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Sec. 25.1. Declaration of Policy. Water Code Section 13500, et seq., establishes a State policy to encourage the use of recycled water. Water Code Section 13500 provides that the use of potable domestic water for the irrigation of green belt areas, cemeteries, golf courses, park, and highway landscaped areas constitutes an unreasonable use of water where recycled water is available for such uses. Water Code Sections 71610 and 71611 authorize the district to provide and sell recycled and non-potable water within the water service jurisdiction of the District. It is the policy of the Board of Directors of the District to encourage and mandate the development of recycled water and non-potable water within the District to meet the growing demand for water within the District's service jurisdiction.

Sec. 25.2. Legislative Findings. The Board of Directors finds and determines that the implementation of recycled water and non-potable water within the service jurisdiction of the District is necessary to meet the growing demand for water service within the District, to reduce the demand for imported water to serve the District's customers, and to properly utilize local sources of usable water.

Sec. 25.3. Mandatory Use of Recycled and Non-Potable Water. All persons, customers, and property served by the District seeking water service from the District after the effective date of Ordinance No. 173 shall be required to utilize recycled water or non-potable water where reclaimed or non-potable water is determined to be available by the District and suitable for the uses being proposed. Customers of the District subject to this Ordinance shall comply with all terms and conditions of recycled or non-potable water service as prescribed by the District.

Sec. 25.4. Rules and Regulations for the Use of Recycled and Non-Potable Water Service. The use of recycled water is regulated by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Permission for the use of recycled water is based in part on meeting the requirements of Title 22, Chapter 3 of the California Administrative Code. The Title 22 regulations were promulgated by the State Department of Health Services for the purpose of ensuring protection of public health and to specify the degree of water treatment required for the particular uses of recycled water. The RWQCB, in association with the State Health Department, establishes discharge requirements. In accordance with discharge requirements for recycled water, the RWQC requires that rules and regulations for the use of recycled water be established. These rules and regulations shall also apply to the use of all non-potable water

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including, but not limited to, raw-unfiltered imported water, storm drain runoff, creek in-flows and ground water sources.

Sec. 25.5. Establishment of Rules and Regulations. The General Manager, or his/her designated representative, is authorized and directed to draft and amend from time to time the Rules and Regulations for the use of Recycled and Non-Potable Water within the Olivenhain Municipal Water District. The Rules and Regulations shall be distributed to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, the State of California Department of Health Services, and the San Diego County Health Department for their approval, and as amended from time to time to ensure the preservation of these beneficial uses and to protect the public health.

Sec. 25.6. Implementation of the Rules and Regulations. Implementation of the Rules and Regulations for Recycled and Non-Potable Water shall be based upon the Regional Water Quality Control Board, State Department of Health Services and San Diego County Health Department approving the Rules and Regulations and subsequent amendments, as being adequate to protect public health, safety and welfare.

Sec. 25.7. added via Ordinance No. 492 / September 8, 2021

Sec. 25.7. Wet Weather Incentive Program. Per Ordinance 492, The Wet Weather Incentive Program offers a financial incentive to recycled water customers in the Southeast Quadrant during periods of lower demand, such as cooler winter months and stretches of wet weather to assist in alleviating conditions which may lead to the Recycled Water Overflow Storage Basin (Pond) overflowing. Implementation of the Wet Weather Incentive Program is based on the Recycled Water Overflow Storage Basin trigger levels that, when reached during the fall and winter months, allow the General Manager to implement the program. Once implemented, the District offers recycled water customers an incentive to take recycled water as these customers have the ability to store water in ponds, lakes, impoundments, etc. The District will execute individual agreements with customers to utilize recycled water in the Southeast Quadrant in exchange for recycled water credits earned based upon customer usage during the program. Deactivation of the program is declared by the General Manager when the monthly Pond levels drop sufficiently below the trigger levels to allow for inflows into the Pond, or if the program enters the consecutive month and is below the respective Pond trigger levels.