

AGRICULTURAL WATER USE ORDINANCE

STUDY SESSION

January 17, 2018

Doug and Rio met with me to discuss the GSD Agricultural Water Use Ordinance and will continue meeting to develop language which provides a detailed ordinance that can assist customers using treated water for agricultural crops

SUMMARY

1. Agricultural water use customers will be required to fill out an annual water use application along with a reconciliation report of water use efficiency.
2. Provide water use plan, crop size, square footage under irrigation and site map
3. Provide water storage with a forbearance program adequate for 3 months of irrigation during summer months
4. It is in the customer's best interest to guarantee adequate water for irrigation in summer months to fill water catchment tanks or ponds between December and May 15
5. GSD will require all forbearance and catchment work to be completed within 3 years or annual application will be denied
6. We will continue aligning this ordinance with State and County regulations
7. A property drainage plan will be required before an application is approved and will be inspected annually.

8. GSD requires adherence to “Best Water Use” practices as described in State and County regulations for efficiency and protection of the environment

AGRICULTURAL—CANNABIS WATER USE ORDINANCE

Possible Ordinance:15.9

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during the winter months while preparing for high demand summer months.

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 7. Negative impact to fire suppression capabilities
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 9. Violation of State diversion and permit limits
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RESOLUTION 18

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THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE
GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT TO

ADD A NEW AGRICULTURAL WATER USE ORDINANCE

SEC. 15.9

A. WHEREAS, It has been determined that the Garberville Sanitary District will add a new commercial agricultura

I Water Use Ordinance, Sec 15.9

to clarify the requirements of the District for a commercial agricultural business using treated water for irrigation.

B. WHEREAS, Resolution 18-001 will allow the Board to make appropriate changes to this Ordinance and meet the various water demands of the District.

C. WHEREAS, This Resolution will differentiate between residential, commercial and agricultural water use.

D. WHEREAS The adaption of Resolution 18-001 will take effect immediately and will describe the conditions and requirements of using treated water for a commercial agricultural business.

E. WHEREAS, The new agricultural water use ordinance Sec 15.9 shall be described below:

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NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT
, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
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THE INCLUSION OF A NEW
AGRICULTURAL WATER USE ORDINANCE SEC
15.9 RESOLUTION 18

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001 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED
THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2018

BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN: