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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the use of East Valley Water District (District) facilities by both employees and outside organizations. It is intended to ensure that the use of the facilities are granted in a fair and equitable manner for meetings, activities, and events, which are recreational, social, and/or civic in nature, offering services of interest and need to the community. Fees charged for the use of the facilities are intended to reflect operational costs of each event.

Policy

The District's Headquarters has a 2,740 square-foot space owned and operated by the District at 31111 Greenspot Road. The space primarily used for the District's board meetings could serve as a meeting space, reception hall, etc. The area includes outdoor meeting space, parking lot, and kitchen amenities.

Board Room-theater capacity: 100

Board Room-dining/ Outdoor capacity: 75

The District's Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC) has a 3,200 square foot multi purpose room owned and operated by the District at 25318 5th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410. The facility consists of a multipurpose room, which could also serve as a meeting space, reception hall, etc. The space includes outdoor event space, parking lot, and kitchen amenities.

Multi-Purpose Room capacity: 200

Public Conference Room: 10

SNRC Outdoor Capacity: 1,000

Both locations, at the District Headquarters and SNRC, are areas available in accordance with the terms of this Facility Use Policy, which is administered by the Public Affairs Division of East Valley Water District.



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Policy Approvals

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Revised policy adoption: September 13, 2017
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Revised policy adoption: January 25, 2023

This policy shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors at least every two years, and may be revisited sooner should the need arise.

Application Procedures

- A. An individual or representative of a group (Applicant) may inquire about the availability of a specific facility, date and time as well as rental rates by telephone or in-person at the facility during regular business hours. An available date cannot be held for possible use by making an inquiry.
- B. An individual or representative of a group can hold a date for possible use by making an appointment with staff to submit a written application, to sign the contract, and to pay the required deposit for a specific facility, date and time.
- C. All applicants must complete an East Valley Water District Facility Use Application (Application) and pay all applicable fees at the time of submitting the application.
- D. The applicant shall be classified and assigned a Group in accordance with the definition and priority rankings set forth in the section titled Group Priority Rating.
- E. Hours of operation are limited to staffing and scheduling availability at the District's discretion. A one (1) hour clean-up may be requested at the end of each event for no additional charge. Time needed for set up of the event is to be reflected with the rental hours.
- F. Observed Holidays- Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Juneteenth, and Independence Day. No use shall be scheduled on observed holidays without written District approval.
- G. Upon approval of an application, the applicant may not transfer, assign, or sublet use of the Facility or apply for use on behalf of another person or organization.



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- H. Applications shall be accompanied by proof of liability insurance consistent with the provisions of this Policy, a refundable cleaning deposit, and fees per the attached fee schedule.
- I. The District reserves the right to suspend use of a facility to those groups or individuals not complying with established rules and regulations. If event is found to be out of compliance, the applicant forfeits the deposit(s).
- J. The District reserves the right to cancel a reservation for any event or activity. In the event of such a cancellation, notice shall be given as far in advance as possible and a full refund will be made. Please note that this facility has been designated as an emergency facility, which could result in event cancellation should an emergency occur.
- K. The applicant must check-in with the District's on-site staff at the beginning time of the reservation and must be present for the duration of the event. Applicant must also checkout with on-site staff at the conclusion of the reservation and clean-up. Applicant must serve as or designate a point of contact for District staff during the event.
- L. Neither the District nor their agents, officials, employees, and/or volunteers will be held responsible for loss, damages or theft of equipment or articles owned by the applicant and/or guests.

Group Priority Rating

- A. An individual or group seeking permission to utilize the facilities will be classified in one of the following priority groups. These classifications are used to establish 1) priority of use, 2) applicability of a fee, and 3) amount of the fee, if any. The priority groups are as follows:
 - a. Group A- District Events: Activities conducted and/or sponsored by the District.
 - b. Group B- District Partners: Activities where District has partnered with the organization.
 - c. Group C- Community Activities: Activities where the District has entered into an annual agreement for scheduled events.
 - d. Group D- Community Based Organizations: Activities where public agencies conduct official business, non-profit service organizations or organizations sponsoring a public forum or candidate's night, and District employees.
 - e. Group E- Facility Rentals: Activities conducted by District residents for private use.
- B. Priority for use of the facility will be in alphabetical sequence, with Group A applicants receiving highest priority and Group E applicants the lowest priority. District customers that fall under Group E must provide proof of residency.



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- C. The General Manager/CEO, or designee, may develop and authorize an annual agreements with Group C qualifying agencies, including Scope of Services, Fees, and other applicable terms.

Liability and Insurance

- A. All users of the facility shall procure and maintain, at their own expense and for the duration of the event covered, comprehensive general liability insurance, against all claims for injuries against persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the use of the facility by the user, its agents, representatives or employees in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit and hold East Valley Water District harmless for any damage or injury.
- B. East Valley Water District must be named as “additional insured”.
- C. If alcohol is to be served, insurance coverage shall include coverage for serving alcoholic beverages.
- D. Evidence of Liability Insurance is due to District staff thirty days prior to the event rental date.

