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Jeffrey P. Sutton

Date: February 23, 2026  
To: GCID Landowners and Water Users  
Subject: 2026 Water Application Materials

Enclosed please find the 2026 water application forms and materials necessary to submit your 2026 water application. These materials are being sent to landowners only. Please disseminate this information to your tenants. If you need additional forms, please call the office and they will be provided. Listed below are important details to assist in your efforts to complete your water applications and prepare for the 2026 irrigation season.

**2026 Water Supply**

On February 19, 2026, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation provided formal notification that 2026 will be a Non-Critical Year per the terms of the District's Settlement Contract, therefore the District will receive a 100% water supply.

**Rules and Regulations; Water Management and Conservation Policy**

All water deliveries are subject to the terms and conditions of the *GCID Rules and Regulations* and the *Water Management and Conservation Policy (Policy)*. *GCID Rules and Regulations* and the *Policy* are available on the District website ([www.gcid.net](http://www.gcid.net)) or from the District office.

A copy of the *Water Management and Conservation Policy*, including a signature page, is provided with your water application materials. All applications submitted to the District must include a signed signature page confirming that the applicant has read and understands the Policy. Applications received that do not include a signed signature page will not be processed.

**2026 Water Rates**

The non-critical water year rate structure will be used for the 2026 water season. The Fixed Rate Charge is set at \$44.00 (2025 Fixed Rate Charge was \$42.00) per acre and the Variable Rate Charge is set at \$9.28 (2025 Variable Rate Charge in 9.05) per acre-foot of applied water. Crop unit duties for applied water are enclosed on the sheet titled *2026 Applied Water Unit Duties*. The unit duties on this chart are the amount of water (in acre-feet) necessary to apply for each acre of the various crops. These rates will apply to all water use during the contract period from April 1 through October 31.

**Water Application Deadline and Payment**

The deadline for submitting your water application and payment is **5 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2026**. No water will be delivered without a minimum 40% down payment, a completed water application, signature sheet (yellow) and a signed *Water Management and Conservation Policy* signature page (orange).

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### **Measurement of Water Deliveries**

To increase the efficiency with which the conveyance system is operated and to help ensure water is delivered equitably throughout the District's service area, the District will be measuring and recording water deliveries to all fields during the 2026 irrigation season. Please clean all outlet pipes going into rice fields of silt and debris to increase the accuracy of the water measurements.

### **Water Transfers**

Conditions in 2026 do not currently appear to provide opportunity for either a crop idling transfer program or a groundwater substitution transfer program. If those circumstances change, the District will provide notification.

### **Wheeling/Commingling of Water from Private Wells**

It is anticipated that there will be limited need for commingling during the 2026 irrigation season. Any request for commingling will need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. If you have any questions regarding commingling well water, please contact the District office.

### **2026 Standby Charges**

The District's Standby Charge remains unchanged at \$6.00 per deeded acre and is due on June 1, 2026. It will become delinquent if not paid by June 15, 2026.

### **Reclamation Reform Act Forms**

Under the District's 2005 Sacramento River Settlement Renewal Contract, the District is now considered a "new law" district for the purposes of Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) reporting rules. The "new law" reporting threshold is 240 acres, and there are enough "under 240" landowners in GCID to satisfy the Reclamation law requirement that Project water can only be applied to such "eligible" acreage. As a result, GCID landowners farming only in GCID need not complete RRA forms. If you own and/or operate more than 240 acres and farm in multiple districts, you should check with those other districts regarding their RRA reporting requirements.

### **Communications**

Landowners and water users please add and/or update your contact information for the District's electronic communications - email: [mspooner@gcid.net](mailto:m Spooner@gcid.net); [contact@gcid.net](mailto:contact@gcid.net); or call the office at 530.934.8881.

### **Additional Information**

As always, the District's office staff will be available to answer questions and assist landowners and water users in completing their water applications. GCID's website ([www.gcid.net](http://www.gcid.net)) also has water rate and application information, as well as a list of Frequently Asked Questions available for download.

The District is committed to providing reliable irrigation service and is honored to work alongside its water users. The District greatly appreciates the ongoing partnership and collaboration with the water users, that is critical to meeting the farm water demands District-wide.

The District looks forward to a successful irrigation season in the year ahead!

