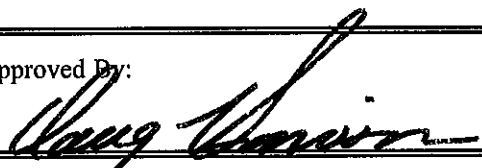


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I. It is the goal of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District to maintain a basin storage capacity reserve which will accommodate an adjusted historical maximum 48-hour rainfall, as shown on the attached curve, assuming a 2-year design event "c" factor and in accordance with the following discretionary operational considerations:

- Priority for dewatering operations should be given to basins that have the least amount of storage relative to rainfall within its respective drainage area; and, shall consider the basin's need to accommodate upstream system dewatering.
- Basin pumping should be consistent with the overall operational priorities and disposal capacities of downstream systems.
- Dewatering of basins to the desired maximum 48-hour rainfall storage reserve is subject to: (1) the availability of a practical point of disposal; and (2) available resources as determined by the General Manager.
- Operational activities should be performed within the hydraulic capacity of the existing storm drainage system. Discharges to storm drains which can only accept such discharge off-peak from storm events can not be made during storm events.
- Nothing contained within these guidelines shall preempt the General Manager or his designated representative from exercising discretionary judgement in operating the system so as to minimize flood damage and maximize the protection of public safety and welfare. At any time the use of discretionary judgement results in a significant variation in practice or procedures otherwise provided for by these guidelines, such variance shall be reported to the Board of Directors.