

Policy Regarding Interruptible Water



It is the intent of the board to serve as many people as possible.

Interruptible water acres are those assessed acres that are not being used in any one-year.

Contract and permit conditions are such that a maximum of 11,300 acres may be served on the pipeline, 5,700 acres of project water on the gravity system and 2,001.8 acres on the lower river or CWS. Prior to March first of any year all assessed water users will have mapped the acres that they intend to irrigate for that irrigation season. The difference between that number of acres and the total number of acres that can be served will be the interruptible acres that are available. This number will be available by March fifteenth.

Interruptible water charges will be set during the budget process each fall.

All requests for interruptible water must be made by the landowner. The request shall be for a specific site and will include a legal description and section map showing the exact location to which the water will be applied. Interruptible water is not transferable. Interruptible water can be applied only to grounds inside the district boundaries which are classified as irrigable and for a beneficial use as defined by the Oregon Water Resources Department.

The method of distribution will be as follows: Acres will be allocated by pipeline and river. On the pipeline, requests for interruptible water will be accepted from March 1 through March 10 in lots not to exceed 20 acres of water rights each. A lottery will be conducted for any remaining acres again limited to lots of no more than 20 acres each. Should there be more acres requested in the first round than there are acres available, the amount requested would be diminished by the amount not available. If requests are less than the acres available on either the pipeline or the river, those one-year contracts will be let without further process. Once interruptible water has been awarded and billed the applicant is required to pay, or not be eligible for future requests, unless prior arrangements have been made and authorized by the board.

In the event that an overage occurs on an account that involves more interruptible than assessed acres the interruptible rate will apply.

Board Policy is to charge a minimum \$75.00 maintenance fee for each box with no assessed water attached when the acres served are less than 1.25 acres, in any one-year.

This policy is subject to review and amendment annually.

Adopted by the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors
November 8, 1994

Amended January 13, 2004