

RUTH LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Policy Handbook

**POLICY TITLE: INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS ON
RECREATIONAL SUB-LEASE SITED**

POLICY NUMBER: 6220

6220.10 No lease site shall be used until an approved wastewater treatment system is in place.

6220.20 Approvals and permits

6220.21 Both Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and the Ruth Lake Community Services District must give approval for the installation of a system within the Buffer Strip.

6220.211 Approval must be gained prior to perc testing to avoid unnecessary damage by heavy equipment.

6220.212 Approximate locations of proposed perc holes, tanks, leach fields, and replacement areas shall be indicated on a lease site plan submitted with the request.

6220.22 The Trinity County Health Services Department is the permitting agency for all wastewater treatment systems in the Buffer Strip. They will not act on an application until they have received notification of preliminary approval from HBMWD and RLCSO.

6220.30 Size and type of system

6220.31 All Road Access leases shall have a septic tank with leach field.

9220.311 No vault or pit privy, nor any holding tank may be located on a road access lease.

6220.312 The size of the system will be determined using current Trinity County guidelines, considering type of soil, anticipated use etc.

6220.32 Boat access only leases must install a pit privy; septic systems are not allowed.

6220.321 If a vault privy is installed, no running water (i.e.: pumped from lake or diverted from stream or spring) will be allowed unless a separate gray water disposal system is installed.

6220.322 Construction of pit privies shall be in accordance with RLCSO policy number 6225.

6220.40 Location

6220.41 No sewage disposal system shall be located within 100 feet of the high water level, nor within 50 feet of any permanent or intermittent stream or spring.

6220.42 Trinity County guidelines may require more stringent setbacks because of site conditions e.g. cut banks, roadways, slopes etc.

6220.43 System location shall be such that no part of the tank, leach field, or repair area will be built on, driven over, or parked upon.

6220.50 Holding Tanks are not permitted on the buffer strip unless maintained by a public agency.

6220.60 Gray Water

6220.61 Gray water is defined as untreated household wastewater which has not come into contact

with toilet or kitchen waste. It includes water from showers (indoor and outdoor). Laundry facilities, and wash basins. It excludes waste water from kitchen sinks, dishwashers, or toilets. Further, gray water is considered as used running water from a specific outlet. Water carried to a facility and carried away for disposal is not considered gray water.

6220.62 Gray water shall not be discharged directly onto the ground, or in such a manner as to reach the lake or water course in any quantity.

6220.63 Gray water shall be directed to a system that has been approved by the Trinity County Environmental Health Division (EHD). The leaseholder must complete and submit the application for an on-site sewage disposal system. A representative from EHD will perform a site visit in order to complete the evaluation and issue the permit. The permit will specify design standards for the pit privy and gray water systems specific to the individual site.

6220.631 A separate gray water system shall not be installed on road access leases.

6220.70 System failure

6220.71 Because of the proximity to Ruth Reservoir, any sign of pending or outright failure is Cause for immediate concern and action.

6220.72 Failure is defined as the ineffective treatment and disposal of waste resulting in the surfacing of sewage effluent and/or the degrading of underground or surface water quality.

6220.73 Some signs of failure are odor, surfacing of water, movement of ground in proximity to a disposal system, evidence of discharge around waste or vent pipes or access covers.

6220.74 Action to be taken if evidence of failure is found

6220.741 If evidence of pending or suspected failure or overuse is found, the sub-lease holder shall be contacted immediately. The sub-lease holder shall submit a plan to correct the problem to the district within ten days. The problem shall be corrected by the sub-lease holder within 30 days.

6220.742 If evidence of outright failure is found, the sub-lease holder shall be contacted immediately, and the sub-lease site shall not be used until the problem is corrected and inspected by the Trinity County Health Department. The sub-lease holder shall submit a plan to correct the failure within ten days. The plan shall include a timeline to correct the failure, normally within thirty days. Since the action to correct a failure will most likely involve major construction, the District will consider one thirty day extension to schedule a qualified contractor.

6220.90 Inspections:

6220.91 The Trinity County Health Department shall inspect the installation of all new or replacement septic systems, pit privies and gray water systems.

6220.92 The RLCSD shall inspect the installation of all pit privies and gray water systems.

6220.93 The RLCSD shall inspect all road access leases to ensure no signs of failure are present at least yearly.

6220.94 The RLCSD shall inspect annually all boat access leases to ensure no signs of failure are present and that proper maintenance of pit privy structures is ongoing.

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