

RULE 167 - DEFINITIONS USED IN REGULATION XV

Acre-Foot – “Acre-Foot” shall mean an amount of water equal to 325,851 gallons.

Administrative Compliance Order – “Administrative Compliance Order” shall mean a written order issued by the General Manager directing any Person responsible for serious, continuing or recurring violations to take affirmative action to remedy consequences of those violations. Administrative Compliance Orders are in addition to all other legal remedies, criminal or civil, which may be pursued by the Water Management District. An Administrative Compliance Order may be issued in conjunction with a Cease & Desist Order.

Applicant – “Applicant” shall mean the Person or Persons responsible for completing the requirements of an application.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) – “Best Management Practices” shall mean a conservation measure or series of measures that is useful, proven, cost-effective, and generally accepted among conservation experts to reduce water consumption and protect water quality.

Bishop Water Distribution System – “Bishop Water Distribution System” or “Bishop” shall mean the California American Water subsystem as described in the purchase agreement between Bishop Water Company and California American Water dated September 1, 1996.

California-American Water Company Water Distribution System – “California-American Water Company Water Distribution System” shall mean all California-American Water Company Water Distribution Systems that rely, in whole or in part, on production or production offsets from the Carmel River System or the Seaside Coastal Subareas.

Carmel River System – “Carmel River System” shall mean water from the Carmel River and underlying alluvial aquifer.

CAWD/PBCSD Wastewater Reclamation Project Recycled Water Users – “CAWD/PBCSD Wastewater Reclamation Project Water Users” shall mean those Users of the wastewater reclamation project undertaken by the Carmel Area Wastewater District and the Pebble Beach Community Services District that supplies Reclaimed Water to the Golf Courses and certain open space areas within Pebble Beach.

Cease & Desist Order – “Cease & Desist Order” shall mean an order issued by the General Manager prohibiting a Person from continuing a particular course of conduct. Cease & Desist Orders are in addition to all other legal remedies, criminal or civil, which may be pursued by the Water Management District. A Cease & Desist Order may be issued in conjunction with an Administrative Compliance Order.

CCF – “CCF” (or one-hundred cubic feet) is equivalent to 748 gallons.

Conservation Rates – “Conservation Rates” shall mean the increase in the water rates for California American Water customers at levels of either 25 percent (Level 1 Conservation Rates) or 40 percent (Level 2 Conservation Rates). Conservation Rates do not apply to Residential Tier 1 water use.

Conveyor Car Wash – “Conveyor Car Wash” shall mean a commercial car wash where the vehicle moves on a conveyor belt during the wash and the driver of the vehicle can remain in, or wait outside of, the vehicle.

District – See Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Dwelling Unit – “Dwelling Unit” shall mean single or multiple residences suitable for single household occupancy but shall not refer to non-permanent student or transient housing, the occupancy of which is projected to average 24 months or less.

Extractor – “Extractor” shall mean a user, or consumer of water delivered by a water Well or Water-Gathering Facility, which is not a part of any Water Distribution System.

Flagrant Violation – “Flagrant Violation” shall mean any willful or wanton disregard of the Rules and Regulations of the District which results in unreasonable waste, contamination, or pollution of District waters by any Extractor, User, or by the Owner or Operator of a Well, Water-Gathering Facility or Water Distribution System.

Flow Restrictor – “Flow Restrictor” shall mean a device placed into the Water Distribution System by the distribution system Operator, or put into the output of a private Well, that restricts the volume of flow to the User.

Graywater Irrigation System – “Graywater Irrigation System” shall mean an onsite wastewater treatment system designed to collect Graywater and transport it out of the structure for distribution in an Irrigation System.

Hidden Hills System – “Hidden Hills System” shall mean the California American Water subsystem as described in the purchase agreement between Carmel Valley Mutual Water Company and California American Water recorded July 8, 1994, Document #49389, Reel 3125, Page 696.

Household – “Household” shall mean all the people who occupy a housing unit. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied (or if vacant, intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live separately from any other people in the building and that have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall.

In-Bay Car Wash – “In-Bay Car Wash” shall mean a commercial car wash where the driver pulls into bay, parks the car, and the vehicle remains stationary while either a machine moves over the vehicle to clean it or one or more employees of the car wash clean the vehicle, instead of the vehicle moving through a tunnel.

