ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT GSA

BOARD POLICY FOR GROUNDWATER DEMAND REDUCTION AND WATER BALANCE PROGRAM FOR NON-DISTRICTED LANDS (RRB-13)

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The Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District ("District") Board of Directors desires to establish a policy governing the administration of the Groundwater Demand Reduction and Water Balance Program for Non-Districted Lands (sometimes referred to as "White Lands") within the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"). These are lands that are outside of the District boundary but within the GSA boundary. The purpose of this policy is to implement Management Action RRB-13 as identified in the current Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") and to provide a framework for encouraging groundwater sustainability on the Non-Districted Lands through water budgets, demand reduction, supply accounting, reporting, transfers, financial incentives, and enforcement. The policy is intended to correct the water supply imbalance for Non-Districted Lands through demand reduction from the period of 2020 through 2040 and thereafter.

It is the intent of the following policy to outline the principal terms, conditions, procedures, and administrative requirements that will be applicable to Non-Districted Lands within the GSA boundary. Nothing herein shall be construed as a promise by the District or the GSA Board to take action in any specific direction; adoption of "rules and regulations" as described herein may include a prohibition of the described activity.

Program Framework

- The Program shall utilize the existing Non-Districted Land glide path described in Management Action RRB-13 as the basis for administration of the Program.
- The Program shall establish water budgets for Non-Districted Lands consistent with the applicable GSP and Management Action RRB-13.
- Transitional Water supplies shall be reduced at a rate of five percent (5%) per-annum over the 2020-2040 planning period, consistent with RRB-13.
- Following the year 2040, Transitional Water supplies shall no longer be available under the Program.

Definitions

- The District will adopt clear definitions of terms applicable to Program administration, including but not limited to Non-Districted Lands, White Lands, Transitional Water,

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Native Yield, Effective Precipitation, Water Budget, Transfer, Groundwater Leave-Behind, and other terms necessary for implementation.

Available Water Supplies

- Non-Districted Lands shall be allocated Native Yield supplies as established by the GSA. The current Native Yield is identified as 0.15 acre-feet per acre, subject to modification by future Board action, GSP amendments, or applicable regulations.
- Effective Precipitation shall be included as an available water supply component.
- Other water supplies acquired and imported into the GSA may be utilized to augment available supplies, subject to applicable rules, approvals, and procedures established by the GSA Board.

Landowner Information and Reporting

- The District shall provide Non-Districted Landowners with tools, information, and communication necessary to understand and monitor compliance with Management Action RRB-13.
- Landowners shall have access to the District's Water Account Platform.
- Information regarding water supply and demand, including information provided through LandIQ or similar data sources, shall be made available to participating landowners on a monthly basis.
- The District shall provide quarterly updates through electronic correspondence regarding Program administration, water budgets, and other relevant matters.
- The District shall provide annual updates regarding adherence to RRB-13. Such reporting shall include a summary of compliance and program performance. Additional reporting requirements shall be developed by the District.

Water Budget Administration

- The District shall administer water budgets applicable to Non-Districted Lands consistent with the GSP and Management Action RRB-13.
- Procedures for calculation, tracking, adjustment, and administration of water budgets shall be developed and adopted by the Board.

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Transfers

- The District shall establish transfer policies and procedures necessary for administration of Management Action RRB-13.
- The District shall establish transfer rules and procedures applicable to common landowners owning property within both Districted Lands and Non-Districted Lands within the GSA.
- The District shall establish transfer rules and procedures applicable to the acquisition of water supplies from outside the GSA, including but not limited to water supplies acquired from adjoining banking projects or water districts.
- The District shall establish transfer rules and procedures applicable to water supplies acquired within the GSA, including supplies associated with District landowners holding stored groundwater accounts within District boundaries.
- All transfers shall be subject to applicable rules and regulations, GSP requirements, and any approvals determined necessary by the District.

Fees

- The District shall develop and adopt a fee structure sufficient to administer transfers and Program activities.
- The fee structure may include administrative fees designed to recover the costs of implementing specific transfers and Program activities. Specific fee amounts shall be established by separate Board action.
- The fee structure may include mandatory groundwater leave-behind requirements. Specific requirements shall be established by separate Board action.

Compliance and Enforcement

- All Non-Districted Lands shall be required to comply with applicable water budgets established pursuant to the GSP and Management Action RRB-13.
- The District shall develop and implement procedures for addressing non-compliance with applicable water budgets.
- Enforcement measures may include groundwater extraction fees. Specific rates, thresholds, and procedures shall be established by separate Board action.
- Enforcement measures may include property assessments. Specific assessment procedures shall be established by separate Board action.

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- Enforcement measures may include penalty fees and related penalty structures. Specific penalty schedules shall be established by separate Board action.

Appeals

- The District shall establish an appeal process for actions, determinations, fees, assessments, penalties, transfers, and other administrative decisions made pursuant to this Policy.
- Detailed procedures governing appeals, timelines, required documentation, standards of review, and Board consideration shall be developed and adopted separately.

Reservation of Authority

- The Board reserves the right to modify, amend, suspend, or terminate this Policy as necessary to maintain consistency with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan, court orders, regulatory requirements, or other applicable legal authorities.

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