





## CONSTRUCTION METER SERVICES – WATER USAGE AGREEMENT

### Terms, rules, and regulations for use of service.

In return for using a construction meter (“meter”) and receiving water from a fire hydrant within the jurisdiction of Valley County Water District (“District”), the applicant agrees to the following:

#### ▪ Requirements for Requesting Construction Meter Services

1. Complete the Application for Construction Meter Service.
2. Read and sign the Construction Meter Services and Water Usage Agreement.
3. Pay the required \$65.00 non-refundable Utility Service Application Fee.
4. Place a \$1,475.00 refundable service deposit upon establishing construction meter services; deposits will be refunded as a credit to the account and applied against actual construction meter services rendered; deposits applied in excess of construction meter services rendered will be refunded in the form of a check payable to the applicant listed on the Application for Construction Meter Services; amounts due in excess of the deposit will be mailed to the applicant listed on the Application for Construction Meter Services for payment.

#### ▪ Construction Meter Service Monthly Billing Rates

Construction meter services are identified by accounts beginning with the first three digits of 900. All construction meter services are billed by Valley County Water District on a monthly schedule. Below is an outline of the water service rates included on a construction meter billing statement:

1. **Rental Charge** – Fixed amount of **\$13.00 per week**, or any portion of a week, and billed on a monthly basis for maintaining an active construction meter service account, whether or not any water is used in the billing cycle.
2. **Consumption Charge** – Variable amount of **\$1.69 per unit** (748 gallons = 1 unit) billed on a monthly basis for all water used within the billing cycle, whether the water usage is metered or estimated.

#### ▪ Construction Meter Service Fines and Penalties

1. The applicant is responsible for the construction meter until it has been returned to the District. If the meter is returned to the District in a damaged condition, the necessary repairs will be made, and the actual cost of repair will be deducted from the \$1,475.00 service deposit; any repair costs in excess of the deposit will be billed to the applicant. If the meter is damaged beyond repair, the District will purchase a replacement meter, and the actual cost for the replacement meter, including any applicable taxes and freight, will be deducted from the \$1,475.00 service deposit; any replacement costs due in excess of the deposit will be mailed to the customer listed on the Application for Construction Meter Services for payment.
2. If the meter is lost or stolen, it is the responsibility of the applicant to immediately notify the District. Once the District is notified, the construction meter service account will be closed, and the District will purchase a replacement meter. The applicant will then be billed for all accrued rental charges, estimated water consumption charges, and actual meter replacement costs, including any applicable taxes and freight. This balance will be deducted from the \$1,475.00 service deposit; any amounts due in excess of the deposit will be mailed to the applicant listed on the Application for Construction Meter Services for payment. If water is still required at the site, the applicant must re-apply for a meter and remit an additional \$65.00 Utility Service Application Fee and an additional \$1,475.00 service deposit.
3. If the applicant is seen drawing water from a fire hydrant other than the fire hydrant specified on the application, the District will immediately remove the meter from the construction site, and the construction meter service account will be closed. The applicant will then be billed for all accrued rental charges, estimated water consumption charges, and assessed penalties. Penalties are assessed on an occurrence-basis as follows: \$100.00 for the first offense, \$200.00 for the second offense, and \$400.00 for the third and subsequent offenses. The total amount of this bill will be deducted from the \$1,475.00 service deposit. Any amounts due in excess of the deposit will be mailed to the applicant listed on the Application for Construction Meter Services for payment. If water is still required at the construction site, the applicant must re-apply for a meter and remit an additional \$65.00 Utility Service Application Fee and an additional \$1,475.00 service deposit. If the applicant continues to draw water from an unauthorized fire hydrant, the action will be considered theft of District facilities, a misdemeanor, which is punishable by law.
4. If the meter remains at the construction site, whether it be intentionally or unintentionally, for more than 60 days after the issue date listed on the application, the meter will be sent to the repair shop for calibration and any necessary maintenance. The actual cost for the calibration and maintenance will be deducted from the \$1,475.00 service deposit; any calibration and maintenance amounts due in excess of the deposit will be mailed to the applicant listed on the Application for Construction Meter Services for payment.

#### ▪ Construction Meter Service and Fire Hydrant Use

1. Once the application and agreement have been filed with the District and all required fees and deposits have been collected, District staff will schedule to set and secure the meter on the requested fire hydrant. If the meter needs to be relocated, the applicant must notify the District and District staff will schedule to relocate the meter. Once the meter is no longer required at the construction site, the applicant must notify the District and District staff will schedule to remove the meter. The meter and fire hydrant will then be inspected for damages and a closing bill will be processed.
2. All turn-on and turn-off motions of the fire hydrant are to be made slowly, turning the spool at approximately one complete turn every five seconds. Only a spanner wrench is to be used when turning the fire hydrant on and off.
3. All connections to the meter must be in compliance with the District’s Ordinance 69.1 titled “Cross Connection Control Program.” The fire hydrant must never be turned-on more than 75% of its flow capacity.