Interruption – “Interruption” shall mean an interruption for longer than 12 hours in the supply of Recycled Water to a Recycled Water Irrigation Area.

Laguna Seca Subarea – “Laguna Seca Subarea” shall mean one of the subdivisions of the Southern Seaside Subbasin. Its boundary is shown on a map maintained at the offices of the Water Management District, as that map may be amended from time to time.

Landscaping – Deleted by Ordinance No. 172 (8/15/2016).

Lawn – “Lawn” shall mean an area of land planted with live, healthy grass which is regularly maintained, irrigated and groomed at a low, even height.

Main California American Water System – “Main California American Water System” shall mean the California American Water’s Water Distribution System that derives its Source of Supply from the Carmel River System and the Seaside Coastal Subareas of the Seaside Groundwater Basin.

Master Meter – “Master Meter” shall mean a single Water Meter that supplies water to more than one Water User.

Measurable Precipitation – “Measurable Precipitation” shall mean rainfall of 0.1 inch or more.

Minimum Daily Water Ration – “Minimum Daily Water Ration” shall mean a minimum Water Ration of 90 gallons per day per Household.

Mobile Water Distribution System – “Mobile Water Distribution System” shall mean any Potable or Non-Potable Water delivery that originates at a location apart from the Site of use and that is delivered via a truck or other movable container. This definition includes, but is not limited to, trucked water. This definition shall not apply to deliveries of water by commercial companies in volumes less than or equal to 55 gallons per container.

Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance – “Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance” shall mean the ordinance found at California Code of Regulations, Title 23. Waters, Division 2. Department of Water Resources, Chapter 2.7.

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) – “Monterey Peninsula Water Management District” (“District”) is a public agency created by the California State Legislature in 1977 and approved by the voters on June 6, 1978. The enabling legislation is found at West’s California Water Code, Appendix Chapters 118-1 to 118-901.

Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System (MPWRS) – “Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System” (“MPWRS”) shall mean the surface water in the Carmel River and its tributaries, Groundwater in the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer which underlies the Carmel River, and Groundwater in the Seaside Groundwater Basin.

MPWMD – See Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Multi-Family Household – “Multi-Family Household” shall mean a Household where two or more Dwelling Units receive water from a Master Meter.

Non-Essential Water Use – “Non-Essential Water Use” shall mean uses of water that are acceptable during times of normal water availability, as long as proper procedures to maximize efficiency are followed. However, when water is in short supply, Non-Essential Water Uses must be curtailed to preserve limited water resources for essential uses. Non-Essential Water Uses do not have health or safety impacts, are not required by regulation, and are not required to meet the core functions of a Non-Residential use.

Non-Potable Water - “Non-Potable Water” shall mean water which is not fit for human consumption.

Non-Residential – “Non-Residential” shall mean water uses not associated with Residential use. These uses include Commercial, Industrial, Public Authority, Golf Course, Other Use, Non-Revenue Metered Use, and Reclaimed Water.

Non-Revenue Water – “Non-Revenue Water” shall mean those components of system input volume that are not billed and produce no revenue; equal to unbilled authorized consumption, plus apparent losses, plus real losses.

Open Space – “Open Space” shall mean public land area left in an un-built state as defined in the California Government Code, Section 65560. Open Space includes plazas, parks, and cemeteries.

Owner or Operator – “Owner or Operator” shall mean the Person to whom a Water Gathering Facility is assessed by the County Assessor, or, if not separately assessed, the Person who owns the land upon which a Water-Gathering Facility is located.

Permanent Resident – “Permanent Resident” shall mean a Person who resides continuously in a Dwelling Unit for more than 30 days or a resident that can submit such other evidence to clearly and convincingly demonstrate permanent residency.

Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzle – “Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzle” shall mean a device that completely shuts off the flow of water from a hose when released.

Potable – “Potable” shall mean water that is suitable for drinking.

Pressure Regulating Device – “Pressure Regulating Device” shall mean a water pressure reducing device installed in the water line after the Water Meter that automatically reduces the pressure from the water supply main to a lower pressure.

Production Limit – “Production Limit” shall mean the maximum production permitted for a Water Distribution System.

