

# **WATER DISTRICT 1**

## **2022 RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES**

**Includes changes proposed at the April 13, 2022, Committee of Nine Meeting and contained in Procedures 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 7.3 and 7.4 (changes shown in red).**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

PROCEDURE	1.0	LEGAL AUTHORITY
PROCEDURE	2.0	DEFINITIONS
PROCEDURE	3.0	PURPOSES
PROCEDURE	4.0	MANAGEMENT
	4.1	Manager
	4.2	Rental Pool Subcommittee
	4.3	Applications
	4.4	Rental Pool Account
	4.5	Infrastructure Fund
	4.6	Diversions Not Regulated by the District
PROCEDURE	5.0	COMMON POOL
	5.1	Scope
	5.2	Participant Contributions
	5.3	Priorities for Renting Storage
	5.4	Rental Prices
	5.5	Limitations
PROCEDURE	6.0	PRIVATE LEASES
	6.1	General
	6.2	Purposes
	6.3	Payment to Lessor
	6.4	Fees & Surcharges
	6.5	Non-Applicability to Common Pool
	6.6	Recharge
	6.7	Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) Storage
	6.8	Lease of Storage from Bureau Uncontracted Space
	6.9	Lease of Storage from Bureau Powerhead Space
PROCEDURE	7.0	IMPACTS
	7.1	Determination
	7.2	Milner Spill
	7.3	Impacts to <del>Participants due to Rentals from the Common Pool</del> <u>Spaceholders resulting from all leases assignments, supplemental pool, and extraordinary circumstances rentals.</u>
	7.4	Impacts to Non-Participants <del>due to Rentals</del> <u>resulting from the Common Pool rentals</u>
	7.5	<del>Impacts to Spaceholders due to all other leases and assignments.</del>
PROCEDURE	8.0	SUPPLEMENTAL POOL
	8.1	Purpose
	8.2	Annual Authorization Required
	8.3	Quantity and Price Determinations
	8.4	Application to Lease Storage from the Supplemental Pool
	8.5	Supplemental Pool Supply
	8.6	Notice of Contract Approval and Payment to Lessors
	8.7	November 1 Carryover Unaffected

PROCEDURE\_ 9.0 STORAGE ALLOCATED TO PALISADES WATER USERS

- 9.1 Background and Purpose
- 9.2 Delivery of PWUI Storage Water
- 9.3 Private Lease of PWUI Storage Water
- 9.4 Applicability of Rule 5.6 to PWUI Storage
- 9.5 Allocation of Impacts to PWUI
- 9.6 Information Provided to District
- 9.7 Assignment of PWUI Shares to Canal Headings

PROCEDURE 10.0 ASSIGNMENT POOL

- 10.1 Purpose
- 10.2 Assignors
- 10.3 Limitations
- 10.4 Distribution of Assigned Storage
- 10.5 Applications to Purchase Assigned Storage for Uses above Milner
- 10.6 Applications to Purchase Assigned Storage for Flow Augmentation
- 10.7 Rental Prices for Assigned Storage
- 10.8 Application Approval and Deliveries to Diversions in Water Districts other than Water District #1
- 10.9 Rental Refunds

PROCEDURE 11.0 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES POOL

- 11.1 Purpose
- 11.2 Quantity
- 11.3 Price, Fees, & Surcharges
- 11.4 Extraordinary Circumstances Pool Supply
- 11.5 Notice of Contract Approval and Payment to Consignors
- 11.6 Using Extraordinary Circumstances Pool Supply for Flow Augmentation Ahead of Assignment Pool Supply

APPENDIX

- ❖ **Table 1:** Flow Augmentation Rental Chart for Procedure 5.2.105(a)
- ❖ Application Form to **Rent Storage from the Common Pool**
- ❖ Application Form to **Rent Storage from the Assignment Pool**
- ❖ Two-party Private Lease Agreement (all purposes)
- ❖ One-party Private Lease Agreement for groundwater recharge
- ❖ **Assignment Form** for spaceholder **to supply storage to Assignment Pool**
- ❖ **Supplemental Pool Form** for spaceholder **to supply storage to Supplemental Pool**

**2021**  
**WATER DISTRICT 1**  
**RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES**

**PROCEDURE 1.0      LEGAL AUTHORITY**

- 1.1      These procedures have been adopted by the Water District 1 Committee of Nine pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1765.
- 1.2      These procedures shall not be interpreted to limit the authority of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the Idaho Water Resource Board, or the Watermaster of Water District 1 in discharging their duties as prescribed by statute or rule.
- 1.3      These procedures shall be interpreted consistent with Idaho Code, rules promulgated by the Idaho Water Resource Board, relevant provisions of spaceholder contracts with the United States, and the Mediator's Term Sheet of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement.
- 1.4      The operation of the rental pool shall in no way recognize any obligation to maintain flows below Milner or to assure minimum stream flows at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) gaging station on the Snake River near Murphy.
- 1.5      These procedures shall not be interpreted in any manner that is inconsistent with or would adversely impact or effect the rights of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes as set out in the Fort Hall Agreement, the Blackfoot River Equitable Adjustment Settlement Agreement, and the 2015 Settlement Agreement between the Tribes and the Committee of Nine.

**PROCEDURE 2.0      DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1      **Accounting Year:** the Water District 1 accounting year that begins on December 1 and ends on November 30.
- 2.2      **Acre-foot:** a volume of water sufficient to cover one acre of land one foot deep and is equal to 43,560 cubic feet.
- 2.3      **Administrative Fee:** a fee per acre-foot assessed on the total quantity of storage set forth in any rental or lease application, disbursed to the District at the end of the irrigation season.
- 2.4      **Allocation:** the amount of stored water, including carryover that has accrued to a spaceholder's storage space on the date of allocation that is available for the spaceholder's use in the same accounting year.
- 2.5      **Applicant:** a person who files with the Watermaster an application, accompanied by the required fees, to rent or lease storage through the rental pool.
- 2.6      **Assignment:** storage provided by an assignor from the current year's storage allocation for rental through the assignment pool pursuant to Procedure 10.
- 2.7      **Assignment Pool:** storage made available to the Committee through assignor contributions for subsequent rental pursuant to Procedure 10.
- 2.8      **Assignor:** a participant who assigns storage to the assignment pool pursuant to Procedure 10 and subject to Procedure 7.5.
- 2.9      **Board:** the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB).

