

WATER RIGHTS COMPLIANCE AND DROUGHT RESPONSE STANDARDS

1. Purpose. The specific provisions of this Section are necessary and proper to conserve water resources and minimize cost to the Coop and expense to its Members. The Board and our Cooperative Members recognize that Glenbrook Water Coop has limited water rights allocation which are subject to reduction during times of drought and are implementing the following to ensure we are in compliance with our water rights allocation.

WATER CONSERVATION STAGES

2. Water Waste Prohibited. No water user shall waste water or make, cause, or permit the use of water for any purpose contrary to any provision of this Section, or in quantities in excess of the use permitted by the conservation stage in effect pursuant to this Section. Tahoe Basin studies have shown that with soils typical in this region anything over 1/2" of water dispersed per irrigation cycle is wasted. Most sprinkler heads will disperse over 1/2" in less than 20 minutes. Soils should be amended appropriately for the soil conditions, type of vegetation, micro-climates and conditions. With proper lawn and garden maintenance and a properly designed irrigation system, watering three times a week is sufficient. Landscape should be installed in a manner that will reduce the amount of water needed for irrigation. Water for landscape should be applied in a manner that optimizes the use of fertilizer by the landscape and should prevent fertilizer from leaching into the ground water. The Conservation stage shall be determined by majority vote of the Board.

WATER WASTE IS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

Where water is wasted from leaky faucets, pipes or fixtures, by letting water run in the house, street or gutter, to stand in puddles on lawns or gardens, or where there is an unusual water use, the use shall be considered as waste of water, and service may be discontinued. The Coop has adopted a Water Conservation Plan to support its efforts to reduce water waste. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the accidental breaking of any hose, water pipe, or other irrigation device unless the same is not abated within a reasonable time after personal notice of such break is given by the Coop to the person owning, controlling or maintaining the property. If such breaks are not repaired or the water turned off within the specified time, the Coop will shut off the water. If personal notice cannot be given, the water will be shut off and a notice shall be placed on the front door stating the reason(s) for said shut off. The shut off and turn on of water shall be paid for in accordance with Section II below.

3. Stage 1 - Normal Conditions. During a Stage 1 – ‘Normal Conditions,’ Water Users shall not waste water and shall abide by the following:

- a) Winterization of Irrigation Systems - operation of irrigation systems shall be discontinued and properly winterized by November 1st of every year and may be returned to service April 1st.

- b) Restrictions on irrigation during times of day: Landscaping and lawns must not be watered between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.
- c) Designated irrigation days are established: Properties with street addresses ending with an even number shall irrigate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and properties with street addresses ending with an odd number shall irrigate on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. There will be no irrigation permitted on Saturday. An individual irrigation zone in a property's irrigation system shall not irrigate more than 30 minutes per day, unless the zone is irrigated exclusively by drip or other low-flow irrigation systems.
- d) Water Users shall not allow water to flow over the ground surface or from sprinklers onto impervious surfaces or adjacent property.
- e) Water Users shall repair all leaks in their plumbing and irrigation systems.
- f) Hoses shall not be used for washing motor vehicles without an automatic shut-off nozzle attached to the hose. Continuous discharge from hose nozzle is prohibited. All Water Users are encouraged to report to the Coop all signs or indications of water leaks or water waste.
- g) The irrigation of non-landscaped, natural vegetation or undeveloped property is expressly prohibited.
- h) Irrigation exclusively utilizing drip or other low-flow systems shall be exempt from designated irrigation days.
 1. An exemption shall exist under Stage 1 for the following: Newly planted sod will be exempt for forty-five (45) days from the date it was installed.
 2. Seeded lawns, whether by hydroseed or other means, will be exempt for sixty (60) days from the date of application.
 3. Bedding plants, including annuals and perennials, will be exempt for fifteen (15) days from the date of planting.

The property owner, or his/her designee, must notify the Coop in writing to obtain an exemption for the establishment of new vegetation as outlined above.

4. Stage 2 - Significant Water Shortage. During a Stage 2 – significant water shortage, Stage 1 applies, and also the following shall apply:

- a) Outdoor irrigation of all vegetation including lawns and landscaping is limited to twice per week, 30 minutes per zone, even number addresses shall irrigate on Monday and Thursday and odd number addresses shall irrigate on Tuesday and Friday.

5. Stage 3 - Water Emergency. During a Stage 3 - Water shortage emergency, Stages 1 and 2 restrictions apply and the Board may designate specific areas for further restrictions as follows:

The use of water for other than domestic and commercial use is prohibited.

ENFORCEMENT

6. Enforcement. The Business Manager, and other Coop authorized representatives have the duty and are authorized to enforce all provisions of this Section. Late payments of fines will be assessed additional fees and interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month.

7. First Violation. For a first violation within one calendar year, the Coop shall issue a written warning to the Water User.

8. *Second Violation.* For a second violation within one calendar year, a fine of \$100 for residential Members shall be paid within 30 days.

9. *Third Violation.* For a third violation within one calendar year, a fine of \$250 for residential Members shall be paid within 30 days. In addition to the fine, the Board or the Business Manager may require installation of a metering device on the Water User's service connection, at the Member's expense.

10. *Fourth Violation.* For the fourth and any additional violations within one calendar year, a fine of \$500 for residential Members shall be paid within 30 days. The Coop may also discontinue the Water User's water service at the property where the violation occurred in accordance with Coop procedures or, at the Coop's discretion and at the Member's cost may install a metering device at the Member's service connection. If service is disconnected, re-connection shall be permitted only when there is reasonable protection against future violations, such as a metering device on the Member's service connection, as determined at the Coop's discretion.

11. *Coop Enforcement & Metered Costs.* Coop shall be reimbursed for its costs and expenses in enforcing the provisions of this Section, including such costs as Coop incurs for Coop staff to investigate and monitor the Water User's compliance with the terms of this Section. Charges for installation of metering devices or for discontinuing or restoring water service, as the Coop incurs those charges, shall be added to the Water User's bill at the property where the enforcement costs were incurred. If metering is installed, the meter will be read a minimum of once per year and, in addition to the member's annual connection fee(s), water usage in excess of 250,000 gallons per year will result in a surcharge of \$34.00 per thousand gallons, and such rate may be modified by the Coop.

ADMINISTRATION

12. *General.* The provisions of this Section shall be administered and enforced by the Coop through the Business Manager, who may delegate such enforcement to one or more employees or contractors of the Coop.

13. *Metering.* The Board may, at its discretion, require a meter to be installed at the member's expense.

14. *Appeals.* Any Member may appeal any decision in this amendment to the Board of Directors, whose decision will be final.