

# GROWER'S HANDBOOK

## RULES

and

## REGULATIONS

### Woodbridge Irrigation District



2015

Woodbridge Irrigation District  
P.O. Box 580  
Woodbridge, California 95258

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### For Ordering Water or Shutting Water Off Call:

Woodbridge Irrigation District Office ..... 209-625-8438  
Water orders may be placed between 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday. Please give  
field identification in addition to your name and any other  
information. (See rule #3.)

TO LEAVE A MESSAGE AFTER HOURS: Call 625-8438 and  
leave message on the Districts answering machine any time and  
someone will get back to you. **DO NOT PLACE WATER  
ORDERS ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE.**

**Emergency Telephone Numbers Only: (Day or Night) PLEASE  
DO NOT USE THESE NUMBERS TO PLACE WATER  
ORDERS**

Todd VerSteeg, Superintendent ..... Cell 479-1520  
Rene Magallanes ..... Cell 507-5238  
South Main Canal  
Jesus Gutierrez ..... Cell 642-3090  
North West Main Canal  
Jaime Cantu ..... Cell 327-0149  
West Main Canal  
Jaime Magallanes, Relief Ditchtender ..... Cell 747-3271  
Anders Christensen, Manager ..... Cell 642-0796  
Brandon Warmerdam, Metering/Relief DT ..... Cell 329-0074

**Field Number Card**

(When ordering water, please give field number)

**Number**

	Crop	Acres	Field Name	Field Number
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____

(Effective March 1, 2015)

**Woodbridge Irrigation District  
RULES and REGULATIONS**

**1. Application for Water:** At the beginning of each irrigation season, each prospective irrigator shall file with the District at the office, a written application and contract for water on forms to be furnished by the District, specifying the kind of crop and number of acres of each crop to be irrigated and such other information as may be desirable. The ditchtender shall verify the same acreage actually irrigated and report same to the Secretary. The acreage signed will include the actual crop irrigated plus headlands. If the acreage applied for is not all irrigated, any overpayment may be refunded, provided that notice is given before the first day of August of the current irrigation season. All applications for water shall also be subject to the terms listed in the water application and contract forms.

**2. Payment for Water:** Landowners or tenants whose landowners co-sign this agreement and guaranty payment may be allowed to pay one-half of the amount of the water tolls due or to become due under this contract is payable herewith, for a fee of \$25.00, and the remainder is payable on or before October 1, 2015. However, full payment of this contract and standby and groundwater charges will be required if undersigned is a tenant or if the landowner or tenant is delinquent on any amounts owed to the District. Unless full payment of said contract shall be made on or before October 1, 2015, any amount then due the District thereunder shall bear interest at the rate of 1-1/2% per month until paid. Flood or furrow irrigators shall pay for water actually used as determined by the District's metering system. Flood and Furrow Growers shall pay for water actually used and pay additional amounts or may be eligible for a refund of not more than 50% of the duty/allotment billing amount. Drip and Sprinkler metered users are not eligible for a refund due to the discounted rate given on their Water Contract.

When Signing Additional Acres,  
**PLEASE BRING YOUR BOOK WITH YOU.**

**3. Ordering Water:** As long as the water supply is sufficient, water may be ordered for delivery upon a 72-hour notice placed in person or by phone with the District on any business day (Monday-Friday) and between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. No water orders to turn water on or off will be left with an answering machine or faxed to the District. Growers placing orders for water shall notify the ditchtender of any changes, to the gate opening and the time of shutting the gate off, prior to making the change. Growers not notifying the ditchtender of such gate changes will be charged for the highest meter flow reading.

**4. Notice of Delivery:** The District shall provide notice of delivery prior to the time water is delivered. The District will strive to allow a 12-hour notice of delivery; however, a shorter notice may be given at the option of the ditchtender.

**5. Condition of "Private" Ditches, Pipelines and Equipment:** All private ditches shall be kept free from weeds and other obstructions and have sufficient capacity to care for a reasonable head of water. In cases where ditches are not in proper condition to receive water, the ditchtenders shall order the ditches cleaned, and failure to do so will be sufficient cause for the refusal of water into the ditch. Where private ditches are constructed closely to paralleling District canals or ditches; a full and complete bank must be constructed adjacent to and in addition to the bank of the District so paralleled. No water shall be provided for unleveled fields or furrow/flood fields that are too high to irrigate. Furrow & Flood irrigators shall irrigate continuously until done. Growers may be shut off for excessive discharge of tail water.

