

TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON

1. Application for water must be filed on or before March 1 of each year. Any orders for water placed after that time will be accepted only on the condition that the District can accept such orders and deliver such water. **Applications from landowners with prior year assessment and/or water bills owed to the District will not be approved and no current year allocations made to those landowners until all amounts owed are current.**
2. Water bills will be sent out monthly based on actual usage and are due and payable by the end of the month. **Payments must be received in the District office or postmarked on the last day of the month billed to avoid late fees.**
3. All daily water orders and requests for water to be turned on and off must go through the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Office or online at www.ltrid.org. Phone: (559) 686-4716; or FAX: (559) 686-0151.
4. Due to the regulations under which the District works with the Friant Water Authority, water orders must be given at least one day prior to time when the changes are to be made. **Orders must be called in between 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., Monday through Friday for the water delivery to be made on the following day.** However, orders for water changes to be made on Monday **must** be received by 4:00 P.M. the Friday before. Water orders may also be faxed to (559) 686-0151 during the same times as above. Water users turning on or off without an order will be charged a penalty of \$100.00. In addition, water that is turned on without an order will be turned off immediately.
5. Measurement of water will be made on a daily basis at the outlet serving the property.
6. On and off time for water deliveries is 7:00 a.m.
7. Water users owning the property being served should file their own water order. However, where landowners are leasing their property, the owner must sign the Lessee's application for water unless payment in full is made when the order is placed.
8. Water applications should be submitted on the basis of best estimate of yearly use. The ultimate allocation per acre will be determined by the Board of Directors based on water supply available.

9. The District will use its utmost power to meet emergency conditions which may arise.

10. **WASTEFUL USE OF WATER**

The District's water service contract with the USBR requires a water conservation plan which has a provision requiring regulating wasteful use of water. If the District determines that a landowner has improperly used irrigation water delivered to them, such that excessive runoff, in the District's opinion, is leaving the landowner's property, the District shall notify the landowner of the appropriate steps to take to eliminate the problem. If the landowner does not correct the problem, the District will discontinue water delivery until the problem is rectified.

11. **WATER SHORTAGE**

If the District's water supply, from the Friant-Kern Canal, is declared below 100% of the 7,200 acre-feet contract amount the following procedures will be implemented.

Management will assess the District's supply situation, compare current supply with historic average demands, then evaluate a course of action to meet the demands such as purchase water from outside source or turn on supplemental wells. After analysis has been completed, water supply will be prorated to irrigable lands of the District.

Example: $5,500 \text{ acre-feet} \div 3,282 \text{ acres} = 1.67 \text{ acre-feet per acre}$

12. Landowners are allowed to transfer their allocation to other landowners. In order to do so, landowners must fill out the proper paperwork at the District office.

13. In accordance with California Water Code Section 35423, the District shall not deliver water to (1) persons who violate these Rules and Regulations, or (2) Persons against whom there are delinquent water or other charges, and/or delinquent Assessments, of more than sixty days. In cases where property is being leased, the District shall not deliver water to said property if any delinquencies exist against the Landowner.

14. In accordance with California Water Code Section 36726, any remaining unpaid water bills, as of June 30, will be added to and become part of the land assessment for the following year.

15. There will be a \$25 charge, plus bank fees on all returned checks, for the first offense. The charge will be \$35, thereafter.

16. When mailing in payments, the remittance portion of the bill must be returned with the payment to ensure proper posting. If remittance is not returned, payment will be posted first to any unpaid water bills, then to any other unpaid balances.