

WATER CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 79-1

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Imperial Irrigation District has appointed a Water Conservation Advisory Board to assist the District in recognizing matters relating to water problems; and

WHEREAS, said Water Conservation Advisory Board has met and conferred and adopted a list of basic problems which requires attention as follows:

Unauthorized closing of gates;
Spill at end of canal;
Tail water;
Revision of assessment procedure;
Grower attitude;
Communication;
Accuracy of water delivery;
Canal cut-outs;
One-day orders - check for wasting;
Irrigators; and

WHEREAS, the Water Conservation Advisory Board appointed subcommittees to address the problems above-listed, as follows:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Subcommittee Membership</u>
1. Tail water; revision of assessment procedure and one-day orders - check for wasting	Don Cox, Larry Gilbert and Lloyd Allen
2. Grower attitude and irrigators	Ed McGrew, Johnny Singh and Jim Watte
3. Accuracy of water delivery	Ernie Strahm and Vic Barioni

and;

WHEREAS, said Water Conservation Advisory Board subcommittees having met and conferred and, after fully investigating their respective assignments and said findings having been discussed with the full Water Conservation Advisory Board, the subcommittees now desire to refer said assignments in the form of recommendations to the Water Conservation Advisory Board for adoption, rejection and/or revision, as findings of the subcommittees, as follows:

1. The District shall establish a penalty for the unauthorized closing of delivery gates which results in the wasting of water. The penalty shall consist of a triple charge for the water

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ordered for the day the unauthorized gate closing occurs. The penalty established herein shall not apply if water user is unable to accept his order and cannot operate due to the unreadiness of his sprinkler or gated pipe system. This exception shall apply to the order for a period of not more than three (3) hours and the gate is closed for that period of time.

Furthermore, whenever a water order is in the process of being pumped through a sprinkler or gated pipe system and said operator-user experiences a mechanical failure of the subject equipment, said operator-user shall be permitted to discontinue his water delivery for a period of not more than three (3) hours. The free time permitted under this schedule shall be considered as separate instances but in no event shall the combined hours so considered exceed three (3) hours before a triple charge is to be assessed.

2. The concept of installing gate control devices of a standard design is recommended and supported, such devices to be installed on structures accommodating gates which are owned, operated and maintained, as well as regulated, under the jurisdiction of the District and its personnel.

3. Application of the assessment charge shall apply on the same basis to all types of irrigation, with the following exceptions:

(a) The percentages of surface run-off allowed when water is being used to irrigate plowed or flat unseeded ground shall be five percent (5%) for the last day of said irrigation and zero percent (0%) for any previous days.

(b) When water is being run in furrows to germinate crop seeds and establish a stand, no assessment charge shall be made unless one of the two consecutive measurements showing more than fifteen percent (15%) run-off is made between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

4. In the event a water user is receiving more than his confirmed order, said surplus shall be subtracted from his surface run-off for the purpose of determining if his run-off is excessive.

5. In no event shall any water user be assessed unless his run-off is more than fifteen percent (15%) of his confirmed order irrespective of the quantity of water the user is receiving.

6. Any surface run-off measurement made within four (4) hours after the District has reduced the quantity of water delivered shall apply to the order in effect before said change.

7. The application of an assessment charge based on waste measured after the delivery gate is closed shall apply on the same basis as when water was actually running. Any assessment made after the gate is closed shall be based on the order last running.

8. In no event shall the user pay more than triple the normal charge for water.

9. All net proceeds from surface run-off assessment charges shall go into a special fund for conservation purposes other than the concrete lining of ditches.

10. All District personnel whose duties include checking of surface run-off will be assigned an identification number, said number to be recorded on any waste assessment sheets issued.

11. Changes can be made for the last day of a run by notifying the District not later than 3:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

12. When a water user requests an adjustment in the quantity of water delivered not to exceed two (2) feet, the District shall be obliged to honor the same if it is within the ability of the District's system to accommodate such request and the water user notifies the zanjero in advance of beginning his daily run. The zanjero of said run shall have the authority to make said change by proper notice to his respective superior or section.

13. A reduction in the water order shall be made to apply to the last twelve (12) hours water is run, providing that the District is notified in advance but not later than 3:00 p.m. preceding the time the order is changed. No penalty shall be charged for said reduction as long as the same does not exceed fifty percent (50%) or five (5) feet of the order as confirmed, whichever is less.

14. By notifying the District before 3:00 p.m. orders can be adjusted for the last twelve (12) hours of the run, up to fifty percent (50%) of the confirmed order or five (5) feet, whichever is less.

15. Finish heads can be ordered up to 3:00 p.m. of the day preceding the day of delivery.

16. By notifying the District before 7:30 a.m. of the last day of a run, an order can be adjusted up to fifty percent (50%), without penalty.

17. One-day orders shall be checked by the appropriate District employees on the same basis as any other water order. For the application of the assessment charge, the first waste measurement shall not be made later than eighteen (18) hours after the beginning of the day's water delivery.

18. The District shall secure whatever additional radio equipment that is necessary to improve communications between the farmers and water department personnel.

19. The water division of the District shall make two (2) wastewater recorders available to each division to be installed at various locations within the service area boundaries of said division, as directed.

20. The District shall prepare a monthly water information bulletin for distribution which shall include information submitted to the District by a committee to be appointed by the Water Conservation Advisory Board, and from other sources as required for the purpose of assisting the water user in using all water beneficially.

21. Routine canal cut-outs shall be accomplished once every eight (8) weeks, except when special circumstances require more frequent cut-outs.

Recommendations 12, 14 and 16 are approved as well as recommended for action on the basis that the same be put into effect on a temporary but limited basis to ascertain whether or not the recommendations as written will succeed and/or whether the same should be modified, amended or deleted.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Member Singh, seconded by Member Cox, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that it is the position of the Water Conservation Advisory Board that the Board of Directors of Imperial Irrigation District review the contents of this resolution and information contained therein and if the same is found to be in order to establish an appropriate hearing date for review of said recommendations for change and/or

modification in the rules and regulations of the District in the best interest of the public of Imperial County and thereafter place said resolution on the appropriate agenda for consideration by the Board of Directors of Imperial Irrigation District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Water Conservation Advisory Board is not opposed to amendments, additions, deletions and/or changes in the recommendations made hereinabove, providing the basic concept contained in each recommendation does not lose its identity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recommendations 1 through 21 as delineated herein are hereby passed and adopted and recommended to the Board of Directors for acceptance this 20th day of December, 1979.

WATER CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

By *Phil Kille*
President

ATTEST:

Larry E. Beck
Secretary