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<p>SUBJECT: WATER METERS</p>		

**STATEMENT OF POLICY:**

The Policy on Water Meters was originally implemented on October 30, 2002, and revised on November 9, 2006.

**PURPOSE:**

The Board for Financing Water Projects believes that:

- Metering of all water services is an essential element of a water conservation program.
- Metering is an effective means of improving and maintaining the close control of water system operations, made necessary by the difficulty in maintaining high quality water supplies and the increasing costs of providing reliable water service to consumers.
- Metering consumption provides a basis for assessing users equitably.
- Metering provides a database for system performance studies, facility planning, and evaluation of conservation measures. It also improves accountability for water delivered through the system and helps to ensure an equitable recovery of revenues.

**AB198 GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

The 1991 Nevada State Legislature passed a law requiring public water systems to adopt a Plan of Water Conservation (NRS 540.131). The Plan must include provisions related to the management of water to identify and reduce inaccuracies in water meters and leakage in water supplies (NRS 540.141).

The 2001 Nevada State Legislature established a program under NRS 349.941, to provide grants of money to an eligible recipient to pay for the cost of improvements to conserve water including the measurement or metering of the use of water.

The Board for Financing Water Projects requires that an application for grant funding include a report concerning the implementation of the plan of water conservation (NAC 349.500). The Board further requires that the Applicant provide an estimate of the capital costs required for the installation of water meters on all service connections, including an analysis of the feasibility of installing the water meters.

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**BOARD POLICY:**

It is the policy of this Board that each Public Water System that applies for AB 198 Grant Funding will be evaluated for the appropriateness of installing water meters. If the Board determines that water meters are appropriate for the water system, then the installation of water meters must be a condition of receiving the grant. A Public Water System that receives grant funding from this program to install water meters must provide a plan and schedule to implement a metered water rate.