



OWRC Affiliate Policy

In accordance with OWRC Bylaws, eligible Affiliate entities may apply for Affiliate status with OWRC by completing a standardized application form, and submitting payment for the applicable dues category. The Executive Committee may review, approve, reject, or ask for additional information about potential Affiliates.

Affiliates are to conduct themselves in a manner that is supportive of irrigated agriculture and OWRC's mission. An Affiliate that fails to meet the criteria as stated in the OWRC bylaws, or fails to pay its dues in a timely fashion, may be removed. In addition, an Affiliate that conducts business in a manner that is detrimental to the welfare of OWRC or its members may be removed. Examples of adverse conduct include but are not limited to: lobbying on federal or state legislation that has the potential to negatively impact OWRC members, lobbying against OWRC legislation, engaging in litigation against OWRC, and asserting legal positions that are adverse to the interests of a majority of OWRC members.

The removal process for adverse conduct may be triggered by a complaint received from a district who is a current member of OWRC. Upon receiving a complaint about an Affiliate from a member, the Executive Committee will investigate. If the Executive Committee finds good cause for removal, it will refer the matter to the Board of Directors for vote at the next regular meeting. An Affiliate will be removed upon majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Affiliate members are encouraged to enter the names of OWRC member districts into their conflict management systems to avoid inadvertently violating this policy.