

## AGENDA ITEM #12: NEW POLICY #5101 IRRIGATION METERING

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| DATE:                                | 12-September-2025                                                                                                                                                      |
| ORIGINATOR:                          | Policy Committee                                                                                                                                                       |
| PURPOSE:                             | To define the District's rights to govern how potable water is used in the District as well as provide direction for the use of potable water for irrigation purposes. |
| SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:                | Policy #5101 "Irrigation Metering" DRAFT                                                                                                                               |
| ANTICIPATED IMPACTS TO THE DISTRICT: | Structured guidance for providing irrigation services to the community provided by the District's potable water sources and infrastructure.                            |
| ANTICIPATED IMPACTS TO THE CUSTOMER: | Structured guidance for how the community can proceed in using the District's potable water for irrigation needs.                                                      |
| RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD:            | Review and adopt this policy as written or provide feedback for additional revision.                                                                                   |
| DESIRED ACTION BY BOARD:             | Consider a motion to approve and adopt the policy as presented and waive a second reading.                                                                             |

# Gold Mountain Community Services District

## POLICY HANDBOOK

### **POLICY TITLE: IRRIGATION METERING** **POLICY NUMBER: 5101**

**Overview:** Water conservation has become increasingly important to the viability of the Gold Mountain/Nakoma community's water, wastewater, and fire suppression infrastructure. Increased demand on the system have led the GMCS D Board of Directors to put into place this policy to govern the usage of potable water provided by the CSD, for irrigation purposes.

The Gold Mountain Community Service District (the District) owns the water rights underlying all residential and community property within district boundaries. In compliance with Plumas County's approved Planned Development Permit (PDP) the District requires a water meter on each service connection. For this policy, the point of delivery, or service connection, refers to meters installed for the use in irrigation which is sourced by the District's potable water.

**5101.1 Irrigation Meters** Any current and future resident of Gold Mountain/Nakoma may include irrigation on their property with the understanding and acknowledgement that irrigation systems require a second meter to be installed and be billed in accordance with GMCS D policy #5005.

To protect the Districts' water supply, all applications submitted after 10/1/2024, may not include ponds, or rooftop sprinkler systems that utilize potable water supplied by the District.

**5101.2 New Construction** New home construction on residential properties will be required to indicate at the time of paying CSD connection fees whether they will elect an irrigation meter to be installed alongside the primary residential meter. This shall be indicated on the GMCS D connection charges application form. (Exhibit A)

**5101.2.1 Elect for an Irrigation Meter** At the time the primary 1" water meter is installed by GMCS D staff, a second 1" meter connection will be installed for the property owner's landscape professional to connect to.

**5101.2.2 Decline an Irrigation Meter** If the irrigation meter is declined, a residential meter will be installed according to the Water Service Policy #5100.

**5101.3 Existing Residences/Customers** Existing customers will be provided with the same opportunities as new construction to elect or decline a meter for irrigation purposes and participate in the Greywater Pilot Program if criteria are met.

**5101.3.1 Compliance Timeline** For existing connected customers, the decision to request or decline installation of an irrigation meter must be documented within 18-months of this policy's initial board approval.

**5101.3.2 Election Documentation** Documentation for connected customers can be completed and filed with the GMCS D administrative office on the Irrigation Election for Connected Customers form. (Exhibit B)

**5101.3.3 Installation of Irrigation Meter** After the Irrigation Election for Connected

Customers form is received by the GMCSD administrative office, a field technician, or contracted party, will be scheduled to install the 1" irrigation meter within the same billing month that the form is filed.

**5101.4 CSD Responsibilities** Upon filing the Irrigation Election for Connected Customers form, the CSD will provide the following services to the connected party:

- Schedule CSD staff or private contractor to install the 1" irrigation meter
- A t-pipe will be installed at the site of initial connection (primary meter) and the irrigation meter will be installed at the site
- The irrigation meter will be installed with a 1" connection available to the connecting party's current or future irrigation

**5101.5 Existing Customer Responsibilities**

- Connecting to an existing, or soon to be installed, irrigation system becomes the responsibility of the property owner
- All expenses incurred on behalf of the District when installing a second meter for purposes of irrigation shall be billed to the connected customer.