Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Pooling Definitions

- **2-44.** <u>Pooling Agreement</u>: An agreement approved by the District between two or more Landowners for the purpose of allocating ground water among the total combined Certified Irrigated Acres identified in such agreement.
- **2-45.** <u>Pooling Arrangement</u>: An arrangement approved by the District by a single landowner to combine more than one tract of land under common ownership for the purpose of allocating Ground Water among the total combined Certified Irrigated Acres identified in the arrangement.

<u>RULE 6-2. Pooling Arrangements or Pooling Agreements</u>

- **6-2.1.** Any Landowner who has Certified Irrigated Acres may elect to enter into a Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement. Any Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement shall be submitted to the District on or before June 1 of any irrigation season. No Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement shall be utilized until District approval has been obtained. Any amendments or revisions to a Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement made after June 1 will not be considered by the District until the next irrigation season.
- **6-2.2.** The Application for pooling shall include the following information:
 - (a) The name of all Persons involved, including any tenants;
 - (b) A map or maps from the Natural Resources Conservation Service or the District showing the location of all Certified Irrigated Acres and Water Wells, and identification of all Water Wells, including the well registration number and the serial number of each flow meter;
 - (c) Proof of ownership from Farm Service Agency, title company, County Assessor, or other recognized source;
 - (d) The legal description of each tract of land included in Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement;
 - (e) Notarized signatures of all Persons involved, including tenants.
- **6-2.3.** The Allocation for Certified Irrigated Acres identified in any Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement ("Pooling Allocation") shall be calculated by multiplying the total Certified Irrigated Acres identified by the number of acre-inches of permitted Ground Water use. The Pooling Allocation is subject to the limits on Ground Water use provided in Rule 6-1.2. Violation of Rule 6-1.2. will subject the Person(s) in the Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement to the penalties provided in Rule 6-1.4.
- **6-2.4.** The Board, in its sole discretion, may deny any application for approval of a Pooling Agreement or Pooling Arrangement.
- **6-2.5.** Tracts of land which may be pooled shall be located in one county; provided, however, if a Person or Persons owning such land in one county desires to pool tracts in more than that one county, such tracts shall be located in an adjoining or contiguous county or counties. Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreements which do not comply with this Rule shall be denied.
- **6-2.6.** A Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement shall remain in effect until such arrangement or agreement is terminated. Any Person who has entered into a Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement may terminate such arrangement or agreement by notifying any other parties and the District, in writing prior to May 1 of any irrigation season.