# **GCID**



**GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

# **2026 WATER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

## WATER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Parcel number assigned by the District. This number plus the field number (see #7 below), identifies the exact field location.
2. Please indicate who will be paying the invoice for the water application (landowner or tenant).
3. Landowner's name and address. Please check for accuracy. If the parcel has changed ownership or the address is incorrect, please notify the District office and make any necessary corrections on the form.
4. If there is a tenant, please provide their name and address. The District office will enter the tenant account number when the application is processed.
5. Identifies the District Water Operations Worker who services the field.
6. Growers wishing to assign their own unique field identification should enter it here. You may use up to twenty (20) letters and/or numbers (including spaces) in any combination. The District will add this identification to its database.
7. Field number assigned by the District.
8. Number of irrigable acres for the fields based on District air photos. If there has been a physical change, please notify the District office.
9. Please enter the actual number of acres that you intend to irrigate.
10. Type of crop you are applying for. If you are "splitting" a field, write one above the other in this block. (See field #6 on the sample application.)
11. Corresponding Applied Water Unit Duty of the crop you are applying for (see enclosed "2026 Applied Water Unit Duties for Summer and Winter Crops").
12. The total acre-feet of water the crops will use (multiply Applied Acres by Unit Duty).
13. Total Acres X Fixed Charge Per Acre rate  
(329.40 acres X \$44.00 = \$14,493.60)
14. Total Acre-Foot Applied X Volumetric Charge Per A/F  
(1,384.03 X \$9.28 = \$12,843.80)
15. Total of Fixed Charge *see #13* + Volumetric Charge *see #14*  
( $\$14,493.60 + \$12,843.80 = \$27,337.40$ ).
16. 40% down payment required at time of application.
17. Please provide your email address and phone number.

Acct: TSL C 30000

Payor ( )

TSL Company

P.O. Box 150

Willows, CA 95988

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Parcel #: 16 3 02 F

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Payor (X)

Tenant Acct:

Tabbie S. Lichinsen

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344 East Laurel Street

Willows, CA 95988

Deeded Acres 332.4

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WO	Field Name	Field	Irrigable Acres	Applied Acres	Crop	Unit Duty	Acre Feet
26	TSL	1	68.00	68.00	Pasture	4.9	333.20
26	Eucalyptus	2	38.10	38.10	Rice	6.9	262.89
26	Trees	3	61.10	61.10	Walnuts	4.4	268.84
26	North 80	4	88.80	88.80	Tomatoes Drip	1.7	150.96
26	Tabbie Two	5	34.90	34.90	Rice	6.9	240.81
26	South 40	6	38.50	20.30	Corn - Silage	4.3	87.29
				18.20	Sunflower	2.2	40.04
Total Acres:			329.40	329.40	Total Acre Feet Applied:		1,384.03
Fixed Charge Per Acre:			\$ 44.00	\$ 14,493.60	Volumetric Charge Per A/F:		\$ 9.28 \$ 12,843.80

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**Fixed Charge + Volumetric Charge:** \$ 27,337.40

**40% Down:** \$ 10,934.96

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**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GCID Use Only**      **Total \$**      **Down \$**      **Check #**      **Date:**

## REQUIRED SIGNATURE FORM INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please enter the name of the landowner or tenant responsible for this application and date.
2. Please enter the name and phone number(s) of the "Designated Irrigator" to be contacted in the event of any water delivery problems or violations of the *Water Management and Conservation Policy*.
3. Please enter the name of the person who accepts financial responsibility for any violations of the *Water Management and Conservation Policy* related to irrigation of the fields for which you are applying.
4. Landowner and tenant should read this section thoroughly.
5. Signature and phone number(s) of landowner. A landowner signature is required on all Water Applications.
6. If there is a tenant associated with this application, their signature and phone number(s) are required.

Upon completion, mail or deliver application(s) to the District office. District *Rules and Regulations* provide for three working days to process water applications before water can be delivered, so please plan accordingly.

If you have any questions, please call the District office at (530) 934-8881.

**Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District  
2026 Water Application  
Required Signature Form**

1

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**Applicant designates the following person(s) with responsibility for water management and coordination with the District during the term of this Water Application:**

**Designated Irrigator:** is the person responsible for irrigating the land applied for on the water application, including placing water orders, communicating with the water operations worker, making gate changes pursuant to Section II 7(e) of the *Water Management and Conservation Policy*, ensuring spills are consistent with this policy, and all other water use from the District. The District considers the “designated irrigator” to be the designated point-of-contact for all problems associated with water management and water conservation issues. If the ‘designated irrigator’ cannot be reached during an emergency, the ‘responsible party’ will be contacted.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)  
Message # \_\_\_\_\_

**Responsible Party:** the person who accepts responsibility for the actions of the “designated irrigator,” for all application fees, charges, and for water management and conservation violations and penalties. The “responsible party” could include the landowner, tenant, designated irrigator, or other agent associated with the water applicant.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)  
Message # \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant agrees** that the terms and conditions of the *Rules and Regulations* of the District, including the District’s *Water Management and Conservation Policy*, as existing now or as amended hereafter, are included within the terms of this application and that by signature hereof, Applicant agrees to such terms and conditions and agrees to indemnify and hold the District, its employees, officers, representatives, and contractors free and harmless from any liability or damages arising directly or indirectly from the performance by the District pursuant to such application.

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**Applicant understands** that the availability of water from the Bureau of Reclamation to the District is dependent upon lands within Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District being eligible to receive such water. Applicant understands and agrees that, if applicant’s lands are not eligible for Bureau water, the District may be required to levy additional charges not set forth in the *Rules and Regulations* at the present time to acquire or make available water to the subject property.

**Applicant agrees** they are solely responsible for completing the Bureau of Reclamation reporting forms reporting the ownership and leasing upon the subject lands and upon all other lands owned or controlled by owner or owner’s tenants. Applicant understands that additional water charges and fines as well as potential claims of perjury may be made by the Bureau of Reclamation for misstatements or omissions.

The landowner is required to sign all water applications, and has ultimate responsibility for all application fees, charges, and water management and conservation violations and penalties.

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Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_

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Tenant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE ONLY  
USE ENCLOSED  
YELLOW  
SIGNATURE SHEET

**2026 Applied Water Unit Duties for Summer & Winter Crops  
100% Water Supply**

Summer Crops (1)	AF/Acre	Winter Crops	AF/Acre
Alfalfa	4.5	Barley	2.0
Almonds	4.1	Beet (Seed)	3.5
Almond Drip Year 1	0.8	Broccoli (Seed)	2.8
Almond Drip Year 2	1.6	Cabbage (Seed)	2.8
Almond Drip Year 3	2.3	Carrot (Seed)	4.1
Almond Drip Year 4+	3.1	Celery (Seed)	4.5
Bean (Dry)	2.5	Chard (Seed)	3.4
Clover	4.5	Cover Crop	2.5
Corn (Ear)	6.0	Grain Hay	2.0
Corn (Ear) Drip	4.5	Kale (Seed)	2.8
Corn (Silage)	4.3	Oats & Oat Hay	2.0
Cotton	3.3	Onion & Garlic (Fresh)	1.5
Cover Crop	2.5	Onion (Seed)	3.4
Fallow	0.0	Mustard (Seed)	1.9
Fish Pond	10.5	Radish (Seed)	1.8
Fruit Trees	4.1	Rye	2.0
Grape Vine	2.7	Turnip (Seed)	1.9
Habitat Wetland Summer	6.0	Wheat	2.0
Habitat Wetland Summer 1 Irrigation	1.0		
Habitat Wetland Summer 2 Irrigations	1.8		
Herb	1.0		
Industrial Hemp	2.8	<b>Winter Water</b>	
Misc. Deciduous	4.1	October Service Only	1.5
Miscellaneous Field Crops	2.5	November through January 6 Service	2.1
Olive	3.2	October through January 6 Service	2.8
Pasture	4.9	Winter Water Single Irrigation (October 1 - January 6)	1.0
Peas (Dry)	2.5		
Pepper	2.5	Habitat Wetland Winter Available October 1	
Pistachio	4.1	Continuous Flow	3.0
Prune	4.1	1 Irrigation	1.0
Prune - Drip	3.1		
Rice	6.9		
Rice - Wild	5.0		
Safflower	2.2		
Small Vegetable	2.5		
Sudan Grass	4.9		
Sunflower	2.2		
Sunflower Drip	1.7		
Tomato	2.3		
Tomato Drip	1.7		
Vinseed	1.6		
Vinseed Drip	1.2		
Walnut	4.4		
Walnut Drip Year 1	0.9		
Walnut Drip Year 2	1.7		
Walnut Drip Year 3	2.6		
Walnut Drip Year 4+	3.4		
1 Irrigation	1.0		
2 Irrigations	1.8		

