

**RULE VIII**

**SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

1. **TYPES OF SERVICE CONNECTIONS:**

The District allows the following Service Connections (as defined in Rule II) to the Distribution System:

- Domestic Service Connection
- Irrigation Service Connection
- Fire Service Connection
- Combination Domestic and Fire Service Connection
- Temporary Service Connection for Construction

Only one building and its directly related adjuncts shall be served through a Service Connection unless otherwise approved by the District.

2. **OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE:**

The District owns and maintains the Service Connection after passing final inspection.

The customer owns and maintains the Customer Service Line.

3. **APPLICATION FOR NEW SERVICE:**

The Applicant shall submit an application for new service on forms provided by the District. Upon conformance with the District's Rules and Regulations, policies and procedures, specifications and standards, receipt of the New Service Connection charge, System Development Charge (SDC), and any fees pursuant to Rule X, the District will issue a Permit.

The District may refuse the application for new service if the Applicant has any unpaid obligation to the District as referenced in Rule V.

4. NEW SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE:

This charge covers the cost of materials, labor, and overheads for the tap at the Distribution Main, and the materials for the Water Meter and meter pit.

5. TEMPORARY SERVICE CONNECTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION:

Temporary Service Connections for Construction projects shall not be in service longer than eighteen (18) months unless otherwise approved by the District. Temporary Service Connections for Construction will not be charged an SDC or fees pursuant to Rule X.

6. PERMIT EXPIRATION AND CANCELLATION:

If the connection to the Distribution Main is not completed within 120 days from the issuance of the Permit, the Permit shall expire. The Applicant may pay the incremental increases in the SDC and the New Service Connection Charge, if any, to keep the Permit valid after the initial 120 day period. The Applicant may cancel the Permit at any time and shall be refunded the fees and costs for new service.

7. CONNECTIONS TO TRANSMISSION MAINS:

No Service Connection shall be allowed to a Transmission Main.

8. DISTRIBUTION MAIN CONNECTIONS:

Service Connections shall be to a Distribution Main in compliance with Rule X. If the property to be served is not in compliance with Rule X, the District may refuse a permanent Service Connection until the property is in compliance with Rule X. The District shall determine the location of the Service Connection to the Distribution Main.

Non-complying Service Connections: The District may allow a Service Connection, on a temporary basis that does not fully comply with Rule X. The non-complying Service

Connection will be separately and distinctly evaluated by the District. If the District approves a non-complying Service Connection, the Applicant shall be required to execute a separate Agreement with the District specifying terms and conditions.

9. TEMPORARY SERVICE FROM ADJOINING WATER UTILITIES:

A. Where a tract of land meets all of the following conditions:

- 1.) It is contiguous to the Water District's boundary, and;
- 2.) There is erected upon said tract a residential, agricultural, commercial or industrial building, any part of which is situated within 300 feet of the property line nearest the Water District boundary, which has been continuously occupied for the previous six months under a certificate of occupancy issued no later than March 1, 1996, and;
- 3.) No connection to an adequate Water District main meeting the requirements for connection set out in this Rule VIII and the requirements of the jurisdictional zoning authority for fire flow is available within 300 feet of any property line of the tract, and;
- 4.) Adequate water service meeting the requirements for connection set out in this Rule VIII and the requirements of the jurisdictional zoning authority for fire flow is available from another water utility with a service area adjoining the property line of the tract; the owner may apply to the Water District for temporary water service from the adjoining water utility under a three-party contract among the owner, the Water District and the adjoining utility. The contract shall be upon such terms and conditions as are approved by the Water District, and shall include a provision for termination of such temporary service whenever an adequate source for water service from the District

becomes available within 300 feet of the original property lines of the tract as they existed at the time of the application. Collection of the System Development Charge shall be delayed until the owner permanently connects to a Water District main. All expenses for both the temporary and subsequent permanent extensions and connections shall be borne by the owner at the charges, rates and fees then in effect.

B. Where the tract meets all conditions and requirements in subsection A except for condition (2), the owner may petition for a variance from compliance with condition (2) only if all of the following further conditions have been met:

1.) The owner is the genuine title holder of record of the entire tract and not merely a purchaser under a contract for sale, and;

2.) The need for water service is unique from that which is ordinarily found for tracts within the District that are remote from existing mains, and;

3.) The unique need for water is not the result of the owner's own actions or neglect, and;

4.) The granting of the temporary connection will not foreseeably deter the initiation of a line extension petition for service to a separate tract within 300 feet of the petitioner's tract.

The General Manager shall consider in writing whether all four conditions exist in substitution of condition (2) of Subsection A, and that determination shall be final unless appealed to the Water District Board within sixty days as provided in Rule XVI.

10. LOCATION OF EXISTING DISTRIBUTION MAINS:

Because of limited information and records provided to the Water District when it acquires the Distribution System of another water utility, information included on the

Service Connection Permits relating to the location of existing mains shall not constitute any representation or guarantee that such mains actually exist or are located as indicated, and such information shall be provided as only the assumed location from information as is then available to the Water District. No applicant, owner or other person interested in the connection shall have any right, claim, or cause of action against the Water District for erroneous information as to the location of mains contained on such permits, and they shall bear their own expense or loss in adjusting, relocating or eliminating the proposed service connection by reason thereof. In the event an inadequate supply exists or no water main exists, the applicant may be required to initiate a Water Main Extension Petition and Agreement pursuant to Rule X. In the event of cancellation of the application for a new service connection, the service connection charge and any security deposit shall be refunded to the applicant. The conditions of this Rule VIII, Section 1, Subsection D shall apply for a period not to exceed five years from the date of such acquisition.

11. CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS:

The District will evaluate the impact of a new Service Connection or an enlargement of an existing Service Connection to the Distribution System at maximum hour demands through hydraulic modeling and/or field tests. The District's target hydraulic pressure level in the Distribution System is 40 PSI. If the proposed Service Connection will cause the Distribution System pressure to decrease below 30 PSI at ground level at any point in the Distribution System, the District may not allow the Service Connection until the Distribution System capacity has been improved. The District will not allow a Service Connection that causes the Distribution System pressure to be less than 20 PSI at ground

level at any point in the Distribution System.

12. DOMESTIC SERVICE CONNECTION AND SERVICE LINE SIZE:

The District will determine the minimum diameter of the service.

13. INSTALLATION:

The Applicant will install the Service Connection in accordance with District approved standards, drawings, and specifications. The District will make the tap to the Distribution Main.

14. INSPECTIONS:

All new Service Connections will be inspected by the District for conformance with the District's standards. The District will conduct a preliminary inspection of the Service Connection from the Distribution Main to the meter pit. The District will conduct a final inspection of the Service Connection after grading and final restoration has been complete. If the District determines the Service Connection does not meet the District's standards on final inspection, the Applicant will be required to make corrections within 90 days. If the correction is not made, the District may discontinue the Service Connection until corrected, or the District may make the corrections and charge the Applicant.

15. DISCONNECTIONS:

The property owner shall request disconnection of the Service Connection. The property owner will pay for all the costs to disconnect the Service Connection from the Distribution Main and removal of the Water Meter. The District may disconnect the Service Connection if the property owner has not used the Service Connection within the last two (2) years. The District shall provide the owner ninety (90) days notice before

disconnection of the Service Connection. The property owner shall reimburse the District for the costs to disconnect the Service Connection.

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