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REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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WATER SERVICE APPLICATION
EXISTING SERVICE CONNECTION AND METER

APPLICANT:

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

SERVICE ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

PROPERTY OWNER /MANAGER:

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

AP# _____

District use only

CHARGES:

Domestic Account No: _____ Start Date: _____

Ag Account No: _____ Start Date: _____

See reverse side of this application for additional terms and conditions relating to Redwood Valley County Water District service agreement. Sign only after you have read and agree to these conditions.

SIGNATURE(S):

APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

PROPERTY OWNER: _____ DATE: _____

Applicant agrees to pay for all water services provided in response to this application under the rates and rules currently or hereafter adopted by the Redwood Valley County Water District.

Customers will be billed monthly and payment shall be due and payable by the last day of each billing month. Accounts paid after the last day of the billing month will be charged a \$15.00 past due fee per month. Accounts past due beyond 15 days may at the discretion of the district be turned off and locked. In the event that service is turned off and locked, the account must be paid in full and a \$50.00 reconnection fee must be paid prior to the service being restored. Removing a lock from a locked meter and the unauthorized turning on of a water service may be considered theft of a public utility and may be prosecuted.

The water meter valves on the district side of the meter and the meter box and all of its components are the property of the Redwood County Water District. Only authorized personnel are allowed to operate the valves on the district side of the meter or perform any maintenance. Tampering with these items in any way may result in criminal prosecution. Damaged caused by tampering with district property will be charged to the customer. The water district has personnel available to respond to emergencies arising after normal business hours. Call the district office for all service and after-hours emergencies.

Water service connections are authorized to serve only the residence/building described as the service address on the application. Providing service to more than one residence/building unless authorized by the district in writing, is a violation of district policy and may result in the discontinuation of service.

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In the event it is necessary for the District to initiate legal proceedings to enforce this agreement the applicant(s) agree to pay all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the District as a result of such legal action.

If there is an existing source of water on the property, State Health Dept. Regulations require a double check valve assembly be installed by the customer as close to the District meter box as possible.

No connections are allowed between the double check valve and the District service.

The property owner will be responsible for all outstanding fees on the account in the event that a tenant fails to pay.

DISCLOSURES

October 2002

Redwood Valley County Water District ("District") makes the following disclosures concerning its ability to deliver water to its customers.

1. The District relies on water in Lake Mendocino on the East Fork of the Russian River as its sole source of water to serve its customers. The District's right to pump water from Lake Mendocino in the summer comes through a stipulated judgment ("Agreement") with the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District ("Flood Control District") under which the District purchases water in Lake Mendocino that is surplus to the needs within the Flood Control District.
2. The District operates under a Mendocino County Superior Court judgment in Residents for Adequate Water v. Redwood Valley County Water District, et al., which prevents the District from making new domestic water service connections, because the court found that there is no surplus water available under the Agreement.
3. The Flood Control District claims that there is no surplus water *available* and is currently undertaking to determine the amount of water diverted annually under its appropriative rights permit in order to report that use to the California Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights ("Board"). Pending an arbitrator's determination to the contrary, the Board considers surplus water available to the District under the Agreement.
4. The District does not know how much, if any, surplus water is currently or will in the future be available from the Flood Control District to serve its customers.
5. Currently, a number of federal administrative actions are pending in the Eel and Russian River watersheds that could impact the amount of water available to District customers. These actions include:
 - a. Consultations in both watersheds under Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act to consider the impact of federal water management decisions on Chinook and Coho Salmon and Steelhead Trout. The consultations could result in reductions in diversions from the Eel River into the Russian River and significant changes in how water is stored in and released from Lake Mendocino.
 - b. Review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") of the conditions on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's federal power license to operate the diversion works and hydroelectric plant that *diverts* water from the Eel River into the Russian River at Potter Valley ("Potter Valley Project"). The change currently proposed by FERC and under review would result in an approximately 15% reduction in diversions from the Eel River into the Russian River. Other competing proposals could result in much more severe reductions.
6. Pacific Gas and Electric Company has filed a bankruptcy proceeding under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act. Part of its proposed reorganization plan would transfer ownership of PG&E's hydroelectric generating facilities to separate companies that would not be regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC"). Transfer of the Potter Valley Project to an unregulated limited liability company would subject the future ownership and operation of the Potter Valley Project to the uncertainties of the unregulated energy market, placing at greater risk future diversions from the Eel to the Russian Rivers. The Bankruptcy Court is currently conducting proceedings to determine whether to approve PG&E's or a competing proposal by the CPUC.

