

ARTICLE 280 Design and Construction Standards - Policies and Procedures

- Sec. 280.1 Purpose – The District Engineer shall prepare and maintain Standards as described within this Article to serve as guidelines for the planning, design, and construction of water, recycled water, and wastewater facilities. The Standards shall take precedence as the governing rules and regulations for any entity planning, designing and constructing water, recycled water, wastewater facilities to be accepted by or dedicated to the District for ownership, operation and maintenance, unless otherwise modified in the approved construction documents.
- Sec. 280.2 Standards – The following sections shall comprise the Standards and shall be prepared and recommended by the District Engineer, reviewed by District’s legal counsel when applicable, and approved by the Director of Operations and General Manager:
- (a) General Conditions
 - (b) Design Guidelines
 - (c) Standard Drawings
 - (d) Approved Material Lists
 - (e) Standard Forms
 - (f) Technical Specifications
- Sec. 280.3 Standards Revision Process – Revisions to the Standards shall be prepared and recommended by the District Engineer from time to time, as needed to provide for improved materials, construction methods, etc. Revisions to the Standards shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Operations and General Manager. Revisions shall take affect from the date of approval.
- Sec. 280.4 Availability – The Standards shall be made available to all interested parties at no cost and shall be posted on the District’s web site for download in Portable Document Format (PDF).
- Sec. 280.5 Applicability – The Standards shall apply to all capital improvement projects, private development projects, special projects, and projects constructed by District forces, including system maintenance activities.
- Sec. 280.6 Enforcement – New projects shall be subject to the latest version of the Standards at the time of plan approval. Project proponents shall be made aware of any revisions to the Standards that occur during the planning or design phase. Once a project is approved for construction and construction is initiated, the Standards in effect at the time of plan approval shall remain in effect through completion and acceptance of the project. Plan approval is valid for one year. If construction is not initiated within one year of plan approval, then the plan approval expires and the project shall be subject to re-review and the then current Standards. If a situation arises during design or construction where an appropriate standard is lacking to sufficiently address the situation to the District’s satisfaction, the District Engineer has authority to develop and enforce a new or modified standard, as appropriate.