- 2.10 **Board Surcharge:** a surcharge equal to ten percent (10%) of the rental price or lease price assessed on the total quantity of storage set forth in any rental or lease application, disbursed to the Board at the end of the irrigation season.
- 2.11 **Bureau:** the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR).
- 2.12 **Committee:** the Committee of Nine, which is the advisory committee selected by the members of Water District 1 at their annual meeting and appointed as the local committee by the Board pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1765.
- 2.13 **Common Pool:** storage made available to the Committee through participant contributions for subsequent rental pursuant to Procedure 5.
- 2.14 **Date of Allocation:** the date determined each year by the Watermaster on which the maximum accrual to reservoir spaceholders occurs.
- 2.15 **Date of Publication:** the date on which the Watermaster publishes on the District website the storage allocation for the current accounting year.
- 2.16 **Department:** the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR).
- 2.17 **District:** The District is comprised of the Snake River and tributaries with Basins 01, 21, 22, 23, and 25 points of diversion.
- 2.18 **Impact Fund:** a fund maintained by the Watermaster for the mitigation of computed impacts to participants pursuant to 2021 rental pool procedures.
- 2.19 **Extraordinary Circumstances Pool:** Storage made available to the Committee through participant consignments for subsequent rental pursuant to Procedure 11.
- 2.20 **Infrastructure Fund:** a fund maintained by the Watermaster for the purposes outlined in Procedure 4.5.
- 2.21 **Lease:** a written agreement entered into between a lessor and lessee to lease storage through the rental pool pursuant to Procedure 6.
- 2.22 **Lease Price:** a price per acre-foot negotiated between a lessor and lessee as set forth in a lease agreement.
- 2.23 **Lessee:** a person who leases storage from a participant under a lease.
- 2.24 **Lessor:** a participant who leases storage to a person under a lease pursuant to Procedure 6 and subject to Procedure 7.5.
- 2.25 **Milner:** Milner Dam on the Snake River.
- 2.26 **Milner Spill:** water in excess to the amount that is captured in the reservoir system flowing past Milner Dam that is not storage being delivered under Idaho Power's American Falls storage water right or other storage that is otherwise authorized pursuant to these rules.
- 2.27 **Net Price:** the average price per acre-foot of all rentals from the common pool or assignment pool, including flow augmentation.
- 2.28 **Net Proceeds:** the net price times the number of acre-feet rented from the common pool or assignment pool.

- 2.29 **Participant:** a spaceholder who contributes storage to the common pool pursuant to Procedure 5.2.
- 2.30 **Participant Contributions:** storage made available to the common pool by participants, with computed impacts accounted from next year's reservoir fill, which forms the supply for large rentals, small rentals, and flow augmentation pursuant to Table 1, subject to the limitations in Procedure 5.2.
- 2.31 **Person:** an individual, corporation, partnership, irrigation district, canal company, political subdivision, or governmental agency.
- 2.32 **Rent:** the rental of storage from the common pool, supplemental pool, or assignment pool.
- 2.33 **Rental Pool:** the processes established by these procedures for the rental and/or lease of storage, mitigation of computed impacts to spaceholders, and disposition of revenues.
- 2.34 **Rental Pool Subcommittee:** a subcommittee composed of the Watermaster (advisor), a designated representative from the Bureau (advisor), and three or more members or alternates of the Committee who have been appointed by the chairman of the Committee.
- 2.35 **Rental Price:** the price per acre-foot of storage rented from the common pool, supplemental pool, or assignment pool, as set forth in Procedures 5.4, 8.0, and 10.7, excluding the administrative fee and Board surcharge.
- 2.36 **Renter:** a person who rents storage from the common pool, supplemental pool, or assignment pool.
- 2.37 **Reservoir System:** refers to American Falls, Grassy Lake, Henrys Lake, Island Park, Jackson Lake, Lake Walcott, Milner Pool, Palisades, and Ririe.
- 2.38 **Space:** the active capacity of a reservoir measured in acre-feet.
- 2.39 **Spaceholder:** the holder of the contractual right to the water stored in the space of a storage facility within the Reservoir System.
- 2.40 **Storage:** the portion of the available space that contains stored water.
- 2.41 **Supplemental Pool:** storage made available to the Committee through participant consignments for subsequent rental pursuant to Procedure 8.
- 2.42 **Watermaster:** the watermaster of Water District 1.
- 2.43 **Water Supply Forecast:** the forecasted unregulated runoff for April 1 to September 30 at the Heise USGS gaging station, referred to in Table 1.

## **PROCEDURE 3.0    PURPOSES**

- 3.1     The primary purpose of the rental pool is to provide supplemental irrigation water to spaceholders for the irrigation of District land with an existing primary irrigation water right and to maintain a rental pool with sufficient incentives such that spaceholders supply, on a voluntary basis, an adequate quantity of storage for rental or lease pursuant to procedures established by the Committee. These procedures are intended to: a) assure that participants have priority over non-participating spaceholders and non-spaceholders in renting storage through the rental pool; b) assure that non-participating spaceholders are not impacted; and c) rentals occurring through the assignment pool and supplemental pool do not impact other spaceholders .
- 3.2     To maintain adequate controls, priorities, and safeguards to insure that existing water rights are not injured and that a spaceholder's allocation is not impacted without his or her consent. To financially compensate an impacted participating spaceholder in the common pool as determined by the procedures developed by the District.
- 3.3     To provide storage water at no cost under Procedure 5.0 for the benefit of the Tribes consistent with the terms of the Blackfoot River Equitable Adjustment Settlement Agreement and the 2015 Settlement Agreement. Discussions are ongoing to identify the party responsible for mitigating impacts to the Tribes. Nothing in these Procedures should be construed as an admission of liability by Water District 1 or the Committee of Nine.
- 3.4     To prevent further declines in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer and tributary spring flows and reach gains, and to ensure new consumptive uses within the District do not further impact the storage supply and the primary purpose of the rental pool as described in Procedure 3.1, the following shall apply:
  - 3.4.101    A moratorium on all private leases, assignment and common pool rentals that deliver water to new lands or mitigate for diversion of water on new lands, except when:
    - (a) a water right was legally delivered to the lands from any source prior to 2019; or
    - (b) contracted storage water was delivered by the District prior to 2019 for mitigation for the use of water on new lands; or
    - (c) rented storage water was delivered to the lands from the District within the last 5 years.The moratorium also prohibits rentals for delivery to lands or providing mitigation for lands where a water right or storage use was transferred off said lands, inside or outside the District.
  - 3.4.102    The following exceptions apply to the above moratorium:
    - (a) Small rentals under Procedure 5.2.104;
    - (b) Domestic, commercial, municipal, and industrial uses authorized pursuant to a decreed or licensed storage water right and spaceholder contract; and
    - (c) Land that subsequent to the adoption of Procedure 3.4, is authorized for irrigation purposes under a water organization project's owned water right and other provisions of state law.
  - 3.4.103    All private lessees or rental pool applicants shall certify that the respective private lease or rental pool application complies with the requirements set forth above. Lessees and Applicants that have had prior leases or rentals approved prior to 2019 that would otherwise be prohibited by this rule may present such information to the Watermaster and Committee to show why such lease or application should be approved. Further, the Watermaster and any spaceholder may raise any issues derived from this moratorium in regards to any private lease or rental application which shall be resolved by the Committee.

