

PINYON PINES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

**A California Special District - Established in 1969
62011 Stonecrest - Mountain Center, California 92561
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ORDINANCE #13

**AN ORDINANCE, SUPERSEDING IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH #12
ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PINYON PINES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.**

**Be it ordained by the Board of Directors of the Pinyon Pines County Water District, Riverside County,
California as follows:**

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE #1

SEC. 1 SHORT TITLE; RULES AND REGULATIONS

SEC. 2 THE PINYON PINES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, hereinafter to be called, "THE DISTRICT".

SEC. 3 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, hereinafter to be called, "THE BOARD."

SEC. 4 Mailing address: 62011 Stone crest, Mountain Center, California, 92561

Phone: 760-349-3261

SEC. 5 Separability: If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SEC. 6 SYSTEM; The term "SYSTEM" comprises all water mains, transmission and feed lines, valves, appurtenances, fixtures, tanks, reservoirs, belonging to and located on utility easements, rights of way and property of the District.

SEC. 7 EXTENT: The system extends to the connection at the private property line.

SEC. 8 PRESSURE CONDITIONS: All applicants for water service connections, shall be required to accept such conditions of pressure and service as provided by the distribution system at the location of the proposed service, and to hold the District harmless.

SEC. 9 EMERGENCY SHUT-OFF VALVE: An emergency shut-off valve for the use of the consumer, shall be placed outside and directly back of the meter box.

SEC. 10 The cost of an emergency gate valve, curbstop, meter box, meter, materials and labor shall be charged to the account of the property served.

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- SEC. 11 The District, in maintaining a standardization of types, sizes and qualities, shall supply all pipe, fittings, supplies, meters and appurtenances used on the water system.
- SEC. 12 The cutting of system lines, threading, placing and coupling of water mains, lead-in and feed lines on any part of the system, the fitting, placing, testing of joints, placing of valves, meters, curbstops, emergency valves at property lines, hydrants and all appurtenances on the District water system, shall be done by the District, or by approval in writing with the District.
- SEC. 13 Tampering with District Property: No person, except an employee or representative of the District shall at any time and in any manner operate the curbstops, gates, (except emergency gate valves of consumer use back of meter box) or other valves of the District water system, or interfere with meters or their connections, street mains, feedlines, reservoirs or other parts of the water system.
- SEC. 14 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: For the failure of the customer to comply with all or part of this ordinance and any ordinance, resolution or order fixing rates, charges and use of water of the District, a penalty of which, has not hereafter been specifically fixed, the customer's service shall be discontinued and the service shall not be supplied such customer until he shall have complied with the rule or regulation, rate or charge, or until he shall have satisfied the District of future compliance.

ARTICLE #2

- SEC. 1 RULING FINAL: All rulings of the Board shall be final. All rulings of the General Manager shall be final, subject to the rulings of the Board.

ARTICLE #3

- SEC. 1 COLLECTION OF WATER CHARGES: In the event of legal suit and or collection costs, such legal suit and/or collection costs shall be added to, and be due and payable at the time of all other charges.
- SEC. 2 LIABILITY OF PROPERTY OWNER: The property owner, when signing for services, assumes the liability of all unpaid water charges that may accrue, whether directly or through renting or leasing of the property.
- SEC. 3 All unpaid water service charges shall remain as a claim or lien upon the property.
- SEC. 4 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP: At the time of transfer of title, all unpaid water charges remain as a claim against the property.
- SEC. 5 The District may file a lien for unpaid water charges.
- SEC. 6 The District may refuse service to an applicant if there are unpaid water service charges against the property applied for, or unpaid service charges against another account of the applicant.

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ARTICLE #4

- SEC. 1 APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE: Applicant shall file a written application signed by the owner of property to be served and subject to the following:
- (A) SEC. 2 of Article #3
 - (B) SEC. 6 of Article #3
 - (C) A maximum size of 1 1/4 acres is permitted for one or more connections on the same parcel.
 - (D) A water service connection shall be made within the utility easement and not less than two feet or more than three feet from the property line. When necessary a location other than in the utility easement shall be by written agreement.
 - (E) A copy of the Rules and Regulations shall be furnished to each applicant requesting same.

