



This Water Right Dedication Policy was adopted by Resolution No. 2019-08 by the Wasatch County Council acting as the Administrative Control Board (“Board”) of the Jordanelle Special Service District (“District”), on August 13, 2018.

## WATER RIGHT DEDICATION POLICY

### 1. Water Right Dedications - Generally

- a. The District provides water services within its service area in Wasatch County, Utah. A party seeking water service for a proposed development (“Applicant”) must dedicate water rights to the District in an amount sufficient to serve the proposed development, in accordance with this Water Right Dedication Policy (“Dedication Policy”).<sup>1</sup>
- b. When an Applicant proposes to supply water for a proposed development through the dedication of water rights to the District, the District will not provide a *draft* will-serve letter, as contemplated by Wasatch County Code § 16.15.24(G), until the State Engineer has issued an order approving a Change Application in conformance with this Policy. The District will not provide a *final* will-serve letter (or approve a final subdivision plat) until (i) the State Engineer’s order has become final and non-appealable, and (ii) the Water Rights have been placed into escrow as required by Wasatch County Code § 10.03.03.
- c. Some water companies have shares of stock that represent Municipal and Industrial water provided through the Central Utah Project (“M&I Shares”). Because the annual assessment for M&I Shares is greater than the annual assessment for other water shares, the District will only accept dedication of M&I Shares if the Applicant pays the District a one-time fee to offset the higher ongoing cost to the District of owning the M&I Shares (the “Equalization Payment”). The Equalization Payment will be equal to the net present value of: the annual assessment charged for the M&I Shares, minus the average annual assessment charged for shares that are not M&I Shares, in perpetuity. The Equalization Payment will be based on the difference between the annual assessments at the time the Applicant dedicates the water shares.

### 2. Water Rights Review

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<sup>1</sup> The District has an existing supply of District-owned water rights and interests. In lieu of dedicating water rights to the District under this Dedication Policy, the District allows property owners to reserve a portion of the District’s water supply for use in connection with future development. Any such reservation of District water supply is governed by the District’s Water Reservation Policy, and is available only on a first-come, first-served basis.

- a. The District will review plans for proposed developments to determine the quantity of water required to serve the development. The District will quantify the water dedication requirement using a standard quantification of 0.45 acre-feet per equivalent residential unit for indoor use and 3 acre-feet per irrigated acre for outdoor use. The District, at its sole discretion, will determine the number of equivalent residential units and irrigated acres associated with a development based on the Applicant's plans for the development. If the Applicant changes its plans for the development, the Applicant must resubmit those plans to the District for re-quantification of the required water dedication.
- b. The District will provide the Applicant and the Wasatch County Water Committee (the "Water Board") with a report detailing the water right dedication requirement. Prior to the District accepting water rights for dedication the rights must be approved by the Utah Division of Water Rights for fully-consumptive year-round municipal use.
- c. As part of the Wasatch County land use approval process, the Applicant must obtain an Action Report from the Water Board.
- d. The quantification of the water rights that must be dedicated for the development will be the greater of: (i) the water right requirements identified by the District pursuant to Section 2(b), above, or (ii) the water right requirements identified by the Water Board in the Action Report.

### 3. **Change Application**

- a. Following receipt of the Action Report, the Applicant must present to the District, for preliminary review and approval, the water rights or water company shares ("Water Rights") that the Applicant proposes to dedicate to the District. If the proposed Water Rights are determined acceptable by the District, the Applicant shall file with the Utah Division of Water Rights an Application for Permanent Change of Water ("Change Application").
- b. The Change Application must identify the District as an "Interested Party." If the Water Rights consist of shares in a water company, the Change Application must be approved by the water company in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 73-3-3.5.
- c. The Change Application must identify the "hereafter" nature, period, and place of use of the water to be year-round municipal use within the service area of the District.
- d. The Change Application must identify the "hereafter" points of diversion to be existing or future District sources of supply, as determined by the District, taking into account any applicable State Engineer's groundwater management policy.
- e. Upon issuance of the State Engineer's order approving the Change Application, the

Applicant shall submit a copy of the order to the District. The District may review and approve the terms of the order as a condition to the District's final approval and acceptance of the water rights.

