall review all unit orders, and if necessary, contact the downstream unit Ditchrider(s) to determine if there is any possibility of delivering the water.
2. The Ditchrider will then locate a constituent willing to accept the water. The constituent must be notified that the amount of water available will be limited to the time period of excessive inflow and the Ditchrider will do everything he can to maintain a constant water surface elevation, but cannot guarantee its availability for any period of time.
3. If the Field Supervisor determines delivery of spill water to an irrigator is feasible and justified, he will then approve the delivery of spill water for irrigation purposes.

4. When the spill water delivery is approved, the Ditchrider will place a water order with Water Records for a spill water ticket. The Ditchrider must follow all water delivery metering requirements and treat this as any other irrigation.
5. As determined by the Watermaster, one of the following will occur:
 - a. Spill Water Ticket. Water Records will receive the spill water ticket and will charge out and credit back the amount of water that was designated as spill water to the owner or owner/renter account where the water was delivered.
 - b. Regular Water Order Ticket. Charges for spill water will be applied to the owner or owner/renter account where the water was delivered according to the annual rate per ac/ft of water established by the Board of Directors for the amount of water delivered.
6. If there are no constituents willing to take available spill water, and it is otherwise justified given the circumstances, the Field Supervisor may authorize spilling of the excess water. The following conditions must be fulfilled:
 - a. The Ditchrider must take the necessary steps, as designated in this policy and by the Field Supervisor, to minimize the amount of water that will be spilled.
 - b. The excess water shall be spilled by the Ditchrider into designated wasteways and drains as instructed by the Field Supervisor.
 - c. The Ditchrider must contact Water Records and report the amount of water (cfs) and the length of time during which the water will be spilled.