## **PROCEDURE 4.0 MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 **Manager.** The Watermaster shall serve as the manager of the rental pool and shall administer the rental pool consistent with these procedures, which include, but are not limited to:
- (a) Determining impacts pursuant to Procedure 7;
  - (b) Calculating payments to participating spaceholders as prescribed by Procedures 5.2 and 7.3;
  - (c) Accepting storage into the common pool, assignment pool, and executing rental agreements on behalf of the Committee;
  - (d) Disbursing and investing rental pool monies with the advice and consent of the Rental Pool Subcommittee; and
  - (e) Taking such additional actions as may be directed by the Committee.
- 4.2 **Rental Pool Subcommittee.** The Rental Pool Subcommittee shall exercise the following general responsibilities:
- (a) Review these procedures and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the Committee for needed changes;
  - (b) Review reports from the Watermaster regarding rental applications, storage assignments to the assignment pool, and leases of storage through private leases;
  - (c) Advise the Committee regarding rental pool activities;
  - (d) Develop recommendations for annual common pool storage supplies and rental rates;
  - (e) Assist the Watermaster in resolving disputes that may arise from the diversion of excess storage; and
  - (f) Assume such additional responsibilities as may be assigned by the Committee.
- 4.3 **Applications**
- 4.3.101 Applications to rent or lease storage through the rental pool shall be made each year upon forms approved by the Watermaster and shall include:
- (a) The amount of storage sought to be rented or leased;
  - (b) The purpose(s) for which the storage will be put to beneficial use;
  - (c) The lease price (for private leases);
  - (d) To the extent practicable at the time of filing the application, the point of diversion identified by legal description and common name; and a description of the place of use; and
  - (e) Certification that the rental or lease is not subject to moratorium under Procedure 3.4 above.
- 4.3.102 *Application Acceptance.* Applications are not deemed accepted until received by the Watermaster together with the appropriate fees required under Procedures 5.4 and 10.7 (rentals) or 6.4 (leases).
- 4.3.103 *Application Approval.* An application accepted under Procedure 4.3.102 shall be approved after the Watermaster has determined that the application is in compliance with these procedures and sufficient storage will be available from the common pool, assignment pool, and/or lessor to provide the quantity requested in the application. Upon approval of the application, the Watermaster shall send notice to the renter/lessor/lessee and entity owning the point of diversion designated in the application of such approval and allocation of storage; provided, however, no allocation of storage shall be made until the applicant designates the point of diversion and place of use of the rented and/or leased storage in the application or pursuant to Procedure 4.3.106.
- 4.3.104 *Timeframe for having Rental Application Accepted to Preserve Rental Priority.* Applications to rent storage will not be accepted until April 5 of the year in which the storage will be used. Applications must be accepted by the Watermaster within 15 days following the date of publication to preserve the applicant's priority under Procedure 5.3.101.



- 4.3.105 *Deadline for Accepting Applications to Rent or Lease Storage.* All applications to rent or lease storage must be accepted by the Watermaster pursuant to Procedure 4.3.102 on or before November 30. Applications accepted after November 30 will be accounted for from storage supplies in the following calendar year, unless an exception is granted by the Rental Pool Subcommittee.
- 4.3.106 *Deadline to Designate Point of Diversion and Place of Use.* If the point of diversion and/or place of use of the rented and/or leased storage was not previously designated in the application, the renter and/or lessee must make such designation in writing to the Watermaster on or before November 30 of the same year, unless an extension is granted by the Rental Pool Subcommittee. Failure to comply with this provision shall cause any unused storage to automatically revert back to the common pool, assignment pool, and/or lessor, respectively.
- 4.3.107 *Deadline to Use Rental or Lease Storage.* Approved applications pursuant to Procedure 4.3 or water leased through a private lease, must be used and diverted on or before November 30 of the same year.
- 4.3.108 *Reporting Requirements for Leases and Assignments to Points of Diversion on Sources Not Regulated by the Water District #1 Watermaster.* To keep Water District #1 assessments, administrative fees, and regulation costs to a minimum, approved rental leases and assignments to points of diversion on sources not regulated by Water District #1 (e.g. Portneuf River, Wood River, Silver Creek, etc.) must have their daily cfs or acre-feet of rental diversions measured by the watermaster of the water district containing the points of diversion receiving the rental storage and then reported by the watermaster of that district to the Water District #1 Watermaster by November 30 of the year storage is rented. Daily diversion reports from individual renters in water districts other than Water District #1 will not be accepted by the Water District #1 Watermaster. Failure of the watermasters in other districts to report to the Water District #1 Watermaster the daily rental storage deliveries within their district by November 30 will result in the rental pool storage not being delivered in the Water District #1 final water right accounting. No refunds for rental prices or fees will be issued to lessors, lessees, or renters when daily deliveries are not reported by the watermaster responsible for the regulation of the points of diversion or re-diversion on the source rental storage is being injected or exchanged with sources from Water District #1.

#### 4.4 **Rental Pool Account**

- 4.4.101 All monies submitted by applicants shall be deposited in an interest-bearing account known as the "Rental Pool Account" and maintained by the Watermaster on behalf of the Committee. Monies in the Rental Pool Account will be disbursed to participants, the District, and the Board in the proportions set forth in these Procedures. Rental Pool Funds shall be considered public funds for investment purposes and subject to the Public Depository Law, Chapter 1, Title 57, Idaho Code.
- 4.4.102 Monies deposited in the Rental Pool Account are non-refundable to the extent the rental and/or lease application is approved pursuant to Procedure 4.3.103, regardless of whether the storage is used.

#### 4.5 **Infrastructure Fund**

- 4.5.101 Monies in the Infrastructure Fund may only be used to fund District costs of projects relating to improvements to the District's distribution, monitoring, and gaging facilities, and other District projects designed to assist in the adjudication, which includes the cost of Blackfoot River Equitable Adjustment Settlement Water, if any is required, conservation, or efficient distribution of water.
- 4.5.102 Disbursements from the Infrastructure Fund are subject to two-thirds (2/3) Committee approval.

4.5.103 Monies in the Infrastructure Fund may be carried over from year to year.

- 4.6 **Diversions not Regulated by the District.** Water District #1 and/or its spaceholders will not accept responsibility or liability for any interference to natural flow or storage deliveries that result from rentals or leases to diversions within other water districts.

## PROCEDURE 5.0 COMMON POOL

- 5.1 **Scope.** The common pool consists of storage made available to the Committee through participant contributions. Participants make all of their storage available to the common pool pursuant to the terms of Procedure 5.2, with computed impacts accounted from next year's reservoir fill.

### 5.2 Participant Contributions

5.2.101 *Participants.* Any spaceholder may, upon submitting written notice to the Watermaster prior to ~~April 7~~ March 15 of the current year elect to contribute storage to the current year's common pool rentals to be deducted from the spaceholders subsequent year's storage allocation when excess water does not spill past Milner in the subsequent year. Any spaceholder making such election shall be deemed a "participant" for the current year and every year thereafter until the spaceholder provides written notice to the Watermaster prior to ~~April 7~~ March 15 of the year common pool rentals are purchased, rescinding its participation. Participants choosing to rescind their participation by the ~~April 7~~ March 15 deadline shall receive their proportional share of the previous year's common pool proceeds after having their current year's storage allocation reduced to supply those previous year's common pool rentals but shall cease receiving reductions to their future years' storage allocations to supply common pool rentals and cease receiving common pool rental payments in future years following the rescindment. Upon election from a previous non-participant to begin participation, the new participant is eligible for all the benefits of a participant set forth in these procedures, excluding monetary payment associated with common pool rentals purchased in the year prior to participation election. If after ~~April 7~~ March 15 less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the contracted storage space is committed to the common pool by participants, the Committee may revise the rental pool procedures as necessary prior to April ~~21~~.

5.2.102 *Extension of March 15 Participation Notice Deadline.* The March 15 deadline for providing notice to participate in the rental pool, described in procedure 5.2.101, was extended until 5 PM, May 13, 2022, for spaceholders supplying 2021 and 2022 common pool rentals.