- f. The District will not approve or accept the Water Rights unless the State Engineer's order will allow the diversion and depletion of water in amounts necessary to serve the development, as determined in Section 2, above. Alternatively, the Applicant may revise its plan for the development as necessary to reduce the water demand to conform to the limitations of the State Engineer's order. Any such revised plans must be re-submitted to the District for re-quantification.
- g. If the State Engineer's order approving the Change Application is acceptable to the District, the District will, upon request, provide the Applicant with a *draft* will-serve letter to submit to Wasatch County as part of the Applicant's application for preliminary development approval. ***The draft will-serve letter is not a binding commitment to provide water for the Applicant's development.***

#### 4. Escrow of Water Rights

- a. If the State Engineer's order approving the Change Application is acceptable to the District, the Applicant shall submit proposed, unsigned instruments of conveyance (e.g. a water rights deed or transfer of shares) to the District for its review and approval.
- b. Upon the District's approval of the instruments of conveyance, the Applicant, at its sole expense, shall open an escrow account with a licensed title company doing business in Wasatch County (the "Escrow Agent"). The Applicant shall provide proposed escrow instructions to the District for its review and approval. The instructions must direct the Escrow Agent to record the instruments of conveyance when, and only when, all of the following conditions have been satisfied: (i) receipt of written confirmation from the District that the State Engineer's order approving the Change Application has become final and non-appealable, (ii) receipt of written confirmation from Wasatch County that the Applicant's development has received final approval.
- c. The Applicant shall deliver a signed and notarized instrument of conveyance to the Escrow Agent, so that no further action is required by the Applicant to effectuate the transfer of the Water Rights. The instruments of conveyance must be delivered to the Escrow Agent before the County Council will grant preliminary development approval.
- d. The District will issue a final will-serve letter for the Applicant's development when (i) the instruments of conveyance have been delivered to the Escrow Agent, and (ii) the State Engineer's order approving the Change Application, on terms acceptable to the District, has become final and non-appealable, and (iii) if the Applicant is dedicating M&I Shares, the Applicant pays to the District the

Equalization Payment.

- e. The Applicant shall direct the Escrow Agent to prepare a commitment to issue a policy of title insurance, naming the District as the insured party. The Applicant shall provide the title commitment to the District for its review and approval. The Applicant shall cure any exceptions to title shown on the title commitment, except such exceptions that the District expressly approves in writing (the “Permitted Exceptions”).

## 5. **Conveyance of Water Rights**

- a. Upon the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 4(b), above, the Escrow Agent shall (i) issue the title policy, and (ii) record the appropriate instruments of conveyance to convey the Water Rights to the District free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the Permitted Exceptions, if any.
  - b. The Applicant, at its sole cost and expense, shall prepare and file a Report of Water Rights Conveyance or Deed Addendum and any other document required to be filed to properly document the transfer in the records of the Division of Water Rights.
  - c. Upon transfer of title to the District, the Water Rights shall then be commingled and become a part of the total water supply of the District, and the water available for use thereunder shall become a part of the total water supply of the District, through which all of its customers, including the Applicant’s development, will be served on an equal priority basis.
6. **Segregation.** If, prior to conveyance of the Water Rights to the District, the Applicant changes its plan for the development, such that the development may be served by less water than originally approved, the District will cooperate to segregate any portion of the right not already conveyed to the District that is not required to serve the needs of the development as shown on the final plat.
7. **Costs.** All costs associated with the review of the Applicant’s plans, quantification of necessary water rights, Change Application approval, the Escrow Agent, the title policy, the dedication process, and the segregation of unneeded rights (if any) shall be borne by the Applicant.
8. **Exceptions.** The District’s General Manager may make exceptions to this Policy with the concurrence of the Board.

**JORDANELLE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT  
WATER DEDICATION POLICY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08**

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Jordanelle Special Service District (the "District") is a special service district established by the County Legislative Body of Wasatch County, Utah, pursuant to the provisions of Utah law, for the purpose of providing culinary and irrigation water delivery services within the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to those goals and policies, the District is authorized to require the dedication of water rights to the District in an amount sufficient to serve new developments; and

WHEREAS, the District has a Water Right Dedication Policy that governs the procedures for dedicating water rights and water shares to the District.

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide a mechanism for the collection of a one-time fee to offset the higher ongoing cost to the District associated with the dedication of Municipal and Industrial water shares provided through the Central Utah Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Wasatch County Council, acting as the Administrative Control Board of the District, hereby adopts the Water Right Dedication Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Resolution 2019-08 Approved and adopted this 13th day of August, 2019.

By: 

District Board Chairman

Attest:

By:   
District Treasurer