**6. Delivery of Water:** When the water supply and the capacity of the ditch is such that a rotation basis of delivery is necessary, a system of rotation may be utilized at the discretion of the District and may be changed in any section at the discretion of the District. Irrigators' ditches shall have ample capacity to take a head of water sufficient to irrigate their land at a rate of one hour per acre irrigated unless the District is unable to deliver this amount of water, in which event additional time will be allowed, provided, however, that the District may limit the amount to one-half acre foot per acre for each irrigation. Furrow and flood irrigators shall take their water continuously until done and shall be charged for the same. Any irrigators shutting off their water during irrigation shall be considered to have completed their irrigation. The point of delivery and the measurement of water shall be at the delivery gate at the District's canal.

**7. Control Gates:** The District shall have absolute control of all delivery gates, check gates and other structures in the canal system. Irrigators making any delivery gate changes or pulling or placing of any boards in the system will do so only with the full knowledge and direction of the Ditchtender or the Superintendent. The District employees have full authority to close the same as soon as the requisite amount of water has been delivered or on account of any violation of the rules and regulation. These gates may be equipped with locks and the keys thereto shall be in control of the Ditchtender.

**8. Gates and Private Ditches:** The District shall have control of all delivery gates and check gates on private ditches to the extent that they may be necessary to enforce the delivery of water according to rules and regulations, but the District shall not thereby assume any liability for the maintenance and repair of such gates; these gates may be equipped with locks and these keys must be in control of the Ditchtender.

**9. Drip, Sprinkler, Micro Emitters, or any Pressure Distribution System:** The Woodbridge Irrigation District requires that all drip, sprinkler, micro emitters, or any pressure distribution system users receiving service from Woodbridge Irrigation District install one of the following 4 inch or larger horizontal flow meters by McCrometer with options. WID will not accept any 3 inch or smaller meters.

**MW 500 Propeller Flange Meters:** A McCrometer MW 500 series meter (4 inch and larger meters) with a 7 wheel register (must be ordered as "OT102") and include the Marathon Bearing with Ultra Shield ("OT110" when ordering the meter). The register must include an indicator in "Gallons Per Minute" and a totalizer in Acre Feet (AF). On 6" and larger, a totalizer is required with 4 digits to the left of the decimal point and 2 digits to the right of the same decimal point (0000.00). These meters are required to be installed with a minimum 5x pipe diameters upstream of the center of the meter head and 1 pipe diameter downstream.

**MO 300 Bolt on Saddle Flow Meters:** A McCrometer MO300 series meter (4 inch and larger) are acceptable and may require flow straighteners (optional accessory). These meters are required to be installed with a minimum of 10x pipe diameters upstream of the center of the meter head and 1 pipe diameter downstream. If less space is available, flow straightening vanes are required to be installed in the pipe upstream of the meter. On (4" and larger meters) a 7 wheel register is required (listed as "OT102" when ordering the meter). The meter must include the Marathon Bearing with Ultra Shield ("OT110" when ordering the meter). The meters must include a register showing an indicator in "Gallons per Minute" and a totalizer in Acre Feet (AF). On 6" and larger, a totalizer is required with 4 digits to the left of the decimal point and 2 digits to the right of the same decimal point (0000.00).

The irrigation system must be approved by the District prior to installation. The initial cost and installation of said meter shall be at the owner's expense. The meter shall become the property of the District who shall repair and replace said meter. Tampering or resetting meters is not allowed by the District and may be prosecuted as a crime under law. The District shall have access to the meter at all times. In the event of a failure of the meter, the District will estimate the amount of water used. The District requires irrigators to schedule irrigations. Irrigators may not place equipment including valves, piping and filters on the District rights of way without written permission. Woodbridge will not guarantee canal water quality, water canal elevations or water availability which are subject to many variables. Irrigators shall pay for all water used and will be subject to the current irrigation water rates and the current policy of the Board of Directors.

**10. Access to Land:** The authorized agents of the District shall have free access at all times to lands irrigated from the canal system for the purpose of examining the canals and ditches and the flow of water therein, and for verifying crop acreage irrigated.

**11. Right of Ways:** No fences, ditches, trees, vines, equipment or pipelines or obstructions shall be placed upon or across or along any right of way belonging to the District without the written permission of the District. The District shall have the right to remove all obstructions, including plantings on rights of way that are contrary to this provision. Rights of way shall not be graded, leveled, disked or disturbed in any other manner.

**12. Gates in Canals:** No gates, takeouts, siphons or other structures shall be placed in any canal or no openings shall be made in any canal without the permission from and pursuant to plans adopted by the Board of Directors. Application for the same must be made in writing and filed with the Secretary of the Board. All such structures must be

District. Irrigators will be liable for damages to the canals and property of the District and the crops and property of others caused by the turning of water back into the canal without the permission of Ditchtenders.

**16. Water Records:** All Ditchtenders, while the water is running in their control, shall make a written report to the District's office each day, showing the names of each consumer using water, the crop or crops irrigated, the length of time the water was used by each irrigator and other relevant factors pertaining to the operation of the District. This record shall constitute the District's official record of irrigation.