General Operating Regulations

- A. Tobacco use of any kind or smoking, including vape, is not permitted inside the facilities. Smoking will permitted in designated areas only.
- B. Incense, fog, hazer or smoke use is not permitted in the facilities at any time. Fire and open flame are strictly prohibited. Sterno heaters for food warming are allowed without a permit so long as heaters are placed under a chafing dish on a table with no guests seated at the table.
- C. Animals are not permitted inside the facilities, except those designated as service animals.
- D. Any user group desiring to charge an admission fee and/or donation or sell any items must submit a written request with the Facility Use Application and receive written authorization from the District. Additional insurance may be required.
- E. Illegal activities shall not be permitted. All groups and individuals using a facility shall comply with City, County, State, and Federal laws. Fighting, gambling, and lewd conduct are prohibited.
- F. Amplified music and/or sound systems, including public address systems, DJ’s, karaoke, bands, will not be permitted without prior written approval.
- G. Advertising materials may be left with the District for approval and may be displayed when deemed appropriate and as space permits. Any items posted, which have not been approved, will be removed and discarded.



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- H. No signs or decorations are to be taped, nailed or otherwise attached to walls, windows, ceilings, or window coverings. No rice, birdseed, confetti, or similar items shall be thrown in or around the facility. Balloons must be secured and not released. No hay bales are permitted on site.
- I. Clean-up is the user's responsibility. This includes the wiping of table tops and chairs, picking up trash from the areas used during the event and disposing of trash into proper receptacles, and removal of all user-owned or leased (non-District owned) items.
- J. Storage is not provided at the facilities.
- K. Food and beverage must remain in designated areas.
- L. Kitchen facilities, if applicable, are available for use. Use of ovens, refrigerators, etc. may be used only with specific advance approval and with the appropriate fee and deposits. Renters must provide all kitchen utensils.
- M. The District shall have the right to control and operate the facilities, including heating and air conditioning systems and common use areas, in a manner deemed best by the District.
- N. The District shall not rent, lease, or allow use of its public facilities by any person or organization that illegally discriminates on the basis of race, religion, sex (including gender, gender identity, gender expression and pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, genetic characteristics or information, marital status, age, sexual orientation (including homosexuality, bisexuality, or heterosexuality), or any other protected classification as protected by law.
- O. Special events or requests not covered in this Policy must be submitted in writing and shall be reviewed by the Public Affairs Department to determine appropriate use, fees, and services.
- P. In the event of damage, destruction or defacement, the applicant shall be liable for all expenses required to repair, restore, or replace the facility's furnishing, or equipment to its original condition. Any costs associated with this will be deducted from the deposit(s). If the cost of damage is greater than the deposit, the District will defer to the insurance policy for coverage.

Alcoholic Beverage Use and Service

- A. The use of alcohol in the facilities is exclusively by written permission in advance and must comply with applicable law and provisions of this Policy. Failure to comply with any regulations will result in immediate revocation of the permission to use alcohol and termination of the event. Additional regulations and specifications may be required in the facilities use permit for any event.
 - a. "Alcohol use" refers to any beverage that contains any amount of alcohol.



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- b. Security is required to be present at all events at which alcohol is served. Cost of the security is the responsibility of the user and payable to East Valley Water District. Events with over 150 guests, two guards may be required. Events may be required to have additional security, as determined by the District.
- c. Alcohol shall not be served to minors. The user's failure to comply, monitor and enforce this provision is grounds for terminating the activity immediately and forfeiture of the refundable deposits and all of the room fees. District staff reserves the right to ask for identification for age verification.
- d. Permission to serve alcohol shall not be granted for any event where a majority (50% plus one) of guests in attendance will be under the age of 21.
- e. Alcohol may not be served or consumed in the parking lot.
- B. The service of alcohol at any event is limited to a maximum of five (5) consecutive hours. Serving of any alcoholic beverage must end one (1) hour before the close of the event.
 - a. All alcoholic beverages will be stored away from the event after this time until the end of the event.
- C. All alcohol must be distributed by a server from behind a table or bar, which must be monitored at all times. The server(s) must be an adult, over the age of 21 who is to be responsible for ensuring that no minors are served and that no guests are over-served. The server may not consume alcohol while on duty.
 - a. Additional requirements may be needed for no-host bar events.
- D. License Requirements (when alcohol is to be sold)
 - a. No sales or requests for donations for alcohol are permitted without a license from the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC).
 - i. State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 900, Riverside, California 92501. Their telephone number is (909) 782-4400.
 - b. A copy of your contract must be furnished to ABC when applying for this license.
 - c. A copy of the ABC license must be furnished to the District a minimum of seven (7) working days prior to the event and posted in plain view near the bar or where alcohol is being served.
 - d. A one-day alcoholic beverage permit can only be issued to a non-profit organization and only if the proceeds are going back to the non-profit organization.
 - e. Private parties shall not sell alcohol on their own, but must arrange this through a licensed caterer. The caterer must have a License (Type 47 or 48), which enables the caterer to sell beer, wine and distilled spirits (hard liquor). If the caterer does not have this license the



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private party cannot sell alcohol, NO EXCEPTIONS. It is illegal for a private party to sell alcohol on their own.

