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<b>Policy Title:</b> Consolidated Water Enterprise Fund	
<b>Policy Description:</b> Potable Water and Recycled Water to be Managed as Consolidated Funds for Operations, Replacement and Expansion	
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It is the policy of the Board of Directors of Dublin San Ramon Services District that potable and recycled water operations shall be managed as consolidated funds for operations, replacement and expansion.

### **Background, Definitions and Basis for Policy**

In support of the District’s Mission<sup>1</sup>, the District is committed to planning, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining the District’s water system so that it meets all legal and regulatory requirements and contractual obligations. In order to do so, it is imperative that sufficient revenue be collected and appropriate reserves maintained for both the potable and recycled water systems (collectively, the “**Water System**”). It is equally important that an appropriate financial structure and reporting system be maintained to account for the cost of providing potable and recycled water service (collectively, “**Water Service**”) and the investments made by the District into the Water System.

The District has been providing potable water service since the 1960’s and started deliveries of recycled water within its service area in the 1990’s. The District anticipates a steady and continued expansion of those distribution systems. Recycled water is integrated into the District’s water supply and distribution system planning. The District’s recycled water system benefits all customers of the District by improving the reliability of the potable supply. The integration of the systems also supports the Water Supply, Storage, Conveyance, Quality and Conservation policy No. P300-15-1. Experience has also shown that it is more efficient and effective to maintain a consolidated and coordinated fund structure for the District’s water services.

Accordingly, it is the policy of the District:

1. To maintain a consolidated fund structure for the potable and recycled enterprises (collectively, the “**Water Enterprise**”), the fund structure shall include, but not be limited, to an enterprise fund for

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<sup>1</sup> The District’s Mission is to provide reliable and sustainable water and wastewater services to the communities we serve in a safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible manner. (Strategic Plan FY 2016 – 2020)

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ongoing operations and maintenance, an expansion fund for increasing the capacity of the system, and a replacement fund for renewing and replacing assets; and

2. To charge equivalent system capacity fees in a given area (also known as connection fees) for all new potable and recycled water connections to the **Water System** (as well as connections for which the capacity is increased); and
3. To impose on all users of the **Water System** quantity charges for water and recycled water usage. The quantity charges for recycled water may be established by the Board to be less than the quantity charges for potable water so as to provide an incentive for recycled water use, provided that in setting the recycled water rate the Board shall not establish a rate that is less than the cost of potable water that the District purchases from Zone 7. Fixed (meter) charges may be established by the Board and shall be the same for potable and recycled water for a given meter size.