SEC. 2 Upon request for water service, a credit up to \$250.00 shall be allowed for moneys paid into an inactive, unmetered account of record.

SEC. 3 A base charge of \$35.00 per month shall be made for each water service connection with the following allotments and rates applying:

YEAR ROUND RATES

Cubic feet used	Rate
0 - 500	\$35.00 base
501 - 800	.02 per cu. ft.
801 - 1000	.15 per cu. ft.
1000 - above	.30 per cu. ft.

- SEC. 4 All connection charges and unpaid charges against the property, if any, shall be paid at time of applying for water service.
- SEC. 5 Each applicant for water service will be required to establish credit to the satisfaction of the General manager before service will be rendered. Unless otherwise established, credit will be deemed acceptable if applicant makes a cash deposit with the District, equivalent to three months basic water rate charge.
- SEC. 6 Consumer guarantee deposits shall apply only upon a closing account.
- SEC. 7 No interest shall be payable upon consumer guarantee deposits.
- SEC. 8 A water service connection is defined as being from a water main or service in the street fronting or in an easement contiguous to the property to be served and extending into the utility easement.
- SEC. 9 When water mains are further than described in SEC. 9, Article #4, conditions and terms of extension will be provided in written agreement between applicant and District.

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- SEC. 10 All transmission and feed lines, fixtures and appurtenances installed as a part of the water system, and with written approval of the District, on streets, easements, rights of way, private property or property owned by the District, shall become District property.
- SEC. 11 A service connection, whether located on a utility easement or on private property by agreement, is the property of the District, unless specifically otherwise provided.
- SEC. 12 All contractors, persons, firms or corporations who plan to grade, regrade, fill or excavate over or in close proximity to water mains, feed lines or appurtenances of the District must, before starting work, obtain written agreement with the District regarding rights of way, cost of removal, damage or relocating lines or appurtenances.
- SEC. 13 Two or more dwellings on the same lot or parcel, shall be supplied by separate connections. Multiple dwellings shall be required to have separate connections for each multiple.
- SEC. 14 A service connection shall serve a parcel of 1 1/4 acres or less, or that 1 1/4 acres or less of a larger parcel and is not to be used to supply adjoining property, or to supply property across a street or alley.
- SEC. 15 A parcel is defined as a portion of land, that boundaries of which are legally described to be separate and apart from all land contiguous to it's boundaries, and recognized as such by the tax assessor.

ARTICLE #5

- SEC. 1 USE AND CONSERVATION OF WATER: District water is to be used for domestic purposes only.
- SEC. 2 District water shall not be given away, sold, hauled to another part of the District, or outside the District boundaries. Any application for the use of water other than by a metered service connection, (Article #4 - Sec. 1 and 3) must be approved by the District Board of Directors.
- SEC. 3 Fire hydrants, reservoirs or tanks for fire protection purposes are for use only by the District or organized fire protection agencies pursuant to agreement with the District.
- SEC. 4 No customer shall knowingly permit leaks or waste of water. Where water is wastefully or negligently used on a customer's premises, or because of failure of appurtenances on the premises, and seriously affecting the general service, the General Manager may without advance notice, discontinue the service until the emergency conditions have rectified.

ARTICLE #6

- SEC. 1 METER INSTALLATION: All services shall be metered by the District.
- SEC. 2 Before installation, all water meters are checked for accuracy. A customer may request the District

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to test the meter serving his premises. A deposit of \$60.00 will be required of the consumer to cover the reasonable costs of such tests. If the meter is found to register more than 2% fast, the deposit will be returned. If the meter is found to register less than 2% fast, the deposit will be retained by the District. The meter will be packaged and sent to a reputable meter testing company.

- SEC. 3 If a meter tested at the request of a customer pursuant to SEC. 2, Article #6, is found to be more than 2% fast, the excess charges for the time service was rendered, or for a period of six months, whichever is lesser, shall be refunded to the customer.
- SEC. 4 If a meter tested at the request of a customer pursuant to SEC. 2, Article #6, is found to be more than 10% slow, the District may bill the customer for the amount of undercharge, not to exceed six months retroactive duration that the meter was in use, and based upon the average metered water usage by the customer over a period of one year or less, preceding the test.

