

	<b>COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT</b> <b>Policy 3.5</b> "Voluntary Change of Land Classification"				APPROVED: <u>Jerry Sleater</u> President Board of Directors
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**A. Purpose**

It is deemed to be in the best interest of both the District and individual ratepayers to allow a ratepayer to remove all or part of its property from the classification of irrigable but to retain the possible right to irrigate in the future. This is to say, that the property will be classified as nondelivered but will have a right to water in the future if water is available and the land become irrigable.

For some property irrigation cannot be used beneficially but may be able to be irrigated in the future. Examples are wet areas which are drained or later become dry for other reasons; steep areas which become terraced; or rocky areas that have the rocks removed. Each parcel will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

**B. Policy**

1. Lands may be classified as irrigable or non-irrigable. Another option that may be available dependent upon current District rules is relinquishment of water entitlement from lands within the District.
2. The District will allow land classification to be changed following a review of each petition based upon the merits of the petition in conjunction with the current availabilities of irrigable land and demand for such lands.
3. The general process is outlined in the corresponding procedure and is enacted through the appropriate District forms.
4. Lands classified as non-irrigable will receive a priority date for future reclassification.

**C. Definitions**

1. **Classification:** The status of lands within the District that determines eligibility for water delivery.
2. **Reclassification:** The process that changes the eligibility to receive District water of a given parcel of land.
3. **Irrigable:** The land classification that provides a given parcel the entitlement to receive District waters.
4. **Non-irrigable:** The land classification that renders a given parcel ineligible to receive District waters for either a) the ground is not suitable for irrigation because of its soil composition. In which case the land is not assessed by the District. b) The parcel owner has through this policy voluntarily ask for non-delivery of water. In which case the parcel shall be assessed at a reduced rate to maintain its priority for a possible return to irrigable status in the future.

- 5. Relinquishment:** Removing the eligibility to receive District water from a given parcel in perpetuity. Effectively returning irrigable acres to the District to be given to other parcels.