

POLICY FOR THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF WATER
TO OR FROM THE DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT
(adopted by the Board of Directors on December 8, 2010)

This policy modifies and supersedes the prior water transfer policy (adopted December 13, 2000). This policy has been developed by the District to promote good water management of the District's State Water Project allocations and provide flexibility to the District's landowners.

For purposes of this policy, temporary transfers are defined as water transfers, banking, or exchanges from the District to areas outside the District that are requested annually or for a short-term period that do not create a long-term (greater than ten years) or permanent obligation or commitment for the District to continue such transfers.

Therefore, the following conditions state the District's policy for temporary water transfers.

1. Requests to transfer of water out of the District shall be allowed for the following:
 - a. District-approved water banking or exchange programs;
 - b. Transfers to the same landowner's or water user's lands outside the District where substantially the same landowner or water user business affiliation and use exists as exists within the District; and/or
 - c. Non District-approved banking or exchange programs where at least 50% of the water (after reasonable losses) is returned to the District within a ten year period, or other period as allowed by the California Department of Water Resources.
2. Temporary transfers proposed under Paragraph 1, may be administratively approved by the Manager-Engineer, provided that the transfer does not take specific action by the Board related to CEQA compliance.
3. For temporary transfers proposed under Paragraph 1b or 1c, all District charges must be paid prior to District authorization to release the transferred.
4. Requests to transfer water into the District may be administratively approved by the Manager-Engineer, provided that the transfer does not take specific action by the Board related to CEQA compliance.
5. Any State or third party charges or fees related to temporary transfers into the District or to outside of the District shall be payable by the transferor(s). District staff time to assist with the transfer shall not be charged to the transferor. An exception to this rule occurs in the case of programmatic transfers where the program was initially offered to all landowners or water users, but not all water users are participating (such as Kern Water Bank and Dry Year Water Program), in

which staff time shall be accounted for separately and charged only to program participants.

6. The Manager shall report any transfers administratively approved to the Board at the District Board meeting following the receipt of the request(s) for the transfer.
7. Temporary transfers not eligible for administrative approval by the Manager-Engineer in accordance with this policy, or other requests for temporary transfers not described in Paragraphs 1 or 4, shall be brought to the Board for consideration on a case-by-case basis.