

CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Cameron County Irrigation District #2 (CCID2) is a government entity that provides irrigation water for agriculture and municipalities. Operations are funded through flat rate assessments, water sales and miscellaneous service charges. Raw water is pumped from the Rio Grande for irrigation purposes. CCID2 assumes no responsibilities as to the potability or quality of the water.

CCID2 Board of Directors desire to cooperate with the Directors of Cameron County Drainage District #3 (CCDD3) in every way possible. CCID2 and CCDD3 are separate organizations independently funded.

The General Manager (GM) of CCID2 has complete authority over the operations of the District subject to the Texas Water Code and these Rules and Regulations. The GM directs all employees of the District to aid water users in a consistent manner in accordance with the following:

- 1.** Applicants desiring to purchase water must appear in person at the CCID2 office located at 26041 FM 510, San Benito, Texas. Any irrigators who find it difficult to appear in person may appear and deposit funds in the District's water account and sign an affidavit authorizing the office manager a limited power of attorney. The irrigator is defined as the person signing the water ticket.
- 2.** Water tickets must show the acres to be irrigated, crop type, purchase date, order number, and any additional pertinent information required for the canal rider to properly fill the order.
- 3.** Anyone found to be illegally taking water without a valid water ticket shall be subject to a fine of \$200.00 and the revocation of water privileges until all fees and fines are paid. Any person who willfully takes, diverts, or appropriates water without complying with the application and payment requirements is liable to a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each day he or she continues the taking, diversion, or appropriations of water as per section 11.082 of the Texas Water Code. Continued illegal taking of water, destruction or damage to District property for the purpose of diverting water will be prosecuted.
- 4.** During times of heavy irrigation it may be necessary, to preserve equal rights to all irrigators, to limit the number of heads to each canal rider, based on irrigable acres on their ride, and on the amount of water being pumped for irrigation purposes.
- 5.** Applications for water must be made five (5) days in advance of the date required to allow for the delivery time from the reservoir. If sufficient water is available; it may be delivered earlier. If water is not used within fifteen (15) days, the canal rider or water superintendent will give the irrigator notice and cancel the ticket. Unused water will be credited for future irrigation, unless the District is in allocation in accordance with the DCP.
- 6.** Water tickets will not be issued for less than one (1) acre. IAW the District's Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), the GM has the authority, while the DCP is in place, to deny water delivery if doing so would be deemed too costly for the equitable share of water across all irrigators.
- 7.** The canal riders will not deliver of water to any irrigator who has not properly prepared their field ditches, private pipelines or other methods of irrigation to prevent the wasting of water.

8. Each canal rider shall fill their water tickets consecutively as near as possible, by date, ticket number and time of application. Canal riders may, if deemed necessary, lock district gates or check gates to comply with CCID2 Rules and Regulations, to ensure the equal distribution of water

9. CCID2 shall have exclusive control over all District irrigation facilities, to include the opening, adjustment, and closing of all headgates. No person, other than the canal rider shall open, change, close, handle or interfere in any way with any gate, check gate or other structure, or with any of the facilities of the district without the consent of the canal rider.

10. Open ponds for livestock, esthetics or any other purposes are not permitted except with a District approved metering device.

11. Irrigators are responsible for all delivered water and must make every effort to avoid waste. Carelessness due to unattendance or mismanagement of water will not be tolerated. The canal riders will report an estimate amount of wasted water to the GM. If water allocation is in effect, the water allotment will be charged at the rate of two irrigations per acre for the wasted water. All services will be denied until payment for wastewater tickets is received by the District. Wasted water will be billed to the user as follows:

- 1st acre/foot - \$100.00
- 2nd acre/foot - \$210.00
- 3rd acre/foot - \$480.00
- 4th acre/foot - \$900.00
- 5th acre/foot - \$1,500.00

12. No pumping equipment, pump intake, or pump mechanism may be used in district canals, reservoirs, or resacas for the purpose of delivering water by other means than thru the authorized delivery gate, designated for a particular tract of land unless authorized by the GM.

13. District personnel must install all pipes in District canals, resacas, reservoirs, pipelines and other facilities, unless authorized by the GM, at the owner's expense. All irrigation lines installed within the District for the purpose of conveying irrigation water must be of material approved by the District. If the lines are used exclusively for yard watering, they can be no larger than two (2) inches in diameter, contain a ballcock cut-off valve and be of a good quality brass or galvanized material. The District will not be responsible for furnishing domestic water.

14. Rights-of-way and easements owned or held by the district are strictly reserved for District use. Anyone constructing fences, buildings, or other appurtenances upon district rights-of-way or easements will do so at their own risk of being damaged by District equipment and maintenance crews. When required the GM will direct the removal of these structures at the expense of the person who constructed them. Failure to remove the structures within a reasonable time will result in the District billing the owners.

15. Livestock will not be allowed on District easements. Violations will result in the removal of the livestock at the owner's expense.

16. The use of any District property without the written consent of the GM, is considered trespassing and will be prosecuted. Driving and or parking on District property is strictly forbidden and will be subject to prosecution. Anyone convicted shall be punishable to penalties

provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

17. CCID2 resacas, reservoirs and canals are considered “no-motor zones.” No watercraft with a motor (excluding trolling motor) are allowed. Any person in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties provided by the laws of the State of Texas. CCID2 assumes no liability or responsibility for the safety or welfare of anyone electing to operate a watercraft in District waters.

18. The use, application, mixing, transportation of insecticides, herbicides, fertilizer materials or any ingredients to be mixed, to produce these materials or other materials that may be toxic or harmful to water in anyway, shall not be used in a manner that would cause entry into any of the District’s canals, resacas, reservoirs and pumping plant channel. To allow or cause entry of such chemicals is subject to punishment or other penalties provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

19. No person may deposit in or on the levees or spoil areas of any canal or drainage ditch or any other district property, right-of-way or easement the carcasses of dead animals, trash, construction debris or objects of any kind. The District will prosecute any person in violation and will reported the event to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

20. Any person who willfully cuts, digs, breaks open, breaks down, destroys, abuses, injures or opens a control gate, bank, embankment or side slope of any ditch, canal, reservoir, resaca, flume, pump or machinery, building, structure, or any other facility of this district will be prosecuted for destruction of government property.

The above penalties shall be in addition to any other penalties provided by the laws of the State of Texas and may be enforced by complaints filed in the appropriate court of jurisdiction in the county in which the district's principle office is located.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the rules and regulations adopted by the board of directors of CCID2, at its regular meeting, dated October 5, 1995, recorded in district's volume c, supplement to minute book #16, pages 8 thru 12; as amended at the regular meeting of October 12, 2004, recorded in minute book #18, pages 148 through 151; as amended at the regular meeting of July 8, 2014, recorded in minute book #21, page 117; as amended at the regular meeting of November 14, 2019, recorded in minute book #21, pages 515-518, as amended at the regular meeting of March 11, 2021, recorded in minute book #22 page 15; and as amended at the regular meeting of November 9, 2023, recorded in minute book #22 page 227.