ARTICLE #7

- SEC. 1 INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: The District shall not be liable for interruption, shortage or insufficiency of supply or any loss or damage occasioned thereby, if caused by accident, act of God, fire or any cause not within the District's control.
- SEC. 2 The District shall not be liable for damages to property caused by faucets, valves and equipment that are open when water is turned on after a temporary shutdown or pursuant to application for water.
- SEC. 3 Occupants of premises are required to shut off the water when leaving for an extended time, to prevent freezing and bursting of pipes and plumbing or other damages and loss of water.
- SEC. 4 A service charge of \$25.00 will be made when the District is required to shut off water due to freezing or other causes of water loss.

ARTICLE #8

- SEC. 1 UNSAFE APPARATUS: Water service may be refused or discontinued to any premises where there is an apparatus, plumbing, an appliance or an on-site well which might endanger or disturb the service to other users.
- SEC. 2 The responsibility of installing, repair, maintenance and operation of water lines, plumbing and appurtenances on private property or property not under District jurisdiction, is that of the owner, renter, lessee or administrator.
- SEC. 3 Duly accredited employees of the District shall be admitted during all reasonable hours to the consumer's premises for the purpose of inspecting, testing or checking of water pipes, valves, appurtenances and private wells.

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ARTICLE #9

- SEC. 1 CROSS CONNECTION DEFINED: A cross connection means any physical or potential connection between the piping system from the District service and that of any other source.
- SEC. 2 Water service may be refused or discontinued to any premises where there exists a cross connection in violation of the State or Federal health laws. See SEC. 7594 and 7603 of the California Administrative Code - Title 17 Public Health.

ARTICLE #10

- SEC. 1 PRIVATELY OWNED WELLS CONNECTED TO THE DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM: A well not owned or within jurisdiction of the District may not be connected to the District water system without District approval and meeting requirements of SEC. 7594 and 7603 of the California Administrative Code - Title 17 Public Health.
- SEC. 2 A privately owned well system connected to and using the District water service is subject to the normal water rate and turn-on and turn-off charges of the water District.

ARTICLE #11

- SEC. 1 District water shall not be used for swimming pools (either portable or permanent pools) ponds, waterfalls, sprinkler installations or irrigation systems.
- SEC. 2 No pool, pond, waterfall, lawn sprinkler installation or irrigation system shall be connected to the District water system.

ARTICLE #12

- SEC. 1 WATER STORAGE TANKS DEFINED: A water storage tank is defined as a tank used to maintain a certain volume of water on hand and not under pressure or heated and to draw on regularly or only at specific times and conditions with the inflow controlled by an approved valve in the inlet line.
- SEC. 2 Excepting those tanks connected to the District water system prior to the adoption of these rules and regulations, no water storage tank shall be of a capacity greater than 1,000 gallons unless, specifically granted by the District Board of Directors.
- SEC. 3 Subsequent to the adoption of these rules and regulations, no water storage tank shall be connected to the District water system without approval of the District Board of Directors.
- SEC. 4 The following rules and regulations shall apply to all water storage tanks connected to the District water system:
- (A) A double check valve shall be placed ahead of the by-pass and tank inlet valve. The tank inlet valve shall have a locking or sealing flange.
 - (B) A shut off and check valve shall be placed on outlet line of storage tank between tank and by-pass to dwelling.

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- (C) A pressure relief valve shall be installed in the dwelling lead-in line to relieve back pressure from water heater.
- (D) Only one water storage tank connected to the District water system is permitted for each connected parcel of property.
- (E) A water storage tank connected to the District water system shall not be connected with another water storage system.
- (F) No water storage tank may be filled with District water other than by direct connection to the District water system.
- (G) No water storage tank connected to the District water system shall be replaced with a tank of larger capacity or changed in elevation or location without approval of the District Board of Directors.
- (H) A suitable cover must be provided on storage tank to protect water from contamination.
- (I) It is the responsibility of the owner to keep the water storage tank in such condition as to maintain potability of water and conformity with health code.
- (J) The installation of all pipe, valves and fittings in connecting a water storage to the District water system is subject to inspection by the District.
- (K) The water from a water storage tank connected to the District water system shall be used only for domestic purposes, or in fire emergency.
- (L) A water storage tank connected to the system cannot be filled except by District water.