(1) Applied water figures above for summer crops cover water use from April 1 through October 31. Water use on summer crops outside this time period will be subject to an additional one irrigation charge for each irrigation

## 2026 WATER RATE INFORMATION

### 2026 Water Rates for water service from April 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026:

Fixed Charge Per Acre: \$44.00 per irrigated acre

Volumetric Charge Per A/F: \$9.28 per acre-foot for the crop being grown

(see enclosed applied unit duty chart)

**Any water used before April 1 or after October 31 is subject to additional charges.**

**Payment schedule:** 40% due with application; 30% due June 1, 2026; 30% due August 1, 2026

The 2026 water application deadline is March 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Late applications are subject to a 5% late penalty except in cases where the application is paid in full at the time of application. Water will not be delivered without an application, required signature form(s) and appropriate payment.

Returned check charge is \$25.00.

Past due accounts (over 15 days late) will be charged interest at the rate of 1.5% per month (18% per year).

### **Standby Charge:**

The Standby Charge of \$6.00 per deeded acre will be due on June 1, 2026, and delinquent if not paid by June 15, 2026.

**Penalties for Waste of Water and Unauthorized Use of Water:** If the water user is wasting water, either willfully, carelessly, negligently, or due to defective private conduits, the District will limit, discontinue, or refuse the delivery of water until the wasteful conditions are remedied in accordance with the District's *Rules and Regulations* (Rule 7.3 Penalties and Enforcement of Unauthorized Use of Water).

Penalty actions for unauthorized use of water are set forth as follows:

Tier 1: Lock and Tag Gates

Tier 2: \$1,000 fine and report to the Board of Directors

Tier 3: \$2,000 fine for each succeeding offense and report to the Board of Directors for additional action including possible termination of water service.

### **Construction Water:**

Construction water rate is \$.50 per 1,000 gallons, with a \$500.00 minimum charge.

### **Definitions and Clarifications:**

Fields may not be flooded in excess of six inches deep as measured from the highest point of the field (with an exception for cultural practices for organic rice).

Water users are to make every effort to manage irrigation timing to allow flow adjustments to occur as early as possible during the water operations worker's normal work hours. Water operations workers are to perform all flow adjustments that occur after their normal work hours. If a water operations worker is called out to make a flow adjustment after normal work hours, the water user will be charged a \$100 fee for after-hours service.

Islands within the District will be served only after approval by the Board of Directors and will be charged double the normal water rate.

Winter Water for duck ponds or rice straw decomposition will now be defined by the period of delivery. The delivery options are (1) October service only; (2) service from November 1 through January 6; (3) service from October through January 6, or (4) a single irrigation at any time during the winter water period.

## 2026 Water Operations Contact Information

Please be prepared to give your Water Operator the following information when ordering water:

- Minimum 24-hour notice prior to 1:00 p.m.
- Your name and entity name
- Gate Number
- Crop
- Flow
- Hours and/or days needed

**After Hours:** (530) 934-8881

Please note the Answering Service will ask you a few questions and will then contact the appropriate personnel to relay your message.

Water Operations Superintendent	Ed Henderson	530.804.3498
Asst. Water Operations Superintendent	Jake Hancock	530.518.7103
Water Operations Supervisor Areas 20, 21, 22, 23, Main Canal North	Sam Rivera	530.518.7109
Water Operations Supervisor Areas 24, 25, 26, 27	Matt Taylor	530.518.7130
Water Operations Supervisor Areas 28, 29, 32, 33, Main Canal South	Ross Seiler	530.518.7187
Area 20	Luis Garcia Relief TJ Morris	530.518.7120
Area 21	Eric Hanson Relief TJ Morris	530.518.7121
Area 22	Kyle Cannon Relief Isaac Lopez	530.518.7122
Area 23	Brandon Mahoney Relief Isaac Lopez	530.518.7123
Area 24	Mike Stilwell Relief Jordan Tripp	530.518.7124
Area 25	Will Otterson Relief Jordan Tripp	530.518.7125
Area 26	Bill Galbraith Relief Dominik Ruiz	530.518.7126
Area 27	Jared Thuemler Relief Dominik Ruiz	530.518.7127
Area 28	Dennis Richardson Relief Christian Silva	530.518.7128
Area 29	Mario Alvarez Relief Cristian Silva	530.518.7129
Area 32	Anthony Sandoval Relief Jaime Garcia	530.518.7132
Area 33	Nic Garofalo Relief Jaime Garcia	530.518.7133
Main Canal North	Carl Burrows Relief Jeremy Bill	530.518.7134
Main Canal South	Derek Studebaker Relief Jeremy Bill	530.518.7150

**GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION POLICY  
SIGNATURE SHEET**

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the *Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Water Management and Conservation Policy*.

I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to read and abide by the policies and procedures contained herein.

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Name (please print)

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Signature

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Account #

# GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION POLICY

## I. INTRODUCTION

This *Water Management and Conservation Policy* establishes practices and procedures to promote efficient water management and maximize water conservation. The District's Board of Directors requests that all water users review and adhere to the provisions of this Policy, with the recognition that its success requires cooperation and close communication between water users and District personnel.

## II. GENERAL WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PROVISIONS

- 1) Incorporation into the District's Rules and Regulations: This *Water Management and Conservation Policy* is referenced and incorporated within the District's *Rules and Regulations*.
- 2) Identification of "designated irrigator" and "responsible party": In order to promote effective and direct communication between water users and District staff, the water user is required to identify a "designated irrigator," and a "responsible party" on the water application form at the time the application for water is submitted to the District.
  - a) The "designated irrigator" is the person responsible for irrigating the land applied for on the water application, including placing water orders, communicating with the water operations worker, making gate changes pursuant to Section II 7(e), ensuring spills are consistent with this policy, and all other water use from the District. The District considers the "designated irrigator" to be the designated point-of-contact for all problems associated with water management and water conservation issues. If the 'designated irrigator' cannot be reached during an emergency, the 'responsible party' will be contacted.
  - b) The "responsible party" is the person who accepts responsibility for the actions of the "designated irrigator," for all application fees, charges, and for water management and conservation violations and penalties. The "responsible party" could include the landowner, tenant, designated irrigator, or other agent associated with the water applicant.
  - c) The landowner is required to sign all water applications, and has ultimate responsibility for all application fees, charges, and water management and conservation violations and penalties.
- 3) Acreage measurements: All acreage measurements are based upon District maps and figures.
- 4) Water quality: The District will monitor electrical conductivity (EC) as a measure of water quality at key points in the water distribution system, and will blend water supplies, as is feasible, to maintain EC at 1.00 deciSiemens per meter (ds/m) or less throughout the water distribution system.
- 5) Waste of water: If, in the opinion of the General Manager and/or designated staff, a landowner or water user is wasting water, either willfully, carelessly, negligently, or due to defective private conduits, the District will limit, discontinue, or refuse the delivery of water until the wasteful conditions are remedied in accordance with the District's *Rules and Regulations* (Rule 7.3 Penalties and Enforcement of Unauthorized Use of Water). Wasteful water use practices include, but are not limited to the following:
  - a) Allowing water to flow onto roads, vacant land, or land previously irrigated.
  - b) Flooding land to depth of more than six inches (6") at the highest point of a field. **An exception is made for cultural practices related to organic rice cultivation.**
    - Subject to conveyance system capacity constraints and after ensuring other water users' needs have been adequately served, land may be flooded to a depth exceeding six inches (6") as measured from the highest point of the field on a case-by-case basis with approval from the General Manager or designated staff.

