

**Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
Policy for Water Sales Outside The Buffer Strip**

Policy:

This policy expands the sale of Ruth Lake water to include agencies, their contractors, and private parties (not private property owners) using water outside the buffer strip for specified short term and intermittent purposes. Agencies include such entities as Trinity County and the U.S. Forest Service. Private parties include construction contractors and logging companies. The water is intended for use in road construction, maintenance and dust control. It is not the intent of this policy to charge for water used in fire fighting and related training.

Under this policy, agencies, their contractors, and private party contractors are required to obtain Water Use Permits directly from the District in order to use Ruth Lake water. An agency can obtain the permit directly from the District or require their contractor to obtain the permit. The applicant must specify the purpose that the water will be used. A permit is required before any water can be taken. Permits can be issued any time during the year but will expire on December 31.

The permit fee will be \$100 and includes the first 100,000 gallons of water taken from Ruth Lake. If the applicant knows at the time of making a permit application that more than 100,000 gallons will be used for the specified purpose, additional water may be requested at the time of application. If the district approves the request, the additional water will be charged out at the rate of \$50 per 100,000 gallons. If additional water is needed after the original permit has been issued, then a new permit application will need to be made under the same terms as the original permit (\$100 for the first 100,000 gallons). There will be no refunds for unused water. Permit fees are intended to cover administrative costs associated with the permit process as well as a cost of water component.

The Ruth Lake Water Permit will include the terms and conditions under which water can be taken, provisions to protect the District, and the fact that the water is not for potable use. If damage is done to any District lands and facilities in taking of the water, the permittee will be responsible for restoring District property to its original condition.

Designated District personnel and the permittee will sign the Permit. The permit is to be available at the job site or carried in the water truck for inspection purposes. Permittees will maintain logs listing all loads and quantity of water taken. These logs are to be submitted to the District upon completion of the specified purpose and before additional permits will be issued.

At the District's sole discretion, the District may, at any time, deny permit application and/or suspend existing permits.

I have read and agree to the HBMWD District Policy for Water Sales Outside the Buffer Zone.

Name

Date