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*Managing Water in the West*

## Water Transfers Policies

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# Draft Policies and D&Ss

- **PEC P05 Water-Related Contracts - General Principles & Requirements**
  - Definitions of “irrigation use” and Municipal and Industrial (M&I) use
- **PEC P09**
  - Aligns new definitions with existing Water Transfer Policy
- **PEC 09-01 Directive and Standard**
  - Identifies authorities for conversion from Ag to M&I
- **PEC 05-01 Directive and Standard**
  - Basic pricing requirement for water contracts generally

# 2001 Water Transfer Policy

- Addressed on-going issues
  - Facilitate Water Transfers
  - IG Audits – extending interest-free pricing to M&I water
  - Authority for M&I on single-purpose irrigation project
    - “Non-commercial irrigation”
    - lawns, golf courses, cemeteries



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# New Issues

- Interest-free repayment for non-farm uses
- Regulatory burdens
  - RRA forms for golf courses??
- Power aid to irrigation
- Legal support unclear



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- **“Irrigation water”**
  - Water used for agricultural purposes
- **Municipal & Industrial Water**
  - Water used for municipal, industrial and miscellaneous purposes, exclusive of irrigation use
- **Pricing**
  - Basic requirements for contracting generally
  - Based in statute – Section 9 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939
  - Factors to consider for M&I water service rates

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# Who will be impacted?

- Impacts end-user
- Traditional M&I use
  - Municipalities
  - Ag-Urban interface
    - Larger suburban tracts not engaged in agricultural production
    - Horse pasture, golf courses, cemeteries
- No impact on family farms
- Focuses limited resources on family farms
  - Interest-free repayment
  - Power aid to irrigation

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- **Posted on Internet – see links on handout**
- **Public Comment period closes November 30, 2011**
- **Consider comments**
- **Publish as final in Reclamation Manual**

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# Questions?



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