

# CALLAYOMI COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## POLICY HANDBOOK

**POLICY TITLE:** California Public Records Act Response Procedures

**POLICY NUMBER:** 12425

The California Public Records Act (Government Code, section 6250 et seq.) grants California residents important rights to obtain access to non-exempt (disclosable) records (Government Code sections 6254, 6255) held by public agencies. The District adopts this policy to clarify how it will respond to requests for records under the Public Records Act.

12425.1 All requests for public records shall be in writing on a form approved by the Board of Directors, unless the request is to review an agenda, agenda reports, or minutes of the Board or ordinances or resolutions of the Board or any of its committees, which document(s) are available in the District office or on the District website. The request for public records form, attached as appendix 12425A, is available in the District office or on the District website.

12425.2 Staff will respond to all requests as soon as possible after they are received, but not later than 10 days after receipt of the request to either state whether the District has responsive records or request an extension of up to 14 days to make that determination pursuant to Government Code section 6253(c).

- a) Staff shall review each request and determine whether it seeks identifiable records.
- b) Staff shall request all Directors and staff who may have the records requested to search their files. Directors and staff must report whether they have responsive records and, if so, when the records can be made available to the requestor.
- c) Staff shall respond to the requestor, advising him or her in writing of the availability of the documents, a description of the medium (paper, electronic format, etc.) and location of the records, and whether any are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act.
- d) If a request is made for copies of records, staff shall also advise the requestor of the estimated copying cost. The District shall make any disclosable records it holds in electronic format available in such format when requested.
- e) The person requesting the copies shall pay the charges for the requested copies established by the Board. At present those are: \$.20 per page. Staff may request a deposit of estimated copying costs exceeding \$5.00 and shall not release the copies until the actual copying cost is paid.

12425.3 In accordance with the Public Records Act, staff will provide specific, identifiable records but will not research records for particular types of information, as distinct from records, or analyze information which may be contained in public records. Staff has no obligation to create records in response to a Public Records Act request.

12425.4 Staff will respond to requests for public records in accordance with the Public Records Act as the Act now exists or may hereafter be amended, and nothing in this Policy is intended nor shall it be construed to conflict with the terms of the Public Records Act.

THIS POLICY IS HEREBY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALLAYOMI COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2023. THIS VERSION OF THE POLICY SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS.

BY: (signed copy in office)  
JESSICA DESSEL, BOARD PRESIDENT