5.2.10~~23~~ *Non-Participants.* Spaceholders who are not participants shall not be entitled to supply storage to, or rent storage from, the common pool. Notwithstanding this restriction, the Bureau may rent flow augmentation water from the common pool in the amounts identified in Procedure 5.2.10~~56~~.

5.2.10~~34~~ *Large Rentals.* The common pool will make available from participant contributions ~~50,000~~ zero acre-feet of storage for large rentals rented in 2022, subject to the priorities and limitations set forth in Procedure 5. ~~If the request for rentals under the first priority in procedure 5.3.101 exceeds 50,000 acre feet, the amount shall be increased to meet the amount requested under the first priority, not to exceed 100,000 acre feet.~~

5.2.10~~45~~ *Small Rentals.* The common pool will make available from participant contributions 5,000 acre-feet for rentals of 100 acre-feet or less per point of diversion for diversions regulated by the Water District #1 Watermaster, subject to the priorities and limitations set forth in Rule 5. Rentals from the small pool shall only be considered for approval following submittal of written consent from the operator of the delivery system. The Committee may approve on a case-by-case basis the additional rental of storage under this provision to exceed the 100 acre-feet limitation. The 100 acre-feet limitation per point of diversion does not apply if the rental is supplied pursuant to Procedure 5.2.10~~34~~.

5.2.10~~56~~ *Flow Augmentation.* The amount of storage, from participant contributions to the common pool, available for rental for flow augmentation shall be determined by Table 1 shown in the Appendix of these procedures.

5.2.10~~67~~ *Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.* The Tribes shall be treated as non-participants unless written notice is provided by the Tribes under Procedure 5.2.101.

(a) *Blackfoot River Equitable Adjustment Settlement Agreement Water.* Storage water not to exceed 20,000 acre-feet shall be made available in accordance with the terms of the Blackfoot River Equitable Adjustment Settlement Agreement. The source and funding of the storage water shall be determined by the Committee at its June meeting. Administrative fees shall be paid by Water District 1.

(b) *2015 Settlement Agreement.* Storage water not to exceed 10,000 acre-feet (except with the approval of the Committee of Nine) shall be made available in accordance with the terms of the 2015 Settlement Agreement from the current year's Common Pool prior to providing any rental under the priorities of Procedure 5.3.101. Administrative fees shall be paid by Water District 1. Discussions are ongoing to identify the party responsible for mitigating impacts to the Tribes. Nothing in these Procedures should be construed as an admission of liability by Water District 1 or the Committee of Nine.

5.2.10~~78~~ *Supply Sources.* Common pool storage shall be deducted proportionally from all participants' storage allocations in the year following when the storage was used. If Milner Spill occurs between years, no deduction is necessary.

5.2.10~~89~~ *Participant Payments.* Monies collected through the rental of the participant contribution portion of the common pool, including flow augmentation, shall be disbursed based on the amount each participant is reduced pursuant to Procedure 5.2.10~~78~~. In years where no reduction is necessary due to Milner Spill, all monies collected shall be disbursed proportionally based on participant space. Payments will be made to participants within two weeks of the date of publication.

### 5.3 **Priorities for Renting Storage**

5.3.101 *Priorities.* Storage rented from the common pool shall be pursuant to the following priorities:

(a) *First Priority.* Rentals by participants whose storage is reduced pursuant to Procedure 5.2.107, not to exceed the amount of the reduction.

(b) *Second Priority.* Rentals by participants for their spaceholder contracted purposes up to the amount of their unfilled space.

(c) *Third Priority.* Rentals by participants for any purposes above Milner in excess of their unfilled space. Rental under this third priority shall not result in increasing the renter's carryover at the end of the irrigation year. No refunds will be issued for rental approved under this third priority pursuant to Procedure 4.3.103.

5.3.102 *Priority for Late Applications.* Applications received after the deadline set forth in Procedure 4.3.104 will be deemed last in priority and will be filled in the order they are received, only after all timely applications have been filled.

5.3.103 *Distribution Within Priority Classes.* If rental supplies are not sufficient to satisfy all of the timely applications within a priority class (those received within 15 days of the date of publication), the available rental supplies will be distributed to the applicants within that priority class on a pro-rata basis.

5.3.104 *Priority for Small Rentals.* Small rentals made pursuant to Procedure 5.2.104~~5~~ are not subject to the priorities set forth in Procedure 5.3.101 and will be approved in the same order in which the rental applications are received by the Watermaster, so long as the total amount of all such applications does not exceed 5,000 acre-feet.

5.3.105 *Priority for Flow Augmentation.* Rentals for flow augmentation are not subject to the priorities set forth in Procedure 5.3.101 and shall be determined pursuant to Procedure 5.2.105~~6~~, Procedure 10.6, and Procedure 11.

#### 5.4 **Rental Prices**

5.4.101 *Tier 1:* If the storage system fills, the rental price for purposes above Milner shall be \$7.00 per acre-foot.

5.4.102 *Tier 2:* If the storage system does not fill but storage is provided for flow augmentation pursuant to Procedure 5.2.105~~(a)6~~, the rental price for purposes above Milner shall be \$17.00 per acre-foot.

5.4.103 *Tier 3:* If the storage system does not fill and no flow augmentation water is provided pursuant to Procedure 5.2.105~~(a)6~~, the rental price for purposes above Milner shall be \$25.00 per acre-foot.

5.4.104 *Determination of Tier 1, 2 or 3 Rental Price:* Unless the storage system has filled, the Watermaster shall designate on or before April 5 either Tier 2 or Tier 3 as the rental price for above-Milner rentals. If at any time during the same accounting year, the storage system should subsequently fill, the Watermaster shall designate Tier 1 as the rental price for above-Milner rentals and refund any excess rental fees within 30 days after the date of publication.

5.4.105 *Tier 4:* The rental price for storage rented from for flow augmentation shall be \$17.00 per acre-foot.

5.4.106 *Fees & Surcharges.* There shall be added to the rental price for all rentals the Board surcharge and administrative fee, resulting in the following summed amounts charged for common pool rentals for the various tiers described in Procedures 5.4.101 through 5.4.105:

- (a) Tier 1:  $\$7.00 + \$0.70 + \$1.30 = \$9.00$
- (b) Tier 2:  $\$17.00 + \$1.70 + \$1.30 = \$20.00$
- (c) Tier 3:  $\$25.00 + \$2.50 + \$1.30 = \$28.80$
- (d) Tier 4:  $\$17.00 + \$1.70 + \$1.30 = \$20.00$

5.4.107 *Storage System Fill.* For purposes of Procedure 5.4 only, the storage system is considered full when all storage rights are filled in Jackson Lake, Palisades (except for powerhead), American Falls, and Island Park

5.5 **Limitations.** A participant cannot rent water from the Common Pool if the participant is replacing storage space or water which has been evacuated due to an assignment to or private lease through the Water District 1 Rental Pool, unless an exception is granted by the Committee.

