

**ARTICLE 19. REGULATIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR  
AND USE OF MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER WITHIN  
WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT**

**19.1 PURPOSE**

Westlands Water District has a long-term contractual entitlement to receive from the United States an annual supply of 1,150,000 acre-feet (AF) of Central Valley Project (CVP) water. The contracts between Westlands Water District and the United States allow the District to make CVP water available for municipal, industrial and domestic uses. The District may also acquire additional water supplies for these purposes. This Article establishes the rules and procedures for making application for and the use of municipal and industrial (M&I) water.

**19.2 GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS**

Unless specified below, the terms and definitions contained in Article 2 of these Regulations shall apply.

- A. "Ag Related M&I Use" – the use of water exclusively for purposes of commerce, trade or industry associated with the production of agricultural crops or livestock, or their related by-products, including human uses, other than housing, that are incidental to the Ag Related M&I Use.
- B. "Historic Use" – the greatest annual quantity of CVP water delivered for M&I Use to an M&I Water User at a point of delivery during the five-year period immediately preceding June 30, 2001.
- C. "M&I Use" – the use of water for drinking, cooking, bathing, showering, dish washing, and maintaining oral hygiene or purposes of commerce, trade or industry.
- D. "M&I Water Application" - an agreement in a form approved by the General Manager or his designee between the District and an M&I Water User, which describes the point of delivery for such water and the estimated quantity of water that will be made available by the District for M&I Use.

- E. “M&I Water User” - individual or entity who has executed and submitted to the District an M&I Water Application or to whom the District makes water available for M&I Use.

### **19.3 M&I WATER AVAILABILITY**

- A. The General Manager shall set aside from the District’s CVP water supply or other sources deemed appropriate water for M&I Use.
- B. The General Manager or designee shall assist any M&I Water User in identifying a source of water that can be made available to the District for M&I Use; provided, that this provision shall not impose on the District or its employees an obligation to incur any expense or other obligation on behalf of such M&I Water User.

### **19.4 APPLICATION FOR WATER**

- A. Except for M&I Use initiated before July 1, 2001, to receive water for M&I Use, a proposed M&I Water User must file at the District's Fresno office an M&I Water Application. Upon approval by the District, the M&I Water Application shall constitute a valid agreement for M&I Use until the M&I Water User notifies the District in writing that such M&I Use will be terminated. Every M&I Water Application shall identify the point of delivery and the intended use of the M&I Water.
- B. An M&I Water Application for use in excess of 5 acre-feet, or 5 acre-feet per 160 acres when such application is for a solar development covering such acreage, per year shall identify a source of water that will, at the applicant’s expense, be made available to the District for the proposed M&I Use. Solar development resulting from land participating in the “Continued Benefits to Modified Agricultural Land” are not eligible to submit a M&I Water Application.
- C. Notwithstanding Section 19.4 B. of this Article, a M&I Water User may annually transfer into the M&I Water User’s account a quantity of water, from any source available to the M&I Water User, sufficient to satisfy any Ag Related M&I Use for the water year; provided, the M&I Water User shall acknowledge in writing that the

District has no obligation to make available to the M&I Water User, in any year, a quantity of water in excess of the quantity transferred into the M&I Water User's account.

- D. A supplemental M&I Water Application shall be filed by any M&I Water User before the quantity of water for M&I Use made available to such M&I Water User is increased (i) above Historic Use, for M&I Water Users receiving M&I water before July 1, 2001, or (ii) above the quantity stated in the initial M&I Water Application, for M&I Use initiated after June 30, 2001.

### **19.5 USE OF WATER**

- A. The unauthorized use or taking of water for M&I Use, or the waste or unreasonable use of water, are prohibited. Water made available for M&I Use may only be used at the point of delivery and for the purpose(s) identified in the M&I Water Application. Except as provided in Section 19.5 B. of this Article, the transfer of M&I water is prohibited.
- B. M&I water identified pursuant to Section 19.4 B. of this Article or water transferred by the M&I Water User pursuant to Section 19.4 C. of this Article may be transferred within the District's boundaries. Nothing contained in this Article shall prevent an M&I Water User from changing the place of use of its M&I water within the District's boundaries.
- C. All M&I Water Users shall implement conservation measures adopted by the Water Policy Committee of the Board of Directors or its successor.
- D. All M&I Water Users shall cooperate in the District's efforts to comply with the terms of the Compliance Agreement between the California Department of Health Services and Westlands Water District, dated June 1, 2001.
- E. Every point of delivery for M&I Water shall be equipped with a backflow prevention device of a design approved by the General Manager.
- F. The General Manager is authorized, after written notice to the M&I Water User, to discontinue water service to any M&I Water User who violates this Article or the Terms and Conditions for Municipal and Industrial Water Service.

- G. In the event the District's water supply is insufficient to meet all demands for water, including demands for irrigation, the General Manager is authorized to reduce the quantity of water made available for M&I Use or to impose such temporary conservation actions or other measures, as he deems necessary to protect the public health and safety.

#### **19.6 COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Each M&I Water User shall comply with the Terms and Conditions for Municipal and Industrial Water Service, as amended by the Board from time to time. Failure to comply with the Terms and Conditions for Municipal and Industrial Water Service may be grounds for termination of M&I Water Use service, and no water shall be furnished to an M&I Water User who fails to make required payments pursuant to the Terms and Conditions for Municipal and Industrial Water Service, as amended by the Board, from time to time.

#### **19.7 MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. The General Manager may do all things necessary to implement and effectuate these Regulations.
- B. An appeal from any decision made pursuant to these Regulations shall be made to the Finance and Administration Committee of the Board of Directors. Such appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed with the District Secretary within 15 working days after notice of the decision. The decision of the Finance and Administration Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors. Such appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed with the District Secretary within 15 working days after notice of the decision. The decision of the Board shall be final.
- C. The General Manager shall provide notice of any changes or revision to these Regulations to all District landowners and M&I Water Users.