

# Policy for Emergency water use outside of the District

Whereas: There is a demand for water outside the legally described boundaries of the Trinity Co. Waterworks.

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Whereas: There is a fiduciary responsibility given to the Board and Staff by the Trinity Co. Board of Supervisors to protect the limited water supply afforded to the current District.

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Whereas: There is a balance that can be determined between the water needs of the regular occupants within the District boundaries and the emergency use of water outside of District.

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Whereas: The water balance will need to be reviewed from time to time as water use within the District increases.

Therefore:

If there is water available above the needs of the District's Resident and Business uses, it would benefit the rate payers to deliver water to users need it. For these users to be legal and transparent it needs to be clarified, under what conditions water can be sold and transported out the current District Boundaries:

1. The District must have an above adequate water supply to accommodate all current and predicted needs of all District customers for the entire water use season.
2. The District must keep emergency reserves of water for fire suppression.
3. The District must not allow the minimum pool of Ewing Reservoir go below elevation 2415' as required under contract with the Department of Water Resources.
4. The District must not violate State Law or its legal right to divert and store water.
5. To allow water outside of the District, it must be considered an emergency, it must be for limited time, and it must be for specific purpose.
6. The priority given to applications for water use is as follows: Residential domestic needs for health and welfare, livestock preservation, irrigation of food supplies, other uses.

Property owners within the District currently pay a parcel tax to the County of Trinity for the Waterworks Bond Redemption Fund. These taxes are to re-pay funds loans to build the infrastructure of the water system. It is not legal to use these public facilities to supply water to parcels that have not paid a yearly parcel tax. Property owners within the District boundary currently pay for the maintenance and operation costs of the District monthly, all year long. Emergency water usage will generally, be in the late summer when costs to supply water are the highest and water supplies are the lowest. Emergency use of District water must not be taken lightly and must not be subsidized by the district customers. Conservation of water used outside of the District must be of utmost importance. The time to administration and record keeping need to be considered when setting the rates for this emergency use of water. This rate will be set yearly by the Board of Directors.