Reclaimed Water – “Reclaimed Water” shall mean wastewater that has been treated to the tertiary level, including disinfection. Reclaimed Water is a form of Recycled Water.

Recycled Water – “Recycled Water” shall mean treated or recycled waste water of a quality suitable for Non-Potable uses such as landscape irrigation and Water Features. This water is not intended for human consumption.

Recycled Water Irrigation Areas – “Recycled Water Irrigation Areas” shall mean the golf courses and other vegetated areas located within the Del Monte Forest that are being irrigated with Recycled Water.

Residency Affidavit – “Residency Affidavit” shall mean a document attesting to the number of Permanent Residents in a Household.

Residential – “Residential” shall mean water used for household purposes, including water used on the premises for irrigating lawns, gardens and shrubbery, washing vehicles, and other similar and customary purposes pertaining to Single-Family and Multi-Family Dwellings.

Responsible Party – “Responsible Party” shall mean the Person or Persons who assume through the District Permit process legal responsibility for the proper performance of the requirements of a Permit holder as defined in the Rules and Regulations and/or in conditions attached to a Permit. “Responsible Party,” when used in the context of The 2016 Monterey Peninsula Water Conservation and Rationing Plan, shall mean the Person who is responsible for paying the water bill. When a property is served by a private Well or a small Water Distribution System, the “Responsible Party” shall be the Water Users of the Well and the small distribution system Operator.

Riparian Corridor – “Riparian Corridor” shall mean all that area which comprises the Riverbed and riverbanks of the Carmel River which lies within the boundaries of the Carmel River Management Zone (Zone No. 3), and all those areas which lie within 25 lineal feet of the Riverbank Assessment Line, excepting however, all lands which lie outside of the Zone No. 3 boundary, and exempting lawns, landscaping and cultivated areas as shown on the spring 1983 aerial photographs taken by California American Water pursuant to the agreement with the District in accord with MPWMD Rule 123 A.

Ryan Ranch Water Distribution System – “Ryan Ranch Water Distribution System” or “Ryan Ranch” shall mean the California American Water subsystem as described in the purchase agreement between Neuville Co. N.V. (a Delaware Corporation) and California American Water dated April 30, 1990.

Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision – “Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision” or “Seaside Decision” shall mean the March 27, 2006 court adjudication, as amended, determining water rights in the Seaside Groundwater Basin that restrict California American Water production from the Coastal Subareas and Laguna Seca Subarea of the basin.

Seaside Groundwater Basin – “Seaside Groundwater Basin” shall mean the set of geologic formations that stores, transmits, and yields water in the Seaside area, comprising of the Northern Seaside Subbasin and the Southern Seaside Subbasin. The Seaside Groundwater Basin also includes those areas known as the Northern Coastal Subarea, the Northern Inland Subarea, the Southern Coastal Subarea and the Laguna Seca Subarea.

Short-Term Residential Housing – “Short-Term Residential Housing” shall mean one or more Residential Dwelling Units on a property that are occupied by visitors, are operated as a business and for which a fee is charged to occupy the premises.

Single Residential Household – “Single Residential Household” shall mean a Household that receives its water supply through a Water Meter that is not shared with other Households.

Site – “Site” shall mean any unit of land which qualifies as a Parcel or lot under the Subdivision Map Act, and shall include all units of land: (1) which are contiguous to any other Parcel (or are separated only by a road or easement); and (2) which have identical owners; and (3) which have an identical present use.; or (4) are an Accredited Institution of Higher Education Site, a Jurisdiction Site, or a Public School District Site. The term “Site” shall be given the same meaning as the term “Parcel”.

Smart Controller – “Smart Controller” shall mean a weather-based device (typically a “timer”) that automatically controls an outdoor Irrigation System. Smart Controllers use weather, site or soil moisture data as a basis for determining an appropriate watering schedule. Smart Controllers (commonly referred to as ET controllers, weather-based irrigation controllers, smart sprinkler controllers, and water smart controllers) are a new generation of irrigation controllers that utilize prevailing weather conditions, current and historic Evapotranspiration, soil moisture levels, and other relevant factors to adapt water applications to meet the actual needs of the plants.

