

Farmers Irrigation District

Operation and Maintenance Policy

GENERAL

The District Collection System (DCS) and DDN will be operated and maintained by District staff. Periodic inspection to detect pipe failure and leaks will be conducted, and efforts to further enhance the system will continue throughout the existence of the District.

TRANSITION

The transition phase of the DDN from the original system is expected to exceed five years depending on source of funding. During this time, portions of the District will be pressurized and portions will operate on the original system.

CONNECTION

When a portion of the DDN is completed, the District-qualified inspector will notify the Board of such completion. The Board will then accept that portion and the system will be activated. Following activation of the system, there will be a thirty day interim period during which users will be afforded the opportunity to assess the system and seek correction of any problems.

MONITORING, INSPECTIONS, AND REPAIRS

Periodic or continuous monitoring of flow rates on all systems will be conducted. Flow meters or regulators are required on all systems. Any users who believe flow rates or District facilities are inadequate or malfunctioning may request an inspection of the system. When a user requests an inspection of a private system, the District may charge a fee for the cost of the work undertaken. To facilitate service to a user or user group, it may be necessary for the District to repair private systems. The cost of such repairs will be billed to the responsible user or system owner.

TIMING

Irrigation season by State statute is April 15 to September 30. The DDN will be energized and tested prior to the start of irrigation demands. Leaks or user system failures noted during this time will be brought to the user's attention. The user's system will be isolated pending the necessary repairs.

Water for spray use will be available upon request from February 15 to November 15 of each year. The rate of flow for spray water will be limited to that amount needed to fill spraying equipment.

Frost water delivery will be available only for existing holders of such rights and shall not exceed the irrigation right amount for the property being treated with frost water.

The Board based upon availability of water and limitations of Oregon law may authorize other unscheduled uses of water through the District system.

INSPECTION BY DISTRICT

The Board of Directors, its officers, or an agent or employee of the District may enter upon land of a user of the District for inspection, maintenance, and regulation of ditches, pipelines, gates, pumps or other water works. In the absence of an emergency, the District shall provide adequate and appropriate notice prior to entering upon the land of the user. Any person exercising the right of entry granted hereunder shall do so with no unnecessary damage to the property of the user. The user shall not be responsible to the person or the District for any unintentional injury or damage to the person or District arising out of or occurring by reason of the entry.