

**USE OF EBID FACILITIES**

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) is a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico. EBID operates, maintains, and owns the irrigation distribution system of the Rio Grande Project which was acquired and constructed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), including the canals, laterals, drains, wasteways, canal/drain banks, and structures. EBID property and rights-of-ways are authorized for use by EBID personnel only. **Use of, or on, EBID facilities requires authorization from EBID** in the form of a special use permit, limited use permit, joint powers agreement, or other written contract agreement. Permits and contracts are usually issued for terms of 1, 10, or 25 years, depending on the type of use. Permits will not be issued for a term longer than 25 years. All permits longer than 1 year require approval of EBID's Board of Directors at a board meeting. Applications often take at least one month for full signed approval and depending on the timing of submission of an application, approval may take as long as 2 months. Please plan accordingly and contact EBID's Engineering Department about your application as soon as possible. A summary of the procedures, guidelines, and criteria for the issuance of licenses and permits, where to find more information, and the fees associated with the consideration of applications for right of use are described below.

**USE OF WHAT FACILITIES?**

- EBID canals, laterals, drains, wasteways, rights-of-way (ROW), structures, and other District owned properties
- Canal/drain banks (operation/maintenance access)
- EBID-sponsored flood control structures
- Diversion dams with EBID/BOR agreements

**WHAT TYPES OF USE?**

All uses or structures that utilize, cross, or parallel EBID facilities require a permit or contract including, but not limited to:

- Culverts and bridges
- Utilities and pipelines
- Harvest gates
- Discharge/agricultural runoff
- Trails/bike paths
- Irrigation siphons or flumes
- Beehives
- Removal of dirt, sand, or trees
- Pump in/take out during EBID irrigation season

**AT RISK NOTICE**

Canals, laterals, and drains are protected under NM Tort Claims Act as irrigation works and are **ONLY** intended for the storage and diversion of water. Therefore, canal, lateral, and drain banks, being part of the irrigation works, are not intended to be used as roads.

**PENALTY**

Failure to obtain proper authorization for use of EBID facilities may result in the removal of encroachments from EBID facilities and/or other action at the owner's expense.

**NOT AUTHORIZED**

Use of EBID canal/drain banks, operation/ maintenance access or rights-of-way for parallel **INGRESS/EGRESS** to private property

**TRESPASS** (motorized or otherwise) onto EBID facilities without permit, license, or agreement

**ENCROACHMENT** of structures, fencing, earthwork, parked vehicles, landscaping, pavement, driveways, plowing/farming, or any use onto EBID facilities without permit, license, or agreement.

**DUMPING** of yard waste, dirt, spoil, concrete rubble, trash, manure, or demolition waste.

**WHO MUST OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION?**

Everyone: Private individuals, EBID members, utilities, firms or corporations, and governmental agencies must obtain written permission prior to use.

**HOW DO I APPLY FOR A RIGHT-OF-USE PERMIT?**

The EBID "Right of Use and License Policy" establishes the procedures, guidelines, and criteria for the issuance of licenses and permits as provided by the applicable laws, regulations, and rules of the State of New Mexico and the EBID. The entire policy is available for viewing at the EBID Engineering Department, and on the EBID website at [www.ebid-nm.org/permits](http://www.ebid-nm.org/permits). The process for obtaining an authorization for the right to use EBID facilities is briefly described below. It is recommended that you visit or contact the EBID Engineering Department for specific instructions regarding your right-of-use permit application as soon as possible.

**CONSTRUCTION / INSTALLATION OF STRUCTURES**

**All construction activities must be coordinated with EBID.** Construction is usually not permitted during irrigation season. You must notify EBID Engineering prior to construction activities beginning and when finished.

**DESIGN CRITERIA**

Criteria have been prepared to serve as a guide for the design of installations to be constructed on EBID facilities. The general requirements that apply to most installations are available at our Engineering Department and the pertinent policy and application are available on our website at [www.ebid-nm.org/permits](http://www.ebid-nm.org/permits).

## THE EBID PERMIT PROCESS

APPLICATION:	You must submit a right-of-use permit application to EBID's District Engineer. The required application is available at EBID's Engineering Department and our website at <a href="http://www.ebid-nm.org/permits">www.ebid-nm.org/permits</a> . A non-refundable application fee is required. Permit applications should be submitted in person and include the following:
Contact information	Permit application contact, business name, address, phone number, email address, and EBID customer number or DAC parcel number (if applicable).
Design	Discussion with EBID's Engineering Department as soon as possible for design criteria is recommended. Certain structures can only be designed and installed by EBID. Major works such as bridges, concrete box culverts, inverted siphons, large culverts, relocations of irrigation facilities must be designed by a professional engineer. Three (3) sets of detailed construction design plans are required.
Site Plan	Maps showing the location and siting of structures are required. Photos of all four directions of crossing (north, south, east, and west) are recommended. Any other pertinent information that will help EBID determine the location and any potential conflicts should be included.
Farm use permits	Please indicate if your application is for a use specific to a farming operation.
Pump-in permits	Farming groundwater pump in/take out permits have special requirements including the installation of an RTU (remote telemetry unit) for metering the discharged flow in real time and testing of the pumped water prior to discharge. The NMOSE LRG well number is also required information. See EBID Board Policy 2003-OP10 for more information.
Conditions	General conditions, requirements, and responsibilities can be found on the Right of Use Application. Please review these thoroughly. Special conditions may be added. Permittees may be required to furnish such insurance protection as EBID Board or Officials deem necessary.
REVIEW:	Your application, design, and plans will be evaluated by the District Engineer and pertinent Staff. When internal reviews are complete, your permit application will be submitted to EBID's Board of Directors and Staff will provide a recommendation.
APPROVAL:	EBID's Board of Directors usually meets the second Wednesday of each month. You do not need to be present, however, should questions arise during the meeting, your permit may be delayed until all questions and/or requirements are satisfied. The Board may approve, deny, or table your request. Special Conditions may be assigned at this time. You will be notified in writing of the Board's decision.
FEES:	If your permit application is approved, you will be invoiced for the fees assessed. Permit/License Schedule is available at EBID Engineering Department or EBID's website <a href="http://www.ebid-nm.org/permits">www.ebid-nm.org/permits</a> . EBID Engineering Department can also assist with estimating fees. Fees may include but are not limited to those described below:
Application Fee	The application fee is \$50 plus tax, is non-refundable, and is required for ALL requests.
Administrative Fee	Engineering review, ROW investigation, legal review, coordination with other agencies, construction inspection, document preparation, rights-of-use assistance, appraisals.
Land Use Fee	Fair market value of the right and privilege requested for use of the EBID facilities. Surety or Performance Bond and/or insurance protection or indemnification may be required as the Board may deem necessary.
Discharge Fee	Based on flow or volume discharged. (Excludes well discharge for irrigation)
Fee Waiver Request	Permit fees can only be waived by the District's Board of Directors consistent with legal limitations. Use for farming activities may be waived at the Board's discretion. Please indicate a request for waiver of fees at the time of application.
FINALIZE:	Your permit will be mailed to you as soon as possible following Board approval. <i>Your permit is not valid until you pay the fees, sign and return the documents to EBID, and the permit is signed by EBID officials.</i> A copy will be returned to you for your records.
CONSTRUCTION NOTICE:	New construction/installation must be completed within two years of approval. <u>Construction and/or use cannot begin until your permit is valid.</u> You must notify EBID Engineering Department when construction or use begins and ends. Construction usually can only take place during the non-irrigation season. EBID will inspect all completed structures may have additional inspection requirements.

## WHO TO CONTACT

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