

## **SECONDARY WATER METER FUNDING PROGRAM**

### **Program Guidelines:**

1. The Utah Board of Water Resources will utilize its existing funding mechanisms to make secondary water metering a greater priority.
2. The board will allocate up to \$10 million in loans per year, at a discounted interest rate of 1%, to entities interested in metering secondary connections at the customer level.
3. The length of the loan shall be five years less than the warranty of the meters; not to exceed 30 years.
4. The board will require 15% cost-sharing from the funding applicant.
5. The loan will include funds for the meter itself, installation and equipment costs, meter-reading technology, the cost of databases and billing or reporting software. It will not include costs tied to ongoing reading of the meters, additional staffing, etc.
6. The loan will be allocated only for the installation of new secondary water meters, not the repair and replacement of such meters.
7. Only pressurized secondary systems which provide service primarily to residential, lawn and garden systems will be eligible for funding.
8. Loan recipients will require that all new developments within their service area install secondary water meters.
9. The board will require either an educational component on the billing statement and/or that the entity charge based on usage with a tiered conservation rate.
10. Loan recipients will report annual water usage data, gathered through the new metered secondary water systems, to the Utah Division of Water Rights.
11. In circumstances where secondary water metering is only a component of an overall project, only that component will qualify for the 1% interest rate.
12. The Utah Division of Water Resources will work with entities to promote the implementation of best practices in order to ensure the greatest water efficiency and conservation benefits.
13. The board will continue this program as long as there is available funding and universal metering is still unachieved.
14. If more loan money is made available, the board will use its discretion to decide whether to allocate more funding to this program.

### **Other Standard Board Guidelines**

1. The board will require the funding applicant to prepare a Water Conservation Plan.
2. The board will require the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting irrigation of residential landscapes between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.