## **PROCEDURE 6.0 PRIVATE LEASES**

- 6.1 **General.** All leases must be transacted through the rental pool. Only participants may lease storage to a Lessee subject to the provisions of these rules, and non-participating spaceholders may not lease storage from participants.
- 6.2 **Purposes.** Storage may be leased through the rental pool only for beneficial use purposes above Milner. A participant may not lease storage to a lessee and rent storage from the common pool in the same accounting year unless an exception is granted by the Rental Pool Subcommittee.
- 6.3 **Payment to Lessor.** The lessor shall receive one-hundred percent (100%) of the lease price.
- 6.4 **Fees & Surcharges.** There shall be added to the lease price the administrative fee and the Board surcharge.
- 6.5 **Non-Applicability to Common Pool.** Storage leased pursuant to this procedure does not count against the participant contribution volumes set forth in Procedure 5.2.
- 6.6 **Recharge.** All storage used for the purpose of recharge must be transacted through the rental pool. Unless storage is rented pursuant to Procedures 5.0 or 10.0, storage used for recharge, whether diverted by the storage spaceholder or another person, will be treated as a lease of storage.
- 6.7 **Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) Storage.** Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in Procedures 6.1 and 6.2, the IWRB may lease its existing storage (up to 5,000 acre-feet) to Idaho Power and have it released past Milner for the purpose of mitigating minimum flows at Murphy. The administrative fee must be paid by the IWRB for any storage used for such purpose.
- 6.8 **Lease of Storage from Bureau Uncontracted Space.** Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in Procedures 6.1 and 6.2, the Bureau may lease storage from its uncontracted space for flow augmentation as identified in Appendix III of the – Mediator’s Term Sheet of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement.
- 6.9 **Lease of Storage from Bureau Powerhead Space.** Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in Procedures 6.1 and 6.2, the Bureau may lease storage from its powerhead space for flow augmentation as identified in III.C.7 of the Mediator’s Term Sheet of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement.

## **PROCEDURE 7.0 IMPACTS**

- 7.1 **Determination.** In any year in which the storage rights in the reservoir system do not fill, the Watermaster will determine the actual computed impacts to spaceholders, if any, associated with the prior year’s rentals and leases. In making this determination, the Watermaster will use a procedure which identifies the following:
- (a) What each computed reservoir fill would have been had the previous year’s rentals and leases not taken place;
  - (b) The storage space from which rented or leased storage was actually supplied for the previous year’s rental or lease; and
  - (c) The amount of storage each spaceholder’s current allocation was reduced by the previous year’s rental or lease activities.
- 7.2 **Milner Spill.** There are no computed impacts resulting from the previous and current year’s rentals or leases used prior to Milner spill ceasing when the use of those rentals or leases result in reducing the spill from the reservoir system prior to the current year’s Date of Allocation, as determined by the Watermaster.

7.3 **Impacts to Spaceholders resulting from all leases, assignments, supplemental pool, and extraordinary circumstances pool, and common pool rentals.** To avoid impacts to spaceholders caused by rental pool storage provided under Procedures 5, 6, 8, 9.3, 10, and 11 in years when storage is not spilled past Milner, the supplying spaceholder's storage allocation shall be reduced to ensure all other reservoir space receives a 100% fill to its storage allocation ahead of allocations to space evacuated to supply previous year leases, assignments, and rentals. If the amount of storage in the reservoir system exceeds the amount necessary to allocate 100% fill to space that wasn't evacuated to supply leases, assignments, and rentals but is insufficient to allocate 100% fill to all system spaceholders, allocations to lessors', assignors', and other space shall occur in the following priorities:

- (a) Storage supplied under Procedure 5.2.107. This reallocation will only occur in the year following the supply of storage.
- (b) Assigned rental under Procedure 10.0, extraordinary circumstances rental under Procedure 11.0, private leases above Milner under Procedure 6.0, and IWRB storage used for mitigating minimum flows at Murphy under Procedure 6.7. This reallocation will only occur in the year following the lease of storage.
- (c) Bureau uncontracted storage under Procedure 6.8 until the lessor's affected space fills.
- (d) Supplemental Pool leases under Procedure 8.0 until the lessor's affected space refills.
- (e) Bureau Powerhead storage under Procedure 6.9 shall be the last space to refill after all other space in reservoirs in Water District 1 until the lessor's affected space fills as identified in III.C.7.c. of the Mediator's Term Sheet of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement.

7.4 **Impacts to non-participants resulting from common pool rentals.** To avoid impacts to non-participant storage allocations caused by rental pool storage provided under Procedure 5 in years when storage is not spilled past Milner, the supplying participant's storage allocation shall be reduced to ensure all other reservoir space receives a 100% fill to its storage allocation ahead of allocations to space evacuated to supply common pool rentals.

#### **PROCEDURE 8.0. SUPPLEMENTAL POOL**

8.1 **Purpose.** To provide a voluntary mechanism for the lease of storage water to a participant below Milner for hydropower generation within the state of Idaho when storage water supplies, as a result of hydrologic, climate and other conditions, are sufficient to satisfy above Milner uses and Water District 01 commitments for flow augmentation. A supplemental pool shall be created in order to mitigate for computed impacts associated with leases below Milner, consistent with the Idaho Water Resource Board's policy to establish an effective water marketing system consistent with state law and assuring the protection of existing water rights while accommodating the purchase, lease or conveyance of water for use at Idaho Power's hydroelectric facilities, including below Milner Dam.

8.2 **Annual Authorization.** In order to provide the opportunity to lease water to generate funding of aging infrastructure projects without impacting individual spaceholder fill, storage may be leased through the Supplemental Pool for the purposes described herein. However, no storage may be leased through the supplemental pool until the Committee on or after April 1 of each year authorizes use of the pool and the Committee is satisfied that the goals and terms of the Mediator's Term Sheet of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement are met to provide sufficient flow augmentation supplies for the year or that storage to be released past Milner will count toward flow augmentation.

- (a) Mitigation Inc. shall have the right to lease up to the first 10,000 ac-ft of supplemental pool storage under Procedure 8.0, as approved annually by the Committee. Mitigation Inc. shall provide to the Committee a report summarizing the expenditure of revenue from the annual lease(s) by December 31, 2023. If the Committee determines that the preference granted Mitigation Inc. is no longer justified, the Committee may terminate said preference. The preference granted Mitigation Inc. pursuant to this Procedure shall sunset on December 31, 2029. The 10,000 ac-ft preference shall only be applied once per year.

- (b) Additional leases of storage in excess of the amount provided in Procedure 8.2(a) may be authorized annually by the Committee pursuant to Procedure 8.0. Mitigation Inc. shall be permitted to supply a pro-rata share of any additional amount made available to the supplemental pool exceeding the initial 10,000 ac-ft in Procedure 8.2(a). If Mitigation Inc. does not supply storage pursuant to Procedure 8.2(a), Mitigation Inc. shall be permitted to supply a pro-rata share of its storage to the supplemental pool along with other spaceholders supplying storage to the supplemental pool.

8.3 **Quantity and Price Determinations.**

8.3.101 The maximum quantity of storage authorized to be leased through the supplemental pool shall be determined annually by the Committee taking into account the advice and recommendation of the Rental Pool Subcommittee, together with current and forecasted hydrological conditions and estimated demand on the rental pool for above Milner uses.

8.3.102 *Price Determination.* The Committee shall authorize the leasing of water, including price pursuant to Rule Procedure 8 after taking into account spaceholder needs and current market conditions for power generation. There shall be added to the rental price the board surcharge and a \$1.50 per acre-foot administrative fee associated with the development and implementation of the supplemental pool, assessed on the total quantity of storage set forth in any lease application approved or conditionally approved under Procedure 8.4.

