



## TUD Eligibility Criteria for Agricultural Raw Water Capacity Fee

### Background:

Applicants for raw water service are entitled to apply for a reduction in the water supply capacity fee for eligible agricultural purposes as described in the District's Water Rules and Regulations Section 14.07 (2):

*"Agricultural purposes are defined as those Qualifying Uses for Commercial Agriculture included in Rule 8A of the Tuolumne County Regulations for Implementing the California Land Conservation Act (Resolution 106-04). For any questionable use, the District, in consultation with the Tuolumne County Agricultural Commissioner, will determine if the water is or is not for agricultural purposes. Commercial agriculture shall not include general landscaping improvements or property beautification or recreation facilities on private property."*

Rule 8A lists the following qualifying uses for commercial agriculture:

*Agricultural uses include general ranching and farming, any customary agricultural building and structures, necessary equipment for the maintenance and support of and for the following uses: livestock pastures and ranges; poultry practices; aquaculture facilities; animal husbandry, including fur-bearing species; operation of apiaries, tree, vine, row and field crops; ornamental and agricultural nursery stock; commercial timber or Christmas trees; recreational use; fallow agricultural lands; production, processing, packing, selling and/or shipping of agricultural products grown or raised on the premises, except those listed as Compatible or Conditional Uses.*

### Application Process:

The applicant shall provide the following information for the District staff to evaluate eligibility:

1. Water Service Application
2. Statement of Intended Use of Water
3. Assessor Parcel Number(s) for where water will be used
4. Estimate of Annual Demand for Water including number of acres to be irrigated or used for agricultural operations
5. Zoning and Land Use Designation for parcels
6. Copy of Williamson Act Contract or Tuolumne County Land Conservation Contract, if applicable.
7. Copy of agricultural production management plan that demonstrates the potential to generate gross annual income of at least \$2,000, if applicable.
8. If no agricultural management plan exists, applicant must furnish tax returns or other evidence of gross annual income of at least \$2,000 related to agricultural operations.
9. Copies of CA seller permit, Operator ID, and/or other licenses, permits, certificates which authorize commercial agricultural production on subject parcel(s).