



**Debt Management
Debt Issuance Limitations
Practice 14.2.1**

RELEVANT POLICIES: 11.1.0 Investment Management and 14.1.0 Debt Management and Limits

To ensure that debt, through the issuance of bonds or other long term indebtedness, is limited to appropriate levels, the District will manage outstanding bonds and installment purchase obligations through a measure of affordability as follows:

- 1.0 The District will ensure that all bonded indebtedness is analyzed and validated by comparing the consequences of the debt issuance against the District's Debt Coverage Ratio. Debt issued for non-utility purposes must remain within a Debt Coverage Ratio of at least 1.5 times. Debt issued for utility purposes must remain within a Debt Coverage Ratio of 1.75 times.

Under this Practice, "utility" purposes are those related to only water and sewer functions. The Debt Service Coverage Ratio will be determined by dividing the operating or other available revenues less operating expenses other than depreciation and interest by the annual principal and interest payments. The ratio will be stated in the number of times the net revenue covers the annual debt service. The process of analysis and validation will consider the projected amounts for each year the issue will be outstanding. An acceptable result will include meeting the standard on average over the life of the issue in question. However, the coverage ratio in any one year cannot go below 1.0.

- 2.0 The District will consider issuing a bond for any non-"utility" project or group of projects, when that totals more than \$2,500,000 and can be repaid within 10 years of issuance. The District will consider issuing a bond for a period longer than 10 years when it is necessary for the economic feasibility of the project.
- 3.0 The District will consider issuing a bond for any "utility" project or group of projects, when that totals more than \$2,500,000 and can be repaid within 20 years of the completion of the project acquisition or construction. The additional time allowed is in recognition of that



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maturity under the Nevada State Revolving Fund Loan Program. Shorter maturities are preferred whenever feasible.

- 4.0 The effective limitation on the total of bonds outstanding at a given point of time is expected to be a function of the feasibility in the marketplace for a proposed issue, combined with the District existing Bond Rating, the financial projections of the District and the ability to sell bonds within the projected parameters.
- 5.0 Consideration of the use of installment purchase obligations will be conducted according to Nevada Revised Statutes. This form of financing is also referred to as municipal leasing, can be considered for a project or group of projects when that totals more than \$250,000 and can be repaid within 10 years of issuance (in effect requiring the obligation to comply with Medium Term Financing guidelines).
- 6.0 This Practice is expected to be reviewed and updated from time to time to validate the coverage ratio and the dollar and maturity limits used to establish acceptance for issuance of bonded indebtedness. That review should occur in conjunction with the adoption of the Debt Management Policy.