8.3.103 *Subsequent Quantity and Price Determinations.* If within the same accounting year, the Committee subsequently determines based on the criteria set forth in Procedure 8.3.101 that additional opportunities exist for utilizing the use of water within Idaho through the supplemental pool consistent with Procedure 8.1, it shall designate such additional maximum quantity authorized to be leased through the supplemental pool and identify a separate lease price for such additional quantity pursuant to Procedure 8.3.102.

8.4 **Application to Lease Storage from the Supplemental Pool.**

8.4.101 Applications to lease storage from the supplemental pool for hydropower purposes shall be made upon forms approved by the Watermaster and shall include:

- (a) The amount of storage sought to be rented;
- (b) The rental price with associated fees as identified by the Committee under Procedure 8.3.102; and
- (c) The deadline for the Applicant to receive delivery of water through the Supplemental Pool.

8.4.102 *Application Acceptance.* Applications are not deemed accepted until received by the Watermaster together with the appropriate fees required under Procedure 8.4.101.

8.4.103 *Application Approval.* An application accepted under Procedure 8.4.102 shall be approved after the Watermaster has determined that the application is in compliance with these procedures and sufficient storage will be available from the supplemental pool to provide the quantity requested in the application; provided, however, if the date of publication has not yet occurred, approval of the application shall be conditioned on the ability of spaceholders who have contracted to rent storage through the supplemental pool to have a sufficient storage allocation during the accounting year to satisfy their contracts approved under Procedure 8.5.104. Upon approval or conditional approval of the application, the fees collected from the applicant shall be non-refundable to the extent of the total quantity of storage approved or conditionally approved in supplemental pool lease contract(s) under Procedure 8.5.104. The Watermaster shall provide notice of such approval.

8.4.104 *Deadline for Accepting Applications.* All applications to rent storage from the supplemental pool must be accepted by the Watermaster pursuant to Procedure 8.4.102 not later than November 30 in order for the storage identified in such applications to be accounted for as having been diverted as of November 30 of the same year. Applications accepted after November 30 will be accounted for from storage supplies in the following calendar year, unless an exception is granted by the Rental Pool Subcommittee.

## 8.5 **Supplemental Pool Supply.**

8.5.101 *Notice to Spaceholders of Opportunity to Consign Storage through the Supplemental Pool.* The Watermaster shall provide notice of the supplemental pool on the Water District 1 website, which shall include the following information:

- (a) The maximum quantity of storage authorized to be rented through the supplemental pool;
- (b) The rental process, including price and deadlines as authorized by the Committee;
- (c) Instructions for spaceholders interested in consigning storage through the supplemental pool, including instructions for executing a standardized supplemental pool rental contract; and
- (d) The deadline, as set by the Committee, for the Watermaster to receive supplemental pool rental contracts from spaceholders interested in consigning storage through the supplemental pool.

8.5.102 *Supplemental Pool Rental Contracts.* Spaceholders interested in consigning storage through the supplemental pool shall execute a standardized supplemental pool rental contract, which shall be provided by the Watermaster and include provisions for the following:

- (a) Limit eligibility to consign storage through the supplemental pool only to spaceholders who qualify as participants under Procedure 2.29;
- (b) The quantity sought to be consigned by the spaceholder may be any amount, except that the total amount of storage consigned pursuant to Procedure 8 may not exceed either the maximum quantity set by the Committee under Procedure 8.3.101 or 10% of the spaceholder's total reservoir system space, unless an exception is approved by the Rental Pool Subcommittee;
- (c) The 10% limitation described in 8.5.102(b) does not apply to the first 10,000 ac-ft supplied by Mitigation Inc. under Procedure 8.2(a);
- (d) The quantity actually consigned by the spaceholder may be reduced depending upon the number of spaceholders who elect to consign storage through the supplemental pool as provided in Procedure 8.5.103;
- (e) That, in the event the spaceholder elects to sign a standard pool rental contract before the date of publication, the spaceholder assumes the risk that its storage allocation may be less than the spaceholder anticipated; and
- (f) Notice to the spaceholder that if the spaceholder's consignment through the supplemental pool causes computed impacts, the mitigation required under Procedure 8.7 will result in an amount of the spaceholder's space, not to exceed the quantity of storage consigned by the spaceholder, being assigned a junior priority which may not fill for multiple consecutive years, an accounting commonly referred to as "last to fill."

8.5.103 *Distribution of Storage to the Supplemental Pool.* If, following the deadline for receipt of executed supplemental pool rental contracts, the Watermaster determines that the total quantity of storage sought to be consigned through the supplemental pool exceeds the quantity limitation established under Procedure 8.3, then the Watermaster shall reduce the quantity of each supplemental pool rental contract to a pro rata share based on the amount of storage sought to be consigned by each spaceholder. The Watermaster shall amend the supplemental pool rental contract(s) to reflect any reduced quantity required by this provision.



- 8.5.104 *Rental Contract Approval.* Following receipt of a supplemental pool rental contract, the Watermaster shall determine whether the contract is in compliance with these procedures, and, if so, shall approve the same; provided, however, if the date of publication has not yet occurred, approval of the contract shall be conditioned on the spaceholder having a sufficient storage allocation during the accounting year to satisfy the contract.
- 8.6 **Notice of Contract Approval and Payment to Consignors.** The consignors shall receive one-hundred percent (100%) of the lease price apportioned according to the quantity of storage each spaceholder consigned through the supplemental pool. The Watermaster shall notify spaceholder(s) who submitted supplemental pool rental contracts of the approved amount and distribute the funds to the lessors within 30 days following approval or conditional approval of an application under Procedure 8.4.103 and rental contract approved under Procedure 8.5.104.
- 8.7 **November 1 Carryover Unaffected.** For purposes of determining the amount of storage available for flow augmentation under Procedure 5.2.105, storage leased through the supplemental pool shall not affect the November 1 carryover quantity on Table 1.

**PROCEDURE 9.0 STORAGE ALLOCATED TO PALISADES WATER USERS, INC. (PWUI)**

- 9.1 **Background and Purpose.** PWUI is an entity originally organized at the specific request of the Bureau to group, under one entity, all individual water users who applied for an allocation of Palisades Reservoir storage because Reclamation's policy at that time was that it would not enter into repayment contracts with individual water users. PWUI does not own natural flow water rights, has no designated service area, and does not own a water delivery system. Instead, PWUI shareholders call for delivery of water allocated to their shares through their own delivery systems or the systems of other irrigation entities and have historically been able to change the location of PWUI storage deliveries upon simple notification to the District. The shares do not describe specific property where storage allocated to such shares are used. One share of PWUI stock is equivalent to one acre-foot of PWUI space in Palisades Reservoir, and allocations of water to PWUI shareholders are made upon that basis. The provisions of Procedure 9.0 are included herein to clarify, between PWUI and the District, how to properly categorize the delivery of PWUI storage to various points of delivery.
- 9.2 **Delivery of PWUI Storage Water.** Storage allocated to PWUI shares shall not be considered a private lease under Procedure 7.5 in the following circumstances:
- 9.2.101 The delivery of storage to an irrigation delivery system where the PWUI shareholder has an ownership interest or leasehold interest in property capable of receiving delivery of water through such system.
- 9.2.102 The delivery of storage allocated to a PWUI shareholder which is assigned to another PWUI shareholder for an amount up to the assignee's unfilled PWUI allocation for the Accounting Year.
- 9.2.103 The delivery of storage allocated to PWUI's treasury stock provided to a PWUI shareholder.
- 9.3 **Private Leases of PWUI Storage Water.** Storage allocated to PWUI shares shall be considered a private lease under Procedure 7.5 and subject to impacts under Procedure 7.5 in the following circumstances:
- 9.3.101 The delivery of storage allocated to PWUI's treasury stock provided to a non-PWUI shareholder for any purpose.
- 9.3.102 The delivery of storage allocated to a PWUI shareholder which is assigned to another PWUI shareholder for an amount more than the assignee's unfilled PWUI allocation for the Accounting Year.
- 9.3.103 The delivery of storage allocated to a PWUI shareholder provided to a non-PWUI shareholder for any purpose.
- 9.3.104 The delivery of storage to a PWUI shareholder which is used for recharge.