- c) Using water on land that has been improperly prepared that either requires excess depth or excess flow onto a field.
  - d) Delivery to or shutting off flows from a turnout that would cause unsafe flows and levels in the canal upstream or downstream of that turnout.
  - e) Allowing an unnecessary amount of water to drain or spill from any irrigated field or lateral if water is shut off the field by the landowner prematurely. The responsible party will assume liability for downstream damages caused by landowner's mismanagement of their water. The District reserves the right to refuse delivery of water when, in the opinion of the General Manager and/or designated staff, the proposed use, or method of use, will require excessive quantities of water that constitute waste of water.
- 6) Water delivery: All water orders for changes in flow must be ordered with the District as follows:
- a) Water orders including turn-ons, changes-in-flow, or turn-offs will be placed with the area water operations worker. If the water operations worker is unavailable, water orders may be placed with the water supervisor or at the District's main office.
  - b) Water orders will be accepted during normal work hours. If excess system capacity exists, water orders will be accepted and require up to three days for delivery. If the system is at maximum capacity, water orders will be scheduled at least three days out and to a time when capacity exists.
  - c) Advance notice for turn off orders must be communicated to the water operations worker as soon as reasonably possible.
  - d) Water users will provide the following information when placing water orders:
    - Field delivery number (gate number)\*
    - Parcel and field number\*
    - Crop\*
    - Flow change (cfs or other commonly understood description of flow)
    - Delivery date and time
    - Name of the person making the water order
- \*This information is included on all "acknowledgment maps" provided to all landowners and water users with their Water Application.
- 7) Water Management:
- a) Water users will structure irrigation patterns and water management to allow for continuous day and night (24-hour) water delivery for water applications requiring more than a partial day to complete.
  - b) The District makes no guarantee as to when water can be delivered, particularly during the rice flooding periods, or following shut-down periods; however, every effort will be made to schedule deliveries as equitably and rapidly as possible.
  - c) The General Manager and designated staff have sole responsibility for the operation of the District's water conveyance system and associated facilities, including point-of-delivery field turnouts.
  - d) Water users shall make every effort to manage their irrigation timing to allow flow adjustments including turn-ons, changes-in-flow, or turn-offs to occur as early in the day as possible to allow the water conveyance system to be balanced prior to the end of the water operations worker's shift.
  - e) Under certain circumstances, and at the sole discretion of the District, ordered flow adjustments in District facilities including turn-ons, changes-in-flow, or turn-offs may be delegated to the water user or "designated irrigator." Steps must be taken to allow water operations workers the ability to take water measurements during the normal work hours schedule. The water operation worker and the water supervisor will determine these changes on a case-by-case basis.
  - f) Flow adjustments in District facilities, including changes-in-flow, turn-offs, and moving water from one field delivery gate to another, that are scheduled to occur after the normal water operations worker shift ends, will be performed by the water operations worker or water supervisor. If the designated irrigator requests the water operations worker be called out

after normal work hours to make a gate/canal change, the water user will be charged a \$100 fee for services to cover the cost of the District making such adjustments.

- g) Water delivery will be made on a rotation basis, where it is deemed necessary by the District. Water delivery for service to portable sprinkler booster pumps will be delivered through the field delivery turnout that normally serves the field to be irrigated. The water user is responsible for the construction of a “sump” on the field side of the field turnout delivery to accept the pump suction.

### III. RICE IRRIGATION - WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION RULES

- 1) Rice field spillage: Water may be reasonably spilled from rice fields using the following method, provided that if it is implemented, enforced, and monitored by the “designated irrigator”: Each field must be fitted with a standard approved measured weir board\* containing a notch as specified on the attached Exhibit “A.” In addition, a 3-1/2” board must be placed on top of the notched weir board to allow for greater operational flexibility and day-to-day fluctuations (a standard, finished 2”x 4” or 1”x 4” will be accepted). Any flow over the top of these boards will be deemed to be a violation of the Policy. Due to the potential for smaller fields with smaller notches to experience “notch plugging” causing a higher incidence of flow fluctuations, rice fields of 50 acres or less may substitute a 50 acre notched board with a board on top, or a notched board without a board on top with equal flow potential (contact your water operations worker for notch sizes required without a board on top). When using the notched board without a board on top, any flow above the notch will be deemed a waste of water and a violation of the Policy.

