

Rancho California Water District Agriculture Application Requirements

- If you have an *existing* agricultural water service account, please complete and return the attached forms within 30 days.
- If you currently have a domestic water service account and desire an agricultural account status, please complete and return the attached application including the information requested below. This change in status will result in the account being subject to a two-tiered agricultural rate structure and a crop-specific water allocation. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks to process your request.
- Applicants must provide all the information requested on the Agriculture Application and provide a valid signature.
- Applicants must provide proof of Agriculture Resale as described below.

- **Please provide one (1) of the items listed below as proof of Resale**

Agriculture

- **Copy of Resale License**
- **Copy of Tax Return**
- **Letter from Grove Management Company**
- **Packing Slips and/or Packing House Receipts**

Livestock

- **Copy of Resale License**
- **Copy of Receipts of Purchased Livestock**
- **Copy of Receipts of Sold Livestock**
- **Copy of Breeding Receipts**
- **Copy of Boarding Receipts**

- Applicants must install a district approved Reduced Pressure (RP) Backflow Prevention device at the meter if one is not currently installed.
- Applicants will be charged \$180.00 for initial RP Certification. An additional \$150.00 will be charged for the re-inspection of an incomplete or failed device. *Please contact RCWD for certification only when device is installed and ready to be tested.*
- Application and all requested information can be emailed to Engineering Services at: engineering@ranchowater.com



RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

Application for Agricultural Account Status: Certification of Site-Specific Water Requirement Data

GENERAL INFORMATION (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

- To qualify, the property must have a minimum of one (1) acre of agricultural products fully planted and irrigated exclusively for the purpose of commerce, trade, industry, or for feeding of fowl or livestock.
- Rancho California Water District periodically conducts site verifications to ensure the accuracy of data submitted on application forms.
- Effective January 2016, the number of irrigated ornamental landscape acres for which an agricultural account will receive a water allocation will be limited to 10 percent of the account's agricultural acreage, up to a maximum of 75,000 square feet.
- There are a total of four pages printed. Make sure you answer all of the questions. A signature of the property owner or the property owner's legal representative is also required.
- If you need assistance or have questions about this application, call (951) 296-6900 and ask for an Engineering Services Representative.
- Customers who fail to provide information requested on this form will forfeit any benefits of agricultural water service account status.
- Please allow four (4) to six (6) weeks to process your request.

GENERAL ACCOUNT QUESTIONS (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

G1. What is your water service account number?

G2. How many assessor parcels are associated with the water service account number listed above?

G2b. What is(are) the assessor parcel number(s)?

G3. What is the complete water service address?

G4. What is your mailing address (if different from service address)?

G5. What is your daytime telephone number?

G6. What is your alternative (work or cell) phone number?

G7. What is your e-mail address?

G8. What is the total acreage of the property served by the water service account listed above?

G9. Is any part of your property not irrigated? If yes, how much? Please indicate measurement in acres or square feet.

G10. Does your property have an Approved Backflow Prevention Assembly? If yes, when was it last tested?

DOMESTIC WATER-USE QUESTIONS

D1. Is there a home (or any living quarters) on the property? If no, skip to question A1 in the next section.

D2. Is there more than one home (or living quarter) on the property? If yes, how many?

D3. How many people live on the property?

D4. Are the living quarters served by a separate water meter? If yes, what is the water service account number of the separate meter?

D5. What year(s) was(were) the living quarter structure(s) built?

D6. How many bathrooms are on the property?

D7. Is there ornamental landscaping on this property?
If yes, what are the types and square footage?

Examples: Warm Season Lawn (Bermuda) -10,000 sq ft
Cool Season Lawn (Fescue) - 5,000 sq ft
Shrubs, Flowers, Trees - 7,500 sq ft

D8. Do you have an automatic irrigation system for the landscape?
If yes, how many valve stations are associated with ornamental landscape irrigation?

D9. Do you have a swimming pool or spa? If yes, what is the surface square footage of the pool/spa?

AGRICULTURAL WATER-USE QUESTIONS

A1. Do you raise livestock for human consumption or market?
If no, skip to question A3.

A2. List the type of livestock, average annual count and total grazing area for each (Please list ALL livestock):

Example: Cattle, Quantity 144, 5 acres of grazing land

A3. What is the total number of irrigated agricultural acres planted?

**A4. What type of crop(s) is(are) planted on the property?
How many acres of each type? (Please list ALL crops):**
Example: Avocado-4 acres;Citrus-2 acres

**A5. List the total number of trees, vines or plants by the crop type.
(Please list ALL crops):**
Example: Avocado- 436 trees

A6. What type of watering system do you irrigate your crop(s) with?
Examples: Avocado-micro sprinkler; Winegrape-drip emitter

**A7. Is there an automatic irrigation system for the agricultural crops on this site?
If yes, how many agricultural irrigation controllers are on the property?**

**A8. Do you have a water supply source(s) other than your local retailer?
If yes, please list the other source.**
Example: Private well

Signature

Date

Print full name

(Relation to Owner)

By signing above, I certify that I am the property owner or a legal representative of the property owner. I certify that I have answered the questions on this agricultural water-use certification truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I understand that RCWD will be conducting site verifications and, if necessary, I will permit RCWD or its representatives to enter the property for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of this certification form.

