

RESOLUTION NO. 20-22
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8.08 AND APPENDIX F,
CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY, OF THE PALMDALE WATER
DISTRICT'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, Appendix F, the Cross-Connection Control Policy, was adopted in 1988 via Section 8.08 of the Palmdale Water District's Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Water Resource Control Board, the Palmdale Water District ("District") shall have a Cross-Connection Control Program as part of its water permit; and

WHEREAS, the Program shall include rules and regulations, standard specifications, and procedures to address cross-connection control and backflow preventers; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to update Appendix F, the Cross-Connection Control Policy of the District's Rules and Regulations, to reflect the requirements and changes in Titles 17 and 22 of the California Code of Regulations and the SWRCB Policy Handbook on Cross-Connection; and

WHEREAS, the District also desires to separate the policy components from the District's Rules and Regulations to its operations guidelines of the program by amending Appendix F.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are all true and correct and hereby adopted as findings.

SECTION 2. Section 8.08 of the District's Rules and Regulations is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

"8.08 CROSS CONNECTIONS

The District has adopted a Cross Connection Control Policy and incorporates such program herein. The District's Cross-Connection Control Policy is attached hereto as Appendix F."

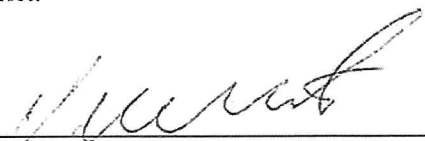
SECTION 3. Appendix F, as referenced in Section 8.08 of the District's Rules and Regulations, is hereby replaced in its entirety with a new Appendix F as set forth in Exhibit "A," which establishes a general policy related to cross-connections and adopts new guidelines to carry out the Cross-Connection Control Program through the District's Standard Operations Protocol.

SECTION 4. Upon the effective date of this Resolution, adopted herein, the Resolution shall supersede any and all prior resolutions adopted that are in conflict with this Resolution.

SECTION 5. If any provision in this Resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Resolution, or the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution, and each provision thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be held invalid.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of adoption as set forth herein.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of December 2020 by the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District.




Vincent Dino, President
Board of Directors
Palmdale Water District



Don Wilson, Secretary
Board of Directors
Palmdale Water District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
Eric Dunn, District General Counsel

EXHIBIT "A"

APPENDIX F

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY

I. Statement of Policy:

This policy establishes Palmdale Water District's Cross-Connection Control Program (1) to comply with Federal and State regulation on cross-connection control; (2) to protect the public water supply against actual or potential cross-connection; (3) to establish effective management processes to accomplish this goal.

These regulations are adopted pursuant to the State of California Code of Regulations, Title 17 and Title 22, and the Cross-Connection Policy Handbook developed by State Water Resources Control Board.

It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation at any time to make or maintain or cause to be made or maintained, temporarily or permanently, for any period of time whatsoever, any cross-connection between plumbing pipes or water fixtures being served with water by the Palmdale Water District ("District") and any other source of water supply or to maintain any sanitary fixture or other appurtenances or fixtures, which by reason of their construction may cause or allow backflow of water or other substances into the water supply system of the District and/or the service of water pipes or fixtures of any consumer of the District.

II. Principles:

- A. No water service connection to any premises shall be installed or maintained by the District unless the water supply is protected as required by State laws and regulations and this policy.
- B. Service of water to any premises shall be discontinued by the District if a backflow prevention assembly, as required by this policy, is not installed, tested, and maintained; or if it is found that a backflow prevention assembly has been removed or bypassed, or if an unprotected cross-connection exists on the premises. Service will not be restored until such conditions or defects are corrected.
- C. Wherever backflow protection is found necessary, the type of assembly to be installed will be commensurate to the hazard potential that might exist. The District does not permit the use of Double Check Valve Assembly (DC) as a form of backflow prevention.
- D. Backflow prevention assembly shall be installed on the service connection to any premise that have (1) an internal cross-connection that cannot be permanently corrected to the satisfaction of the State, local health department, or Palmdale Water District, or (2) intricate plumbing and piping arrangement where entry to all portions of the premises is not readily accessible.

III. Responsibilities:

- A. District Management shall develop and update Cross-Connection Control Standard Operations Protocol (SOP) to manage the Cross-Connection Program. The SOP shall be revised as needed and approved by the District's General Manager.
- B. The District's designated Cross-Connection Administrator and the Construction Inspection section shall be responsible for implementing and enforcing the cross-connection control program.
- C. An approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed at owner's expenses when deemed necessary by the District. It shall be the owner's responsibility to comply with all District requirements as defined within this policy.
- D. Backflow prevention assembly shall be installed in an accessible location and in a manner approved by District. (Reference District Standard Specifications)
- E. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or customer of any premises where backflow prevention assemblies are installed to have thorough inspections and operational tests made of each assembly at least once a year, or more often in those instances where inspections or tests indicate a need. These inspections and tests shall be at the expense of the owner or customer and shall be performed by a person approved by the District and has possession of a current and valid Certificate of Competency for the testing of backflow preventers issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Health.
- F. Costs or expenses related to testing, turn off/on, late fee, disconnection/reconnection fees and delays are responsibilities of owner. The owner must be in good standing with the District to have water services connected.
- G. Whenever an existing assembly is moved from its present location, or when it requires more than minimum maintenance, or when the District finds that improper maintenance of the assembly constitutes a health hazard, the assembly shall be replaced and tested by the owner at the owner's expenses.

IV. Reclaimed/Recycled Water System:

Site Supervisor - At each premises where it is necessary, in the opinion of the District, a user supervisor shall be designated by and at the expense of the water user. This user supervisor shall be responsible for the monitoring of the backflow prevention assembly and for the avoidance of cross-connections. In the event of contamination or pollution of the drinking water system due to a cross-connection on the premises, the District shall be promptly notified by the user supervisor so that appropriate measures may be taken to overcome the contamination. The water user shall inform the District of the user supervisor's identity on, as a minimum, an annual basis and whenever a change occurs.

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December 14, 2020