Watermaster’s Summary of Rules for Contractual Sales of Water Amistad/Falcon System

Sales of water between water right holders in the middle and lower Rio Grande must comply with certain requirements.

- Sale of water can only be approved between same-type use of water. (In other words, irrigation water can be sold only to another irrigation water right holder; municipal water can be sold only to another municipal water right holder.) Sales between incompatible water uses are not authorized.
- Sales of water can only be processed for water rights in the middle and lower Rio Grande.
- Accounts with existing water contract balances cannot sell water from their account. Resale of contract water is prohibited.
- Sales of water can be approved only IF the seller’s account has sufficient water to sell and the buyer’s account will not exceed its authorized storage limit by the purchase(s).
- Water contracts must be properly completed with all required information and signed by authorized parties as per Certificates of Adjudication records and Agent Designation forms, where appropriate.
- Purchased irrigation water is valid only for a 12-month period. Purchased municipal water expires the last Saturday of each year.