- E. Injuries or damage caused to any person or property as a result of alcoholic beverages being served and/or consumed on District properties shall be the sole responsibility of the organization, its sponsor or the adult representative, who, as a condition of signing the use permit for the facility agree to indemnify the District for any such injury or damage.

Equipment Use

- A. The District has a variety of equipment that can be requested for use at the facilities on a first come, first served basis.
- B. Tables and chairs will be included as part of the paid facility rental with the exception of the outside and lobby areas. Other amenities and equipment potentially available include: podium, overhead projector, projector screen, microphone, coffee pot.
- C. Kitchen amenities include: oven; refrigerator; dishwasher; counter space; microwave; and sink.

Fees & Deposits

- A. To hold a date, a minimum deposit of 50% of the total fee must be made at the time of the reservation. The remaining balance due must be paid 30 days prior to the reservation date. All fees are payable to East Valley Water District.
- B. All events require a \$100 security deposit that must be paid at the time of reservation.
- C. A security guard (s) are required for events that are serving alcohol. The fees are based on a vendor contract and are subject to change.
- D. If the request for facilities is not approved, all initial deposit(s) will be returned within three (3) weeks of the denial.
- E. All facility use cancellations must be made by the Applicant at least ten (10) working days in advance of the scheduled event. Failure to do so may result in a 10% loss of the fees paid to reserve the facility or \$100, whichever is greater.
- F. The user shall be required to pay the full cost of breakage or damage (over and above the deposited funds), regardless of the amount. If damage occurs and it is less than the deposit, the difference shall be refunded.
- G. Deposit refunds will be processed withing three (3) to six (6) weeks after event and will be sent in the form of a check to the applicant.



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Fee Schedule - Headquarters					
	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D*	Group E*
Facility Use (Flat fee)	No Charge (NC)	\$350/event	N/A	\$415	\$415
Facility Use Rental (Hourly fee)	NC	NC	N/A	\$75/hour ^o	\$135/hour
Security Deposit	NC	\$100	N/A	\$100	\$100
Alcohol Deposit**	NC	\$500	N/A	\$500	\$500
*Groups D and E pays an hourly facility use fee in addition to the facility use flat fee **A security guard(s) is required for events that are serving alcohol ^o Hourly charge only applies for after-hours events [†] Pass through fee based on vendor contract					
Additional Amenities					
Security Guard †	NC	\$27.85/hour	N/A	\$27.85/hour	\$27.85/hour
Microphone/Projector Deposit	NC	NC	N/A	\$50	\$50
Flags	NC	NC	N/A	NC	NC
Podium	NC	NC	N/A	NC	NC
Tables and Chairs Set-up	NC	NC	N/A	\$110	\$110



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Fee Schedule - SNRC					
	Group A	Group B	Group C ⁺	Group D*	Group E*
Facility Use (Flat fee)	No Charge (NC)	\$400/event	Agreement Specific	\$475/ event	\$1,175/event
Facility Use Rental (Hourly fee)	NC	NC	Agreement Specific	\$90/ hour	\$165/hour
Security Deposit	NC	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$200
Alcohol Deposit**	NC	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
*Group C pricing will effect specific agreement terms as authorized by the General Manager/CEO. *Groups D and E pays an hourly facility use fee in addition to the facility use flat fee **A security guard(s) is required for events that are serving alcohol ° Hourly charge only applies for after hours events †Pass through fee based on vendor contract					
Additional Amenities					
Security Guard †	NC	\$27.85/hour	\$27.85/hour	\$27.85/hour	\$27.85/hour
Microphone/Projector Deposit	NC	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Flags	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Podium	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Tables and Chairs Set-up	NC	\$130	Agreement Specific	\$330	\$330

Linens, cutlery, and decorations are not included with the room rental fee.

Variance

- A. An applicant may request a variance from one or more of the rules set forth in this policy in writing at the time of the Facility Use Application. The request must set forth the unusual circumstances that justify a deviation from the ordinary rules.
- B. In the event a variance is granted, the applicant will pay any supplemental fee necessary to compensate the District for additional costs associated with the variance. Denial of a variance may be appealed within ten days to the General Manager/CEO. The General Manager/CEO's decision will be final.