**17. Water Quality or Quantity:** The District's irrigation season shall begin on a date and schedule as set by the District and shall end when the available supplies of water run out or dates to be established by the Board. Neither any agreements nor the irrigation policy as set forth by the Woodbridge Irrigation District is any guarantee of the availability of water either in the amount of water or the timing of the delivery of water nor will the Woodbridge Irrigation District guarantee the quality of any water.

**18. Enforcement of Rules:** Refusal to comply with the rules and regulations, and the requirements hereof or the interference with the discharge of the duties of any official of the District shall be sufficient cause for shutting off the water. Water will not again be furnished until full compliance with all the requirements of the rules and regulations or contract agreement.

maintained in a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of the District and must not be changed without his permission.

**13. Waste of Water:** The District will endeavor to furnish water for irrigation, but none for waste. Any irrigator wasting water for any reason on roads, vacant lands or land previously irrigated either willfully or carelessly or on account of defective or unclean ditches, poor equipment, or unlevelled land to an unreasonable depth in order to properly irrigate other properties not signed or under contract, will be refused the use of water until such conditions are remedied to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse delivery of water to any land, when it appears to their satisfaction, that its proposed use or method of use will require such extensive quantities of water as will constitute waste.

**14. Placing Debris, Drainage, or any Contaminant in District Canals:** No tree or vine pruning, rubbish, refuse or other materials or substances that will affect the quality of water or obstruct the flow water, shall be placed in or allowed to be emptied into, or placed so as to roll, slide or flow into any canal or ditch of the District or on the right of way of any canal used for the distribution of water by the District. The District will not allow any drainage into District canal except whereas in case of emergency or has already been provided by the Board of Directors in writing.

**15. Liability of the District:** Every consumer shall be responsible to the District for all damage caused by this willful neglect or careless acts and upon his failure to repair such damage after notification by the ditchtender, such repairs shall be made at his expense by the District. In cases of breaks, the irrigator must immediately notify the Ditchtender and shall be responsible for the proper care of the water until the Ditchtender has been notified, and the water has been shut off or brought under control by the

## 2015 RATES

Crop Type	WID Base Rate	Outside Land Use Rate	Acre Feet /Acre Duty
Alfalfa	\$69.30	\$86.63	3.6
Clover / Pasture	\$77.00	\$96.25	4.0
Beans	\$40.43	\$50.53	2.1
Orchard	\$59.68	\$74.59	3.1
Peppers/Beets/Carrots	\$59.68	\$74.59	3.1
Tomato/Corn/Annuals	\$59.68	\$74.59	3.1
Vineyard	\$46.20	\$57.75	2.4
Rice/Pond	\$146.30	\$182.88	7.6
Wheat/Oats/Cereal	\$19.25	\$24.06	1.0
Asparagus	\$38.50	\$48.13	2.0
Minimum Rate	\$60.00	\$75.00	1.0
Metered Rate*	\$19.25	\$24.06	1.0
Drip Irrigation Rate**	\$17.25	\$21.56	1.0

\* Orchard/Non Drip Vines: This metered rate applies to vines and orchards only. Meter required by Landowner. The minimum rate shall include usage of up to one acre foot of water per acre. Usage over minimum rate shall be charged at the unit rate/acre foot and billed to user at the end of the irrigation season.

\*\* Drip Irrigation Metered: The drip irrigation rate applies to vines and orchard crops only. This rate does not apply to micro-sprinklers or spray discharge application systems. A working District approved Mc Crometer meter is required for this rate.

## 2015 RATES (Con't.)

Beaver Slough Off Season Rate (10% of Base Rate) Irrigators in the Beaver Slough area who irrigate with the District water after the end of the season shall pay an additional charge equal to ten percent of the Beaver Slough base rate.

Construction Water - \$2.50 / 1,000 gallons and a \$100 non-refundable application fee.

Purple Pipe (Municipal Landscape) Water - Rate shall be charged at \$1.31 / 1,000 gallons.

Additional Water above allotment - Each additional acre foot above the duty/allotment amount shall be charged at \$19.25/acre foot.

Outside WID Lands - Water above allotment - Each additional acre foot above the duty/allotment shall be charged at \$24.06/acre foot.

Inter-cropping - Where two different crops to be harvested are planted on the same signed acreage. Grower will be charged at the higher of the two rates for the entire area of the crop.

WID will meter all water users including furrow and flood irrigation users. The District will use a flow probe meter, in-line meters or other appropriate devices to measure and compute the number of acre feet used. Flood and Furrow Growers using less than the duty/allotment shall be entitled to a refund at the end of the season. Refunds shall not be more than 50% of the duty/allotment billing amount. Drip and Sprinkler metered users are not eligible for a refund.