

Policy Number: 8.1.0

Title: WATER RESOURCE POLICY

Introduction:

This policy has been developed to establish parameters by which the District shall manage its water resources. The current water resources of the Valley include three vertical wells (R1, R2, AMEW) and four horizontal wells (Springs 1, 2, 3, 4).

Ends:

In order to minimize the unknown short- and long-term ecological impacts, all resources shall be utilized for the exclusive use of the customers of the valley. These resources shall be protected in priority as follows:

1. Water Sources
 - a. Source vandalism
 - b. Physical source protection
2. Water Quality
 - a. Provide for utilization of Springs 1, 2, 3 and 4, and AMEW water for potable use as a priority.
 - b. Provide for utilization of water from well R-2 for non-potable uses as a priority.
 - c. Provide for utilization of water from well R-1 for both potable and non-potable uses.
3. Water Quantity
 - a. Provide for the adequate water production to allow for:
 - i. Potable supplies
 - ii. Emergency use
 - iii. Moderate irrigation
 - iv. Recreation
 - b. Provide incentives to customers to conserve, including:
 - i. No disincentives
 - ii. Community education
 - iii. Financial incentives
4. Environmental Considerations
 - a. Strongly considered on a project-by-project basis. Adverse environmental impacts created by the District shall be minimized.
 - b. Provide for the efficient use of the water resources available to the District, that is, maintain the water distribution system to minimize losses.

Responsibility:

It is the responsibility of the General Manager to incorporate this policy into the planning for District facilities and operations.