Source of Supply – “Source of Supply” shall mean the Groundwater, surface water, Reclaimed Water sources, or any other water resource where a Person, Owner or Operator gains access by a Water-Gathering Facility.

Sub-potable Water – Deleted by Ordinance No. 177 (9/18/2017).

Total Storage Available – “Total Storage Available” shall mean the usable water as measured by the District on May 1 in any year that is contained in the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer plus usable water in the Seaside Groundwater Basin and the usable water in the Los Padres Reservoir.

Total Storage Required – “Total Storage Required” shall mean the combination of demand remaining from May 1 to September 30 and carryover storage for the next Water Year that is required to meet the following Water Year production limit for California American Water from Carmel River sources set by State Water Resources Control Board Order WR 2009-0060, plus the production limit for California American Water from the Seaside Groundwater Basin set by the Court in its March 27, 2006 Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision and the production limit specified for non-California American Water Users from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System set in the District’s Water Allocation Program.

User – “User” shall mean a customer or consumer of water delivered by a Water Distribution System. User does not include any Owner or Operator of a Water Distribution System. Each residence, commercial enterprise, or industrial enterprise shall be deemed a separate and distinct User.

Visitor-Serving Facility – “Visitor-Serving Facility” shall include all hotels, motels, restaurants, convention/meeting facilities, and service stations within the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Other facilities may be designated as a Visitor-Serving Facility by the General Manager upon finding that such facility exists primarily for the use of tourists and the traveling public. Short term rentals of private property are not included under this definition.

Water Broom – “Water Broom” shall mean a water efficient broom-like cleaning device that uses a combination of water and air to clean hard surfaces with no runoff.

Water Credit – “Water Credit” shall mean a record allowing reuse of a specific quantity of water upon a specific Site. A Water Credit differs from a Water Use Credit in that it is not characterized by a Permanent Abandonment of Use, but may be the result of a temporary cessation of use.

Water Distribution System – “Water Distribution System” shall mean all works within the District used for the collection, storage, transmission or distribution of water from the Source of Supply to the Connection of a system providing water service to any Connection including all Water-Gathering Facilities and Water-Measuring Devices. In systems where there is a Water Meter at the point of Connection, the term “Water Distribution System” shall not refer to the User’s piping; in systems where there is no Water Meter at the point of Connection, the term “Water Distribution System” shall refer to the User’s piping.

Water Distribution System Operator – “Water Distribution System Operator” shall mean the Person or Persons who assume through the District permit process legal responsibility for the proper performance of the requirements of a Water Distribution System Permit holder as defined in the Rules and Regulations and/or in conditions attached to a permit.

Water-Gathering Facility – “Water-Gathering Facility” shall mean any device or method, mechanical or otherwise, for the production of water from dams, Groundwater, surface water, water courses, Reclaimed Water sources, or any other Source of Supply within the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District or a zone thereof. Water-Gathering Facilities shall include any water-production facility as defined in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Law. This definition shall not apply to on-site Cisterns that serve existing single-Connection Residential situations where rainwater is captured for on-site landscape irrigation use.

Water Ration – “Water Ration” shall mean a specific amount of water available to each Water User during Stage 4 Water Rationing.

Water Supply Emergency – “Water Supply Emergency” shall mean a declaration pursuant to Regulation XV, The 2016 Monterey Peninsula Water Conservation and Rationing Plan, that a water shortage emergency condition prevails within one or more Water Distribution Systems.

Water Use Credit – “Water Use Credit” shall mean a limited entitlement by a Person to use a specific quantity of water upon a specific Site. Water Use Credits shall be limited by time, and by other conditions as set forth in the District’s Rules and Regulations.

Water User – “Water User” shall mean Users of water for domestic or other uses from any Water Distribution System or private Well.

Water Waste – “Water Waste” shall mean the indiscriminate, unreasonable, or excessive running or dissipation of water as defined in Rule 162.

Water Year – “Water Year” shall mean the period from October 1 of one year to September 30 of the succeeding year.

Well – “Well” shall mean any device or method, mechanical or otherwise, for the production of water from Groundwater supplies within the District excluding seepage pits and natural springs.

Water Meter – “Water Meter” shall mean any measuring device intended to measure water usage. The term “Water Meter” shall have the same meaning as the term “Water-Measuring Device.”

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