SUBJECT: REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW DEVICE

The California Safe Drinking Water Act, administered by the Department of Health, State of California, contains specific provisions to ensure that the water delivered by public water systems of this State be at all times pure, wholesome, and potable. Furthermore, under the California Administrative Code, the water purveyor must establish a program of cross-connection control which will satisfy the responsibility factors as set forth in the State Regulations. As required, Rancho California Water District (RCWD) has adopted Ordinance No. 89-12-2, instituting a cross-connection control program to protect the public water system.

On any agricultural water account, the installation of a Reduced-Pressure Backflow Device (RP) is required. It is your responsibility to protect the system and arrange for the installation of the device on your service.

Enclosed is a list of approved backflow prevention assemblies and a copy of the standard drawing for installation guidelines.

Initial certification of all devices shall be performed by District staff for a backflow device certification charge of \$180.00. An additional fee of \$150.00 will be charged for the re-inspection of incomplete or failed device.

Following initial certification, it shall be the responsibility of the water user to test and certify the backflow prevention assemblies on an annual basis. These tests and certifications shall be at the expense of the water user, and shall be performed by an approved certified backflow assembly tester licensed in the County of Riverside.

The approved backflow prevention assembly shall be the property of the water user, who shall be responsible for the cost of operation, any and all maintenance, repair, and replacement thereof. Record of the annual certification for the account must be submitted to the District office each anniversary date from original certification. If the water user fails to test and certify an assembly within the time required, the District may terminate water service.

RCWD feels protection of its water system from contamination is of utmost importance and should be controlled by the cooperation of both the water purveyor and the customer. Thank you for your cooperation, and if you should have any further questions, please contact Water Quality at (951) 296-6900.

Due to the nature of water use, it has been determined that the water user shall install an approved backflow prevention assembly at his/her own expense.

Only backflow prevention assemblies that have been approved by the Rancho California Water District (RCWD) shall be acceptable. Exhibit 1 contains a list of approved backflow prevention assemblies.

Backflow prevention assemblies shall be installed in a manner prescribed in Section 7603, Title 17, of the California Code of Regulations. Exhibit 2 represents a standard drawing.

Initial certification of all devices shall be performed by RCWD staff for an initial backflow device certification charge of \$180. Should the device fail the initial certification, a retest by RCWD staff will be necessary for an additional retest charge of \$150.

After notification by the customer that the RP is ready to be tested, RCWD staff will have up to a maximum of ten (10) business days in which to complete the certification.

Thereafter, it shall be the responsibility of the water user to have the backflow prevention assemblies tested and certified annually. These tests and certifications shall be at the expense of the water user, and shall be performed by an approved certified backflow assembly tester licensed in Riverside County. Record of the annual certification must be submitted to the RCWD office for the account of each anniversary date from the original certification. If the water user fails to test and certify an assembly within the time required, RCWD may terminate water service. Exhibit 3 represents a list of approved certified backflow assembly testers licensed in Riverside County.

The approved backflow prevention assembly shall be the property of the water user, who shall be responsible for the cost of operation, any and all maintenance, repair, and replacement thereof.

RCWD is not responsible for any landscaping or domestic/commercial water needs by the customer during the period of time of proper RP installation and certification by RCWD.

I/we hereby acknowledge my/our understanding of the aforementioned conditions and requirements of backflow prevention assemblies. I/we have received Exhibits 1, 2, and 3.

Service Applicant Signature

Date

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please mark all that apply:

Please \checkmark either YES or NO for each item below:

Domestic

1. Domestic/Residence

1. Yes No

Agriculture

2. Agriculture

2. Yes No

3. Nursery

3. Yes No

4. Livestock

4. Yes No

Commercial

5. Apartments

5. Yes No

6. Beauty/Barber Shop

6. Yes No

7. Car Wash

7. Yes No

8. Convalescent Home

8. Yes No

9. Educational Institutions

9. Yes No

10. Fast Food Restaurant

10. Yes No

11. Gasoline or Oil Facilities

11. Yes No

12. Hospital or Emergency Clinic

12. Yes No

13. Industrial or Commercial Business

13. Yes No

14. Laundry/Dry Cleaning Plants

14. Yes No

15. Medical Facility, Dentist, Doctor, etc.

15. Yes No

16. Morgue

16. Yes No

17. Multiple Housing

17. Yes No

18. Office Building

18. Yes No

19. Place of Public Assembly

19. Yes No

20. Restaurant

20. Yes No

21. Schools

21. Yes No

22. Veterinarian Facility

22. Yes No

Other

23. Fire Sprinkler

23. Yes No

24. RP Device

24. Yes No

25. Wells

25. Yes No

26. Items Not Listed: _____

If the answer is **YES** to any of these questions, you may be required to have an approved backflow prevention device, sampling box, grease interceptor, sand/oil separator, or other pre-treatment type devices installed on the property.

Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	Home Phone:
Service Address:	Work Phone:
Account Number:	