

# Tier 1 Critical

## Water Shortage / Drought Policy

Tier 1 Critical: defined as a lake condition that normal water supply may be curtailed or not available but water in storage can supply water to expected In-District demand and with Board discretion may allot water in portion to Out-of-District.

### **A Board Declared Official Water Shortage / Drought**

Current JVID Water Shortage / Drought Policy: 3000.14

***When the Board determines that there is or will be a shortage of water, such supply as can be delivered will be pro-rated in a manner determined by the Board, to each user until the shortage is corrected. During such periods of shortage each user will be expected to refrain from using water on non-essential crops (such as lawns) and not engage in any other non-essential use (such as car washing).***

### 2014 Amendments:

3000.14.1 If an individual would like to participate in the allotment available for irrigation purposes during a declared water shortage, the member must have a JVID approved meter installed on the service line or pump system if irrigating or using one acre foot of water or more. **This meter must be installed prior to any take of allotted water!** The member has the option of either installing the meter under JVID supervision, by a contractor, or by a JVID employee. The member will be responsible for all initial expenses of the meter install; additional repair and maintenance will be covered by JVID. (If installed by JVID employee, time and materials will be charged to the member. An option will be available to pay for the install either by incorporating it into the annual assessment or into the water bill).

3000.14.2 The Board may declare under critical drought or water shortage conditions that to be eligible to receive water during a declared water shortage, the member must have irrigated the piece of land in question one or both previous two irrigation seasons.

3000.14.3 For users using one acre foot of water or more the individual must respond in writing to the JVID office, on or before February 15<sup>th</sup> that would like to participate in the water allotment. A letter will be sent out prior to February 15<sup>th</sup> by the JVID office inviting eligible users to participate in the allotment available.

3000.14.4 For eligible participants at the beginning of the irrigation season, on or before March 15<sup>th</sup>, JVID Staff will assess the available water in storage and will notify each participating member in writing as to what their specific allotment will be for the upcoming irrigation season. This is based on a ratio of water available to number of irrigated acres of eligible land. The JVID Water Master will reassess water demand on a monthly basis throughout the irrigation season and reallocate water as necessary to all of the users.

3000.14.5 Water Allotted to one user cannot be sold or traded by that individual with other individuals, whether they are located inside or outside of the District boundaries.

3000.14.6 Any unused allocated water will be considered surplus storage and reapportioned to other users if necessary under the Water Master's discretion as irrigation season progresses.

3000.14.7 All "Out of District" properties using JVID water for irrigation may be suspended during the Declared Water Shortage until further notice is given by the JVID Board based on water availability in storage.

3000.14.8 During a Declared Water Shortage, no new or additional services, connections, turnouts, or changes can be made to the JVID Distribution System, unless it promotes efficiency and conservation.

3000.14.9 If a member is caught stealing, over - using, or violating any of the JVID Policies or California Water Code during a Declared Water Shortage / Drought the members valve will be locked and privileges revoked for take of any water during the remainder of the irrigation season. The members parcel will be considered a "grey" parcel that will have to petition in writing, to the Board at a normally scheduled Board Meeting for the privilege to irrigate the following season, if water is available. The member will continue to be responsible to pay assessments on the given parcel and will owe the District for estimated water used as a result of the violation. There will be a .05 Acre Feet variance given to the water user before over consumption of water is considered a violation.

3000.14.10 Any requests or circumstances that are not covered or clearly defined in policy 3000.14 for taking or using water during a Declared Water Shortage / Drought, the member will have the opportunity to submit, in writing, a request to JVID Staff and it will be reviewed on a case by case basis at a normally scheduled JVID Board Meeting.

3000.14.11 The Board holds the full discretion to implement a water surcharge that may be retroactive and / or an emergency assessment to make up for budgetary losses during a Declared Water Shortage / Drought.

3000.14.12 Any member delinquent in billing which may include Alhambra, Assessments, Irrigation Water or any other debts owed to the District will not be eligible to take any water for irrigation purposes during a declared water shortage until previous balances is paid in full or a payment plan is approved by the Board to settle debts owed to the District.

3000.14.13 The JVID Board of Directors at its discretion may allot and bill for water on a percentage basis or any other basis as appropriate, to Domestic, Industrial, Fish Farms and Out of District Lands connected to the existing JVID distribution system to fit within the scope of the District's water allotment and revenue needs.

3000.14.14 The JVID General Manager or JVID Water Master has the full authority during a declared water shortage or water emergency to make available to District Members, Domestic and / or Raw Water for pick up at the JVID Administration Office to in accordance with the JVID Board approved Rate schedule for emergency water service. Service shall be limited to 4,000 gallons per month per household with the intended purpose for Domestic in-home use and stock watering. Service will only be available to members with an on-site water supply which fails to produce adequate volume during dry season, or fails temporarily due to an unforeseen event, such as a pump failure. It is implied that service shall not be provided on a regular, year-round basis. It is only provided during a declared water shortage or as the emergency persists. When accepting emergency water service, the receiver agrees that the District is not responsible for the quality of the water and agrees to hold harmless the Jackson Valley Irrigation District as well as the District's employees and agents.

3000.14.15 If the JVID General Manager or JVID Water Master determines that there is adequate water supply beyond the needs of the District Members specific to Domestic in – home use and stock water needs such service can be reasonably made to other individuals on a case by case basis. Out of District water requests will be limited to 4,000 gallons per month per household and only provided to Out of District individuals that are currently connected to the JVID Distribution system. All criteria establish for water service under policy number 3000.14.14 will conditionally apply for Out of District emergency water service.

*This is a "working" policy and the Board may revise and amend this policy as they see fit.*