SEC. 5 The inlet and by-pass valves of a water storage tank connected to the District water system shall at all times be accessible to qualified District personnel.

SEC. 6 The District reserves the right in emergencies, repairs or a shortage of water supply, to shut off without prior notice, the intake valve to a water storage tank connected to the District water system.

SEC. 7 The duration of such a shut off shall be determined by the General Manager, subject to SEC. 1, Article #2, of these rules and regulations.

SEC. 8 The filling of water storage tanks connected to the District water system shall be subject to the decisions of the General Manager.

SEC. 9 All owners or occupants of premises containing a water storage tank connected to the District water system as of the date of adoption of these rules and regulations, are immediately subject thereto.

ARTICLE #13

SEC. 1 No pump shall in any manner be connected to the District water system without approval of the District Board of Directors.

ARTICLE #14

SEC. 1 Billing for water service shall be based by the month. Bills for water service shall be mailed during the first three business days of the month following the month that the service was rendered. Meters

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shall be read on the 26th of the month or the nearest business day following thereto.

- SEC. 2 A connection or turn-on of water service from the first through the 15th of the month shall be charged for the entire month. A connection or turn-on of water service from the 15th through the last day of the month shall be charged with one half the base allotment of water. Usage above one half the base allotment of water shall be charged according to the rates in the next several rate categories.
- SEC. 3 A turn-off of water service occurring as of the 1st of the month through the 15th, shall be charged one half the base rate with one half the base allotment of water. Usage above one half the base allotment, shall be charged according to the rates in the next several categories. A turn-off of service as of the 16th through the last day of the month shall be charged for the full month.
- SEC. 4 Bills for water service shall become delinquent on the 10th day of the month in which rendered.
- SEC. 5 A change of water account title form for the District ledger must be filed, giving property location and bearing signature of the property owner and the person or persons to whom the account is to be changed.

ARTICLE #15

- SEC. 1 Shut-off of service: A shut-off application signed by the person or persons of the account must be filed.
- SEC. 2 A shut-off of water service will be made by the District at the curb-stop within the meter box.
- SEC. 3 There will be no charge for shut-off of water service. An employee of the District must make and certify the shut-off and ascertain no leakage.
- SEC. 4 A turn-on/inspection of premises fee of \$50.00 shall be charged.

ARTICLE #16

- SEC. 1 Water service may be discontinued for non-payment of water service charges after the tenth (10th) of the month following billing date. Any customer with a balance of sixty (\$60) dollars or greater shall be sent a final notice with his regular monthly billing or by regular mail to the address as shown in the ledger account, informing him that discontinuance of service will be enforced if payment is not made by the tenth (10th) of the month following billing date. The failure of the District to send, or any such person to receive said notice shall not affect the District's power hereunder. All bills are due in full, any customer needing to make payments must petition the Board at it's regular monthly meeting. All rulings of the Board shall be final.
- SEC. 2 Shut-off of service due to delinquency shall be subject to the following:

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- (A) A \$50.00 fee shall be charged for turn-on.
- (B) Costs incurred by shut-off due to non-payment of water service and or other charges, shall be added to the current bills due. See SEC. 1 of Article #3.
- (C) A penalty of 6% interest per annum shall be made upon all charges as of the date of service shut-off.

SEC. 3 All bank charges and a \$15.00 District service charge will apply to accounts where payment checks are returned unpaid.

TIME OF TAKING EFFECT:

This ordinance shall take effect as of April 5, 2009



President of the Pinyon Pines County Water District
and of the Board of Directors thereof.

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Pinyon Pines County Water District
and of the Board of Directors thereof.

These rules and regulations are open for inspection at the District Business Office.

Copies of these rules and regulations are available from the District Secretary.