All of these events and others could significantly affect whether the District will be able to serve water and how the District furnishes water to its customer.

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NOTICE

Our records indicate your property has a water source in addition to the District's domestic water service.

The State Health Department requires that when an auxiliary water supply exists, the customer is required to install a backflow prevention device and that the device is to be tested on an annual basis.

Your service is on a perpetual calendar for annual testing. Once the test has been performed, you will be notified of the test results by mail, with a card to keep for your records. The test fee will be added to your monthly water billing statement.

The fee for a double check valve test is: \$35.00 + \$10.00 Admin Fee

If repairs are required, the customer will be charged for any repair parts, at the contractors cost + labor.

If you wish to be relieved of the double check valve requirement, you could be required to terminate any auxiliary water supply on your property. In the case where the auxiliary supply is a well, all pumps and piping must be removed, the well must have a poured concrete cap installed and the completed project must be inspected by our office. Properties with irrigation water service must have a double check valve on the domestic water service line.

If you have any question about this program, please contact our office.

NOTE: This is for your information only. No action is required from you at this time.

WARNING

Irrigation water sold by the District is not filtered or treated. The water may contain impurities, particles, organisms and debris present in Lake Mendocino, such as clams, dirt, rocks and microorganisms. The irrigation water does not meet state safe drinking water standards, should not be used as drinking water and may cause illness or injury to humans or animals, if swallowed.

Impurities contained in the water may cause damage to pumps, water meters, measuring devices, pipes, conduits, crops and farm or other equipment. Consumers should take precautions to prevent such damages, such as by filtering the water before it is applied to agricultural or other irrigation uses, if such risks are of concern to the consumer.

DISCLAIMER OF EXPRESS AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Water furnished by the District to District customers is sold in "AS IS" condition without any warranties either express or implied, including, but not limited to, the implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. The District makes no representations or warranties concerning water quality or quantity or the reliability of water deliveries.

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REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Information Sheet

The following is a list of requirements and recommendations that are the customer's responsibility once Redwood Valley County Water District has installed the service.

- 1; If there is an existing source of water on the property, State Health Department Regulations require a double check valve assembly be installed by the customer as close to the District meter box as possible.

No connections are allowed between the double check valve and the District service.

It is recommended that the assembly be enclosed in a box to protect it. The District requires the double check valve assembly be of a brand listed on the most current List of Approved Backflow Prevention Devices of the Foundation for Cross- Connection Control and Hydraulic Research of the University of Southern California. A certified tester must test the double check valve before the service can commence. The District schedules annual re-tests by a certified tester.

2. A pressure regulator is recommended for every customer. This will assist in the protection of your existing plumbing from infrequent excessive surges in District lines, over which we have no control.
3. The customer connection to the $\frac{3}{4}$ " female threaded meter outlet and the piping to the customer's property is the customer's responsibility. The District has no jurisdiction over piping downstream from the meter.

All customers are reminded that all valves on the District installation are District Property and are to be OPERATED BY DISTRICT PERSONNEL ONLY. Please call the water office to have the District Valve turned on or off.

The Board of Directors of Redwood Valley County Water District strongly recommends the practice of water conservation measures and the wise use of water, especially to the extent of installing low flush or ultra-low flush toilets in new home construction or replacement of existing fixtures.

Please call our office at 485-0679 if you have further questions.

NOTICE TO OWNER: Although you have purchased property with an existing domestic water service connection, the above information will be of special interest to you as an owner. Please call this office if you have any questions regarding owner responsibility. Thank you.

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STATEMENT

The California Administrative Code, Title 17 - Public Health, Regulations Relating to

Cross Connections, Article 3, 7604 (1) and (3) states that a double check valve assembly is required to be installed by the customer when connecting to a public water system, when an auxiliary water supply exists on the customer's property. I, the undersigned, do hereby state that NO AUXILIARY WATER SUPPLY EXISTS ON THIS PROPERTY and thereby am relieved of the requirement to install a double check valve assembly when connecting to the Redwood Valley County Water District water service. If an auxiliary water supply is developed in the future, I recognize my responsibility to notify the Redwood Valley County Water District and to install a double check valve assembly where required.

Date

Signature

Account number

Service Address

Billing Name _____
(print name)

Billing Address _____

Telephone _____