

SECTION 7 – WATER CONSERVATION

7.1 POLICY. Water supply in the Steamboat Lake Water and Sanitation District is a resource that requires careful conservation. We are a Mountain Residential community with limited water resources. Our first priority is to provide water for domestic use (bathing, toilets, cooking, etc.) and to support our Fire Protection supplies.

District Members are encouraged to keep landscaping around their homes to a minimum (limit is 100 s.f. of irrigated area, e.g. gardens, flowerbeds, other landscaping) and to utilize use of native and drought-tolerant landscaping materials at all times.

7.2 WATER USE REGULATIONS are:

7.2.1 Drip irrigation systems for trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetable gardening are encouraged. Otherwise hand-held devices with spring-loaded nozzles can be used. These are the only options allowed.

7.2.2 No running outdoor water features are allowed.

7.2.3 No use of domestic water for dust control.

7.2.4 No washing of hard surfaces such as driveways.

7.3 WATERING RESTRICTIONS. Watering restrictions may be implemented at the sole discretion of the Board.

7.4 NEW LANDSCAPING. A Special Use Permit for installing new landscaping is required and may be issued at the sole discretion of the Board. Homeowners wishing to petition the District for a special watering permit may do so in a written request describing the materials to be installed and the estimated times and durations that watering will be required. Especially in times of drought, the Board reserves the right to limit new landscaping.

7.5 IRRIGATED GRASS LAWNS. Irrigation of grass lawns (or for other use over 100 s.f. per lot total) is prohibited except with specific Board approval. Board approval will only be given under the following conditions.

7.5.1 A separate tap or connection to the existing service shall be used to supply irrigation water for the subject area. This irrigation supply shall be considered a customer facility except for the meter, which will remain as District property. All irrigation use is to be separately metered.

7.5.2 The customer shall pay additional for the metered irrigation water at the District prescribed rate.

7.5.3 No capital System Development Fee will be charged for such irrigation tap.

7.5.4 The Board may, at any time, direct the Owner to cease the irrigation use.

7.6 COMPLIANCE. Non-compliance will be managed by 1) an initial warning describing the conditions of non-compliance; 2) a fine of \$100 per day for up to one week; 3) turning off water supply to the home until the non-compliance issue is resolved and fines have been paid.