- 9.4 **Applicability of Procedure 5.5 To PWUI Storage.**
- 9.4.101 Procedure 5.5 shall apply to private leases of PWUI storage described in Procedure 9.3.101.
- 9.4.102 Subject to Procedure 9.4.103, the Committee hereby grants PWUI an exception from the provisions of Procedure 5.5 such that PWUI shall not be prohibited from leasing water from the Common Pool because of private leases by PWUI shareholders under Procedures 9.3.102 through 9.3.104.
- 9.4.103 Water leased from the Common Pool by PWUI under Procedure 9.4.102 shall not be allocated to or used by PWUI shareholders who engage in private leases described under Procedures 9.3.102 through 9.3.104.
- 9.5 **Allocation of Impacts to PWUI.** The allocation of impacts described in Procedure 7.5 of these procedures for private leases described under Procedure 9.3 shall be made to PWUI as the spaceholder. PWUI shall thereafter internally allocate the impacts to the individual PWUI shareholders who participate in private leases described under Procedures 9.3.102 through 9.3.104.
- 9.6 **Information Provided to District.** PWUI shall provide sufficient information to the District to allow the District to verify PWUI's characterization of the assignment of PWUI storage under Procedure 9.0.
- 9.7 **Assignment of PWUI Shares to Canal Headings.** PWUI shareholders shall assign its shares to the canal heading where such PWUI shareholder is most likely to request delivery of storage. Water District 1 shall only account for the delivery of PWUI storage when (1) notified by the PWUI shareholder that such shareholder is taking delivery of storage through a canal; or (2) the manager of a canal reports the delivery of PWUI storage to Water District 1.

## **PROCEDURE 10.0 ASSIGNMENT POOL**

- 10.1 **Purpose.** To provide a voluntary mechanism for participating spaceholders to assign a portion of their storage allocation to be made available for flow augmentation rentals below Milner and also to be made available for other rentals diverted above Milner, including storage rental conveyance and/or exchanges of storage from Water District #1 to other water district diversions that are not regulated by the Water District #1 Watermaster.
- 10.2 **Assignors.** Any participant may assign storage. An assignment of storage shall be made in writing on forms approved by the Watermaster.
- 10.3 **Limitations.** A participant may not assign storage and rent storage from the common pool in the same accounting year unless an exception is granted by the Rental Pool Subcommittee. Non-participating spaceholders may not rent storage from the assignment pool.
- 10.4 **Distribution of Assigned Storage.**
- 10.4.101 *Dates of assignment.* Storage assigned by participants on or before June 1 shall be rented on a pro-rata basis until all such storage assigned by June 1 has been purchased. Storage assigned from June 2 through November 30 shall be rented to purchasers after all storage assigned by June 1 has been rented and shall be distributed in the order assignments are received by the District. For example, all storage assignments received on June 2 shall be rented in their entirety before storage assigned on June 3, and all storage assignments received on June 3 will be rented in their entirety before storage assignments received on June 4, and so on.
- 10.4.102 *Payment to Assignors.* Each participant assigning storage on or before June 1 shall be paid a pro-rata share of all net proceeds for assignment pool rental until 100% of the storage assigned on or before June 1 has been rented. Each participant assigning storage after June 1 shall receive 100% of the net price for any of their assigned storage rented.

10.4.103 *Rental Approval and Priority.* Applications to purchase assigned storage may be submitted at any time after April 5 but will not be approved until beginning June 2. If total applications exceed total assignments on June 1, applications will be approved according to the following priorities:

(a) *First Priority.* Rental for flow augmentation pursuant to Procedure 10.6.

(b) *Second Priority.* Water users that have purchased rental or leased storage from the Water District #1 Rental Pool for purposes above Milner in years prior to 2019.

(c) *Third Priority.* All other applicants to purchase assigned storage diverted for purposes above Milner.

If the assignment supply is insufficient to satisfy all purchase applications in a priority, applications in that priority shall be approved in the order they were received on or before June 1. Applications to purchase assigned storage received after June 1 will be approved in the order received after all purchase applications received on or before June 1 have been satisfied and remaining assigned storage is available to satisfy purchase applications received after June 1.

10.4.104 *Assignor Payments and Return of Unrented Assignment Storage.* Assignors will be paid the total amount of rental prices collected for assignment rentals. Any unrented assigned storage will be returned to assignors' carryover at the end of the year.

10.4.105 *Timing of Payments.* Payments will be made to assignors in December of the year in which proceeds were collected.

10.5 **Applications to Purchase Assigned Storage for Uses above Milner.** Applications to rent storage from the assignment pool shall be made in writing on forms approved by the Watermaster.

10.6 **Rental Supplied for Flow Augmentation.** If the storage supplied from Table 1 for flow augmentation is insufficient to meet the needs described in the Mediator's Term Sheet of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement, the Committee has approved providing extraordinary circumstances rental under Procedure 11.0, and the supply for the extraordinary circumstances pool is insufficient to provide the entire request from the Bureau, any remaining requested amount not supplied by the extraordinary circumstances pool shall come from the available assignment pool supply according to the priorities described in Procedure 10.4.103.

#### 10.7 **Rental Prices for Assigned Storage**

10.7.101 *Tier 5.* If the storage system fills, the rental price for purposes above Milner shall be \$35.00 per acre-foot.

10.7.102 *Tier 6.* If the storage system does not fill but storage is provided for flow augmentation pursuant to Procedure 5.2.105(a), the rental price for purposes above Milner shall be \$45.00 per acre-foot.

10.7.103 *Tier 7.* If the storage system does not fill and no flow augmentation water is provided pursuant to Procedure 5.2.105(a), the rental price for purposes above Milner shall be \$55.00 per acre-foot.

10.7.104 *Determination of Tier 5, 6, or 7 Rental Price:* Unless the storage system has filled, the Watermaster shall designate on or before April 5 either Tier 6 or Tier 7 as the rental price for above-Milner rentals. If at any time during the same accounting year, the storage system should subsequently fill, the Watermaster shall designate Tier 5 as the rental price for above-Milner rentals and refund any excess rental fees within 30 days after the date of publication.

10.7.105 *Tier 8:* The rental price for storage rented for flow augmentation shall be \$17.00 per acre-foot.

