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POLICY SUBJECT: DRAIN WASH-INS

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PURPOSE: To establish a policy for handling wash-ins that occur when land that is being irrigated adjacent to an EBID drain creates migrating soil and erosion disturbance due to rodent activity, or otherwise, to be washed into EBID facilities.

POLICY: It is the responsibility of individual farmers/landowners to ensure wash-ins that affect EBID property do not occur. Wash-ins affecting EBID-owned drains must be immediately reported by the property owner to EBID at the time of the occurrence. The wash-in site will be inspected by authorized EBID personnel and a plan for repairs will be determined. The work for repairs will be performed by EBID. The cost of repairs will be billed to the owner of the property on which the wash-in occurred at the time of completion. The property owner's failure to pay for repairs as billed may result in legal action.

PROCEDURE:

1. The irrigator/property owner must report the wash-in to the EBID Maintenance Project Director or Watermaster.
2. EBID shall immediately place appropriate safety devices such as barricades, signs, or caution tape at the wash-in site to prevent accidental damage or injury at the site.
3. As soon as is reasonably possible after report of the wash-in is made, the EBID Maintenance Project Director shall inspect the wash-in site and determine a plan and schedule for repair. A wash-in that jeopardizes the ability of EBID to perform required work tasks or presents a safety hazard will have a high-level repair priority. Lower-level priority repairs will be placed on the EBID Maintenance Department work schedule.
4. The EBID Maintenance Department will complete the repair work.
5. The EBID Controller will submit the invoice for the repair work to the property owner for payment to EBID. The property owner's failure to pay for the repairs as billed may result in legal action.