

## **Regulation 100**

### **BASIC POLICIES**

(a) **General**

It shall be the policy of the Inverness Public Utility District and the IPUD Water System to provide service connections to all qualifying and legally-entitled applicants for service within the System's service area, as provided for by and within the provisions of these Regulations, and insofar as the System's capacity and capability to obtain, store, treat and deliver water is adequate without depleting the water supply to the extent that there would be insufficient water for essential human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection.

(b) **Priority**

It shall be the policy of District and System that their primary responsibility shall be to satisfy the normal demands and requirements for water of existing customers.

(c) **Fire Protection and Drought Reserves**

It shall be the policy of District and System that all System operations shall at all times be consistent with maintaining, and shall recognize a requirement to maintain, sufficient water reserves for a reasonable level of general fire protection, and, so far as is feasible, for reasonable protection of the service area from adverse consequences of abnormally dry years or drought. System and District reserve an absolute right to declare and enforce, within legal authority and limitations, any and all such emergency rules, regulations and ordinances as are necessary to comply with the provisions of this paragraph.

(d) **Development of Additional Sources of Supply**

Development of additional and/or new sources of water supply shall be pursued by District and System as and when necessary in order equally to maintain service at existing levels to existing customers, and to provide equivalent service to qualifying applicants for new and/or larger service connections, provided that development of new sources of supply is environmentally reasonable and is financially and technically feasible and practical.

(e) **Ecological and Environmental Considerations**

It shall be the policy of District and System that all District and System operations, actions and policies shall be consistent with maximum possible maintenance of the environmental and ecological balance and the quality of life, in and for the community at large and in general, both within and without the territorial jurisdiction and boundaries of the District and within and without the service area of the System.

(f) **Applicability**

In the event any provision of any other of these Regulations of the Inverness Public Utility District Water system is, or is construed to be, in any instance, in conflict with the any provisions of this Regulation, the provision or provisions of this Regulation shall override and take precedence.

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