10.7.106 *Fees & Surcharges.* There shall be added to the rental price for all rentals the Board surcharge and administrative fee, resulting in the following summed amounts charged for assignment pool rentals for the various tiers described in Procedures 10.7.101 through 10.7.105:

(a) Tier 5:  $\$35.00 + \$3.50 + \$1.30 = \$39.80$

(b) Tier 6:  $\$45.00 + \$4.50 + \$1.30 = \$50.80$

(c) Tier 7:  $\$55.00 + \$5.50 + \$1.30 = \$61.80$

(d) Tier 8:  $\$17.00 + \$1.70 + \$1.30 = \$20.00$

10.8 **Application Approval and Deliveries to Diversions in Water Districts other than Water District #1.** Applications submitted with the appropriate forms, rental prices, fees, and surcharges for purchasing assignment pool storage shall be approved according to Procedure 10.4.103 as assignment pool storage becomes available. However, application approval does not guarantee delivery and/or exchange of assignment pool storage to diversions that are not measured or regulated by Water District #1 unless the daily diversion of rental storage is reported by the Watermasters of those districts to the Water District #1 Watermaster to facilitate the proper accounting of storage rental exchanges and deliveries to water districts outside of Water District #1.

10.9 **Rental Refunds.** Funds collected for approved rental applications will not be refunded regardless of whether or not the rental storage was used by the assignee. Applications that were not approved, or a written request to withdraw the application prior to its approval is received by the district from the applicant, shall have their application monies refunded in December of the year in which the proceeds are collected.

## **PROCEDURE 11.0 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES POOL**

11.1 **Purpose.** To provide flow augmentation rentals in excess of the amount provided in Procedure 5.2.105, upon a request by the Bureau for additional Water District 1 rentals consistent with the terms of the 2004 Snake River Agreement and these Procedures to further flow augmentation reliability as modeled in the 2007 Biological Assessment, the Committee shall consider making available a greater amount of storage rental if it determines on or before July 1 that extraordinary circumstances justify an additional amount of storage be made available for flow augmentation and existing uses (legal and equitable title to storage rights) are protected consistent with the Mediator's Term Sheet of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement. The Bureau and Committee will also consider on years when Milner spill occurs, the preservation of Uncontracted and Powerhead storage for use in subsequent years; provided, the Bureau exercises sole discretion over whether to use storage in its Uncontracted and Powerhead space for flow augmentation, so long as such use is consistent with the Mediator's Term Sheet of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement and applicable law.

11.2 **Quantity.** The maximum quantity of storage authorized to be leased through the extraordinary circumstances pool shall be determined annually by the Committee taking into account the advice and recommendation of the Rental Pool Subcommittee, together with current and forecasted hydrological conditions and estimated demand on the rental pool for above Milner uses.

11.3 **Price, Fees, & Surcharges.** The rental price for storage rented for flow augmentation shall be \$17.00 per acre-foot plus a \$1.70 Board surcharge plus a \$1.30 administrative fee, resulting in a total \$20.00 per acre-foot charge.

## 11.4 Extraordinary Circumstance Pool Supply.

- 11.4.101 *Notice to Spaceholders of Opportunity to Consign Storage through the Extraordinary Circumstance Pool.* The Watermaster shall provide notice of the extraordinary circumstance pool on the Water District 1 website, which shall include the following information:
- (a) The maximum quantity of storage authorized to be rented through the extraordinary circumstance pool;
  - (b) The rental supply deadline as authorized by the Committee;
  - (c) Instructions for spaceholders interested in consigning storage through the extraordinary circumstance pool, including instructions for executing a standardized circumstance pool rental contract; and
  - (d) The deadline, as set by the Committee, for the Watermaster to receive extraordinary circumstance pool rental contracts from spaceholders interested in consigning storage through the extraordinary circumstance pool.
- 11.4.102 *Extraordinary Circumstance Rental Contracts.* Spaceholders interested in consigning storage through the extraordinary circumstance pool shall execute a standardized extraordinary circumstance pool rental contract, which shall be provided by the Watermaster and include provisions for the following:
- (a) Limit eligibility to consign storage through the extraordinary circumstance pool only to spaceholders who qualify as participants under Procedure 2.28;
  - (b) The quantity sought to be consigned by the spaceholder may be any amount, except that the total amount of storage consigned pursuant to Procedure 11 may not exceed either the maximum quantity set by the Committee under Procedure 11.2 or 10% of the spaceholder's total reservoir system space, unless an exception is approved by the Rental Pool Subcommittee;
  - (d) The quantity actually consigned by the spaceholder may be reduced depending upon the number of spaceholders who elect to consign storage through the extraordinary circumstance pool as provided in Procedure 11.4.103;
  - (e) That, in the event the spaceholder elects to sign a standard pool rental contract before the date of publication, the spaceholder assumes the risk that its storage allocation may be less than the spaceholder anticipated; and
  - (f) Notice to the spaceholder that if the spaceholder's consignment through the extraordinary circumstance pool causes computed impacts, the mitigation required under Procedure 7 will result in an amount of the spaceholder's space, not to exceed the quantity of storage consigned by the spaceholder, being assigned a junior priority, an accounting commonly referred to as "last to fill."
- 11.4.103 *Distribution of Storage to the Extraordinary Circumstance Pool.* If, following the deadline for receipt of executed extraordinary circumstance pool rental contracts, the Watermaster determines that the total quantity of storage sought to be consigned through the extraordinary circumstance pool exceeds the quantity limitation established under Procedure 11.2, then the Watermaster shall reduce the quantity of each extraordinary circumstance pool rental contract to a pro rata share based on the amount of storage sought to be consigned by each spaceholder. The Watermaster shall amend the extraordinary circumstance pool rental contract(s) to reflect any reduced quantity required by this provision.
- 11.4.104 *Rental Contract Approval.* Following receipt of an extraordinary circumstance pool rental contract, the Watermaster shall determine whether the contract is in compliance with these procedures, and, if so, shall approve the same; provided, however, if the date of publication has not yet occurred, approval of the contract shall be conditioned on the spaceholder having a sufficient storage allocation during the accounting year to satisfy the contract.

- 11.5 **Notice of Contract Approval and Payment to Consignors.** The consignors shall receive the lease price apportioned according to the quantity of storage each spaceholder consigned through the extraordinary circumstance pool. The Watermaster shall notify spaceholder(s) who submitted extraordinary circumstance pool rental contracts of the approved amount and distribute the funds to the lessors within 30 days following approval or conditional approval of a request under Procedure 11.1 and rental contract approved under Procedure 11.4.104.
- 11.6 **Using Extraordinary Circumstances Pool Supply for Flow Augmentation Ahead of Assignment Pool Supply.** If the amount supplied by participants to the extraordinary circumstance pool exceeds the amount requested by the Bureau for extraordinary circumstances rental, all extraordinary circumstances rental shall be supplied through the extraordinary circumstances pool. If the amount supplied by participants to the extraordinary circumstance pool is less than the amount requested by the Bureau for extraordinary circumstances rental, the extraordinary circumstance rental shall be first supplied by the extraordinary circumstance pool and any remaining amount of extraordinary circumstance rental shall be supplied from the amount available to flow augmentation in the assignment pool pursuant to Procedure 10.0