**\*The notched weir board provided for under this section must be in place throughout the irrigation season.**

- 2) Drainage and re-flooding of water during the rice growing season: Drainage and re-flooding of water, in addition to the spillage allowed under Section III, is allowed under the following conditions:
  - a) Drainage and re-flooding prior to July 1: Drainage and re-flooding of water during the rice stand establishment period is allowed prior to July 1.
    - i. Designated irrigators who drain their field due to cultural practices or wind events risk the District not having adequate capacity to refill the field to the same level or in a reasonable amount of time;
    - ii. The District must provide water to all growers within the District on a fair and impartial basis and due to demands on the conveyance system, may be unable to provide more than 1.8 acre-feet per acre per month or a total of 3 acre-feet per acre prior to July 1.
  - b) Subject to conveyance system capacity constraints and after ensuring other water users’ needs have been adequately served, the District may provide water in excess of the quantities identified above on a case-by-case basis with approval from the General Manager or designated staff.
  - c) Crop Stress: Drainage and re-flooding of water to address water quality and associated crop stress may be approved by the District at any time during the growing season, contingent upon a verifiable written recommendation from a pest control advisor (PCA) or other expert crop advisor. However, the District may not have adequate capacity or supply to re-flood to the same level, in a reasonable amount of time, or at all.
  - d) Drainage of water during the rice crop maturation period after July 1: Drainage of water after July 1, but prior to termination of irrigation, must be requested at least 24-hours in advance, and may be allowed on a limited case-by-case basis depending on the circumstances and upon approval by the District.
  - e) Maintenance of rice field drainage tail box: Prior to commencement of irrigation water deliveries, the rice field drainage tail box will be fitted with a notched weir board with a board on top, in accordance with Section III 1) Rice field spillage of this Policy. Notched weir board must be confirmed by the District water operations worker.

- f) Drainage of rice fields at the end of the irrigation season: At the end of the irrigation season, the water user must terminate water deliveries at least 7 days prior to requesting the drainage of water prior to harvest. The District must be notified at least 24-hours before a field is to be drained. The water operations worker will coordinate all drainage to ensure the capacity of the drains is not exceeded, to avoid flooding of adjacent fields.

**IV. PERMANENT AND OTHER CROPS - WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION RULES**

Permanent and other crops are all non-rice crops including pasture, field crops, row crops, and orchards generally irrigated by flood, row, sprinkler, micro-sprinkler, or drip irrigation.

- 1) Release of tailwater: Water users are expected to efficiently manage irrigation water applications and minimize tailwater releases.

Delivery of water: Water must be used on a continuous (24-hour) period.

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2026 Water Application  
Required Signature Form**

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**Applicant designates the following persons with responsibility for water management and coordination with the District during the term of this Water Application:**

**Designated Irrigator:** is the person responsible for irrigating the land applied for on the water application, including placing water orders, communicating with the water operations worker, making gate changes pursuant to Section II 7(e) of the *Water Management and Conservation Policy*, ensuring spills are consistent with this policy, and all other water use from the District. The District considers the “designated irrigator” to be the designated point-of-contact for all problems associated with water management and water conservation issues. If the ‘designated irrigator’ cannot be reached during an emergency, the ‘responsible party’ will be contacted.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile #** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)  
**Message #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Responsible Party:** the person who accepts responsibility for the actions of the “designated irrigator,” for all application fees, charges, and for water management and conservation violations and penalties. The “responsible party” could include the landowner, tenant, designated irrigator, or other agent associated with the water applicant.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile #** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Message #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant agrees** that the terms and conditions of the *Rules and Regulations* of the District, including the District’s *Water Management and Conservation Policy*, as existing now or as amended hereafter, are included within the terms of this application and that by signature hereof, Applicant agrees to such terms and conditions and agrees to indemnify and hold the District, its employees, officers, representatives, and contractors free and harmless from any liability or damages arising directly or indirectly from the performance by the District pursuant to such application.

**Applicant understands** that the availability of water from the Bureau of Reclamation to the District is dependent upon lands within Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District being eligible to receive such water. Applicant understands and agrees that, if applicant’s lands are not eligible for Bureau water, the District may be required to levy additional charges not set forth in the *Rules and Regulations* at the present time to acquire or make available water to the subject property.

**Applicant agrees** they are solely responsible for completing the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reporting forms reporting the ownership and leasing upon the subject lands and upon all other lands owned or controlled by owner or owner’s tenants. Applicant understands that additional water charges and fines as well as potential claims of perjury may be made by the Bureau of Reclamation for misstatements or omissions.

**The landowner** is required to sign all water applications, and has ultimate responsibility for all application fees, charges, and water management and conservation violations and penalties.

**Landowner:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) **email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tenant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) **email** \_\_\_\_\_