# SANTIAM WATER CONTROL DISTRICT Assessments and Fee Policy

It is the purpose of Santiam Water Control District (SWCD) to provide the best possible service to its patrons' at a reasonable cost. With this goal in mind, we are establishing the following policy for assessments and fees for Santiam Water Control District.

### RESOLUTION SETTING INCURRED CHARGE (ASSESSMENTS)

At the regularly scheduled December Board Meeting the Board by resolution, shall make a computation of the total amount of money necessary to be raised by the district for the ensuing year for the purpose of carrying out the Irrigation District Law, including an allowance for delinquencies in collections. When making the computation, the board shall consider the amounts of money necessary for:

- (a) The care, operation and maintenance of district facilities;
- (b) Reasonable reserve funds for major maintenance, improvement and replacement of capital improvements and facilities;
- (c) The acquisition of land or water rights;
- (d) Bond or interest payments, or payments due or to become due to the United States or the State of Oregon under any contract of the district with the United States or the State of Oregon; or
- (e) Other expenses of the district.

The amount determined by the board shall be apportioned by the board to the lands owned or held by each person so that each acre of land in the district that is entitled to irrigation is required to pay the same amount.

#### **IRRIGATION AND MCKINNEY A & B ASSESSMENTS**

Operation and Maintenance charges for the Irrigation and McKinney A & B Sub-Districts are prepared and mailed on February 15<sup>th</sup>, or the first business day thereafter and are due and payabe April 15<sup>th</sup>, or the first business day thereafter of each year. As per ORS 545.496(2) if a charge is not paid when due, interest is charged at the rate of one and one-third percent per month, or fraction of a month, until paid.

DELINQUENT NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> – If payment is not made or a Board approved written payment plan is not in place\* a notice of intent to lien will be sent to all delinquent accounts on November 1<sup>st</sup> or the first business day thereafter of each year. Water may be withheld on all delinquent accounts, pursuant to ORS 553.230 Powers and Duties of board.

<u>LIEN PLACED DECEMBER</u> – If payment is not received or a Board approved written payment plan is not in place\* notice of claim of lien will be filed at the regularly scheduled December Board Meeting, or the first business day thereafter, of each year with the recording officer of each county in which land is situated, pursuant to ORS 545.494. If a notice of claim of lien has been filed under ORS 545.494, the costs of the filing and any costs of removing the lien, including but not limited to recording and filing fees, title search fees and reasonable administrative fees, shall be charged and collected.

## \*Failure to adhere to a written payment plan will result in an immediate lien on the property.

Assessments Mailed	February 15th
Due & Payable	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Delinquent	November 1st
Liens Placed/Water may be Withheld	Regularly scheduled December Board Meeting

#### GENERAL FEES

Fee structure for office and administrative charges, as well as, equipment and labor will be updated and are posted in the office. A resolution adopting the fee structure will be approved at the regularly scheduled December Board Meeting.

FORGIVE DEBT – Debt for any patron may be forgiven by Board approval and resolution.

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors