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# AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE BY THE SAN MARCOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the San Marcos County Water District, San Diego County, California, as follows:

### ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. <u>Water System</u>. The District will furnish a system, plant, and undertaking used for and useful in obtaining, conserving and disposing of water for public and private uses, including all parts of the enterprise, all appurtenances to it, and lands, easements rights in land, water rights, contract rights, franchises, and other water supply, storage and distribution facilities and equipment.
- 2. <u>Separability</u>. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
- 3. Penalty for Violation. For the failure of the customer to comply with all or any part of this ordinance, and any ordinance, resolution or order fixing rates and charges of this District, a penalty for which has not hereafter been specifically fixed, the customer's service shall be discontinued and the water shall not be supplied such customer until he shall have complied with the rule or regulation, rate or charge which he has violated or, in the event he cannot comply with said rule or regulation, until he shall have satisfied the District that in the future he will comply with all rules and regulations established by ordinance of the District and with all rates and charges of this District. In addition, thereto, he shall pay the District the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for renewal of his service.

#### ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

- 4. District means San Marcos County Water District.
- 5. <u>Board</u> means the Board of Directors of the San Marcos County Water District.
- 6. <u>Water District</u> means the Board of Directors of the District performing functions relating to the District water service, together with the District Manager and other duly authorized representatives.

- 7. <u>Distribution Mains</u> means water lines in streets, high-ways, alleys and easements used for public and private fire protection and for general distribution of water.
  - 8. Service or Service Connection means the pipe line and appurtenant facilities such as the curb stop, meter and meter box all used to extend water service from a distribution main to premises. Where services are divided at the curb or property line to serve several customers, each such branch service shall be deemed a separate service.
  - 9. <u>Public Fire Protection Service</u> means the service and facilities of the entire water supply, storage and distribution system of the District, including the water available for fire protection, excepting house service connections and appurtenances thereto.
  - 10. Regular Water Service means water service and facilities rendered for normal domestic, agriculture, commercial and industrial purposes on a permanent basis and the water available therefor.
  - 11. Temporary Water Service means water service and facilities rendered for construction work and other uses of limited duration, and the water available therefor.
  - 12. <u>Private Fire Protection Service</u> means water service and facilities for building sprinkler systems, hydrants, hose reels and other facilities installed on private property for fire protection and the water available therefor.
  - 13. <u>Premises</u> means a lot or parcel of real property under one ownership, except where there are well-defined boundaries or partitions such as fences, hedges or other restrictions preventing the common use of property by the several tenants, in which case each portion shall be deemed separate premises. Apartment houses and office buildings may be classified as single premises.
  - 14. <u>Cross-Connections</u> means any physical connection between the piping system from the District service and that of any other water supply that is not, or cannot be approved as safe and potable for human consumption, whereby water from the unapproved source may be forced or drawn into the District distribution mains.
  - 15. Owner "Owner" means the person owning the fee, or the person in whose name the legal title to the property appears, by deed duly recorded in the County Recorder's office, or the person in possession of the property or buildings under claim of, or exercising acts of ownership over same for himself, or as executor, administrator, quardian or trustee of the owner.
  - 16. <u>Person</u> "Person" means an individual or a company, association, copartnership or public or private corporation.

#### ARTICLE 3. NOTICES

17. Notices to Customers. Notices from the District to a customer will normally be given in writing, and either delivered or mailed to him at his last known address.

Where conditions warrant and in emergencies, the District may resort to notification either by telephone or messenger.

18. <u>Notices from Customers</u>. Notices from Customer to the District may be given by him or his authorized representative orally or in writing at the District's operating office.

### ARTICLE 4.

# APPLICATION FOR REGULAR WATER SERVICE WHERE NO MAIN EXTENSION REQUIRED

- 19. Applications for Regular Water Service, where no main extension is required, must be made on the form provided by the District.
- 20. Undertaking of Applicant. Such application will signify the customer's willingness and intention to comply with this and other ordinances or regulations relating to the regular water service and to make payment for water service required.
- 21. Payment for Previous Service. An applicant will not be honored unless payment in full has been made for water service previously rendered to the applicant by the District.
- 22. <u>Installation of Services</u>. Regular water services will, where possible, be installed at the location desired by the applicant of the size determined by the Water District. Service installations will be made only to property abutting on such distribution mains as may be constructed, at the convenience of the Water District. Services installed in new subdivisions prior to the construction of streets or in advance of street improvements must be accepted by the applicant in the installed location.
- 23. Changes in Customer's Equipment. Customers making any material changes in the size, character or extent of the equipment or operations utilizing water service, or whose change in operations result in a large increase in the use of water, shall immediately give the District written notice of the nature of the change and, if necessary, amend their application.

#### ARTICLE 5.

# APPLICATION FOR REGULAR WATER SERVICE WHEN MAIN EXTENSION REQUIRED

24. General. When an extension of the distribution mains is necessary or a substantial investment is required to furnish service, the applicant will be informed by the Water District as to whether or

not the service can be extended under these regulations.

- 25. Terms and Conditions. Water main extensions will be made in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance #43, as amended.
- 26. Facilities Exceeding Needs. Should the Water District desire to install facilities greater than are needed to meet said Service demands, as determined by the District, the cost of the excess of facilities shall be borne by the District.
- 27. Subdivisions, Tracts or Housing Projects. On all subdivisions, subdivider shall present plans showing size of lines and materials to be used, to the District Manager for his approval, and he shall present said plans to the Board for their approval, before any work is started on said tract. Then upon written request by the subdivider, the District Manager will make a final inspection and place a request before the Board that they integrate said tract as part of the San Marcos County Water District. The subdivider must submit a written statement that all bills have been paid on said pipe lines before the Board makes final acceptance of tract.
- 28. Specifications and Constructions. The size, type and quality of materials and location of the lines shall be specified by the Water District and the actual construction will be done by the Water District or by a contractor acceptable to it, supervised and inspected by the District Manager, or his authorized representative.
- 29. Property of District. All facilities shall be the property of the District.
- 30. Extensions by District. The Water District may make extensions to the facilities constructed under this article without obligation to applicant, and refunds will not be made for services connected to said additional extensions.

# ARTICLE 6. GENERAL USE REGULATIONS

- 31. Number of Services per Premises. The applicant may apply for as many services as may be reasonably required for his premises provided that the pipe line system from each service be independent of the others and they they not be interconnected.
- 32. Supply to Separate Premises. Not more than one premises shall be serviced from each service connection.
- 33. <u>Water Waste</u>. No customer shall knowingly permit leaks or waste of water. Where water is wastefully or negligently used on a customer's premises, seriously affecting the general service, the District may discontinue the service if such conditions are not corrected within five days after giving the customer written notice.

- 34. Responsibility for Equipment on Customer Premises.
  All facilities installed by the District on private property for the purpose of rendering water service shall remain the property of the District and may be maintained, repaired or replaced by the Water District without consent or interference of the owner or occupant of the property. The property owner shall use reasonable care in the protection of the facilities. No payment shall be made for placing or maintaining said facilities on private property.
- 35. Damage to Water System Facilities. The customer shall be liable for any damage to the District-owned customer water service facilities when such damage is from causes originating on the premises by an act of the customer or his tenants, agents, employees, contractors, licensees or permittees, including the breaking or destruction of locks by the customer or others on or near a meter, and any damage to a meter that may result from hot water or steam from a boiler or heater on the customer's premises. The District shall be reimbursed by the customer for any such damage promptly on presentation of bill.
- 36. Control Valve on the Customer Property. The customer will be provided with a valve on his side of the service installation, as close to the meter location as practicable to control the flow of water to the piping on his premises. The customer shall not use the service curb stop to turn water on and off for his convenience.
- 37. Cross-Connections. The customer must comply with State and Federal laws governing the separation of dual water systems or installations of back flow protective devices to protect the public water supply from the danger of cross-connections. Back flow protective devices must be installed as near the service as possible and shall be open to test and inspection by the Water District. Plans for installation of back flow protective devices must be approved by the Water District prior to installation.

In special circumstances, when the customer is engaged in the handling of especially dangerous or corrosive liquids or industrial or process waters, the District may require the customer to eliminate certain plumbing or piping connections as an additional precaution and as a protection to the back flow preventive devices.

As a protection to the customer's plumbing system, a suitable pressure relief valve must be installed and maintained by him, at his expense, when check valves or other protective devices are used. The relief valve shall be installed between the check valve and the water heater.

Whenever back flow protection has been found necessary on a water supply line entering a customer's premises, then any and all water supply lines from the District's mains entering such premises, buildings or structures shall be protected by an approved back flow device, regardless of the use of the additional water supply lines.

The double check valve or other approved back flow protection devices may be inspected and tested periodically for water tightness by the District. The devices shall be serviced, overhauled, or replaced whenever they are found defective and all costs of repair and maintenance shall be borne by the customer.

The service of water to any premises may be immediately discontinued by the District if any defect is found in the check valve installations or other protective devices, or if it is found that dangerous unprotected cross-connections exist. Service will not be restored until such defects are corrected.

- 38. Supply for Boilers, Elevators and Pumps. No person shall draw water from the District mains or pipes directly to any stationary steam boiler, hydraulic elevator, power pump or similar apparatus. Where District water is used to supply a steam boiler, hydraulic elevator or power pump, the consumer shall provide a tank of sufficient capacity to afford a supply for at least twelve hours, into which the service pipes shall be discharged above the tank maximum water level.
- 39. Interruptions in Service. The District shall not be liable for damage which may result from an interruption in service from a cause beyond the control of the Water District. Temporary shut-downs may be made by the Water District to make improvements and repairs. Whenever possible and as time permits, all customers affected will be notified prior to making such shut-down. The District will not be liable for interruption, shortage or insufficiency of supply, or for any loss or damage occasioned thereby, if caused by accident, act of God, fire, strikes, riots, war or any other cause not within its control.
- 40. <u>Ingress and Egress</u>. Representatives from the Water District shall have the right of ingress and egress to the customer premises at reasonable hours for any purpose reasonably connected with the furnishing of water service.

#### ARTICLE 7. SERVICES AND METERS

41. Service Connections. The District will furnish and install a service and meter of such size and at such location as the applicant requests, provided such requests are reasonable. However, the District reserves the right for final selection of size, type and location of any service; the service will be installed from its water distribution main to the curb line or property line of the premises which may abut on the street, on other thoroughfares, or on the District right-of-way or easement. Charges for new services are payable in advance and shall be as follows:

Size of Service	Charge
5/8 x 3/4 inch	\$120.00
l inch	175.00
1-1/2 inch	275.00

For services larger than 1-1/2 inches the applicant will be billed for the cost of installation plus 15%.

Only duly authorized employees or agents of the District will be permitted to install a service connection from the District's main to the customer's permises.

- 42. Meter Installations. Meters will be installed at the curb, at the property line, or in sidewalk basements, and shall be owned by the District. No rent or other charge will be paid by the District for a meter or other facilities, including housing and connections, located on a customer's premises. All meters will be sealed by the District at the time of installation, and no seal shall be altered or broken except by one of its authorized employees or agents. Should such illegal turn-on occur, the meter may be removed and a penalty of Five (\$5.00) Dollars charged to the consumer. Service shall not be resumed until all such charges have been paid.
- 43. Change in Location of Meters. Meters moved for the convenience of the customer will be relocated at the customer's expense. If the lateral distance which the customer desires to have the meter moved exceeds eight feet (8'), he will be required to pay for a new service at the desired location.
- 44. Change in Meter Size. Any change in meter size after installation desired by the customer, shall be charged on a cost plus fifteen (15%) per cent basis with credit given on a fair basis for any salvable material from the previous service.
- 45. Meter Reading. Meters will be read as nearly as possible on the same day of each month. Billing periods containing less than twenty-seven (27) days or more than thirty-three (33) days, will be pro-rated.
- 46. Meter Tests Deposit. All meters will be tested prior to installation and no meter will be installed which registers more than two (2%) percent fast. If a customer desires to have the meter serving his premises tested, he shall first deposit with the District, in accordance with the following schedule:

Meter Size	Charge			
5/8 inch	\$ 5.00			
l inch	7.50			
1-1/2 inch	15.00			
2 inch and larger	25.00			

Should the meter register more than two (2%) per cent fast, the deposit will be refunded, but should the meter register less than two (2%) percent fast, the deposit will be retained by the Water District.

47. Adjustments for Meter Errors - Fast Meters. If a meter tested at the request of a customer pursuant to Section 46, is found to be more than two (2%) per cent fast, the excess charges for the time service was rendered the customer requesting the test, or for a period of six months, whichever shall be the lessor, shall be refunded to the customer.

- 48. Adjustment for Meter Errors Slow Meters. If a meter tested at the request of a customer pursuant to Section 46, is found to be more than five (5%) per cent slow, the District may bill the customer for the amount of the undercharge based upon corrected meter readings for the period not exceeding six months, that the meter was in use.
- 49. Non-Registering Meters. If a meter is found to be not registering, the charges for service shall be at the minimum monthly rate or based on the estimated consumption, whichever is greater. Such estimates shall be made from previous consumption for a comparable period or by such other method as is determined by the Water District and its decision shall be final.

# ARTICLE 8. BILLING

- 50. Billing Period. The regular billing period will be monthly or bi-monthly at the option of the District.
- 51. Opening and Closing Bills. Opening and closing bills for less than the normal billing period shall be pro-rated both as to minimum charges and quantity blocks. Closing bills may be estimated by the Water District for the final period as an expendiency to permit the customer to pay the closing bill at the time service is discontinued.
- 52. Payment of Bills. Bills for water service shall be rendered at the end of each billing period.
- 53. Billing of Separate Meters Not Combined. Separate bills will be rendered for each meter installation except where the Water District has, for its own convenience, installed two or more meters in place of one meter. Where such installations are made the meter readings will be combined for billing purposes.

# ARTICLE 9. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

- and disconnected for non-payment on or before the 30th day of the month following the month in which the bill is sent. At least five (5) days prior to such discontinuance the customer will be sent a final notice informing him that the discontinuance will be enforced if payment is not made within the time specified in said notice. The failure of the District to send or any such person to receive said notice shall not affect the District's power hereunder. A customer's water service may be discontinued if water service furnished at a previous location is not paid for within the time herein fixed for the payment of bills. If a customer receives water service at more than one location and the bill for a service at any one location is not paid within the time provided for payment, water service at all locations may be turned off.
- 55. Reconnection Charge. A reconnection charge of \$5.00 will be made and collected prior to renewing service following a discontinuance or disconnection.
- 56. Unsafe Apparatus, Water service may be refused or discontinued to any premises where apparatus or appliances are in use which

might endanger or disturb the service to other customers.

- 57. Cross-Connections. Water service may be refused or discontinued to any premises where there exists a cross-connection in violation of State or Federal laws.
- 58. Fraud or Abuse. Service may be discontinued if necessary to protect the District against fraud or abuse.
- 59. Non-Compliance with Regulations. Service may be discontinued for non-compliance with this or any other ordinance or regulation related to the water service.
- 60. Upon Vacating Premises. Customer desiring to discontinue service should so notify the Water District two (2) days prior to vacating the premises. Unless discontinuance of service is ordered, the customer shall be liable for charges whether or not any water is used.

# ARTICLE 10. PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

- 61. Use of Fire Hydrants. Fire hydrants are for use by the District or by organized fire protection agencies pursuant to contract with the District. Other parties desiring to use fire hydrants for any purpose must first obtain written premission from the Water District prior to use and shall operate the hydrant in accordance with instructions issued by the Water District. Unauthorized use of hydrants will be cause for prosecution according to law.
- 62. Moving of Fire Hydrants. When a fire hydrant has been installed in the location specified by the proper authority, the District has fulfilled its obligation. If a property owner or other party desires a change in size, type or location, he shall bear all costs of such change, without refund. Any change in the location of a fire hydrant must be approved by the proper authority.

# ARTICLE 11. PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

- 63. Payment of Cost. The applicant for private fire protection service shall pay the total actual cost of installation of the service from the distribution main to the customer's permises including the cost of a detector check meter or other suitable and equivalent device, valve and meter box, said installation to become the property of the District. The District may agree to install the connection and meter at cost plus fifteen (15%) per cent.
- 64. No Connection to Other System. There shall be no connection between this fire protection system and any other water distribution system on the premises.

- 65. <u>Use</u>. There shall be no water used through the fire protection service except to extinguish accidental fires and for testing the fire fighting equipment.
- 66. Meter Rates. Any consumption recorded on the meter will be charged for at double the regular service rates except that no charge will be made for water used to extinguish accidental fires where such fires have been reported to the fire department.
- 67. Water for Fire Storage Tanks. Occasionally water may be obtained from a private fire service for filling a tank connected with the fire service, but only if written permission is secured from the District in advance and an approved means of measurement is available. The regular water rates will be applied.
- 68. <u>Violation of Agreement</u>. If water is used from a private fire service in violation of the agreement or of these regulations, the District may, at its option, discontinue and remove the service.
- 69. Water Pressure and Supply. The District assumes no responsibility for loss or damage due to lack of water or pressure and merely agrees to furnish such quantities and pressures as are available in its general distribution system. The service is subject to shut-downs and variations required by the operation of the system. In the event of a shortage water will be rationed, and the Board shall be the sole judge as to how the supply shall be allocated.

#### ARTICLE 12. TEMPORARY METER INSTALLATIONS

- 70. A Temporary Construction Meter, may be installed upon receipt by the District of a duly executed written application indicating the preferred location and proposed use of said temporary construction meter accompanied by:
  - (1) A deposit equal to cost of meter. This deposit will be refunded if and when the meter is returned to the District in good order.
  - (2) A fee in the amount of the estimated installation and removal costs of said temporary meter. These estimated costs shall be determined by the District.
  - (3) A deposit in the amount of the District's estimate of one months billing for water charges. Should this deposit be in excess of the charges for water use accruing against that account, said excess will be refunded when said account is terminated.

- (4) The ready-to-serve charge will be as per District's current water rate schedule, but not less than \$10.00 per month.

  The water rate shall be as per District's current water rate for domestic water.
- 71. A Temporary Agricultural Meter, may be installed upon receipt by the District of a duly executed written application by the owner of the property on which the water is to be used, and a legal description of such property, accompanied by:
  - (1) A deposit equal to the cost of the meter. This deposit will be refunded if and when the meter is returned to the District in good order.
  - (2) A fee in the amount of the estimated installation and removal costs of said agricultural meter. These estimated costs shall be determined by the District.
  - (3) The water rate, applicable to a temporary agricultural meter shall be the same as the District's current agriculture water rates, including the ready-to-serve charges.
- 72. Temporary Meter Application. No temporary meter shall be installed until and unless a written application is made therefor on the usual District form accompanied by a cash deposit as herein set forth. The District at all times reserves the right to determine the location and size of said meters, and further reserves the right to reduce the size of said meters at any time, and to terminate said temporary service after four weeks notice. Notice shall consist of a registered letter, stating the intended termination, mailed to the owner's address as shown on the service application.
- 73. Owners Responsibility. The owner of the land, for which the temporary meter is requested, is responsible for all charges incurred by meter installation, removal and water usage in accordance with District policy.
- 74. Temporary Meter at District Yard. An applicant who expects to use less than 8000 cubic feet (60,000 gallons) of water during a period, not exceeding two (2) weeks, will be allowed to obtain water from a 2" meter, installed at the District's office, after a deposit of \$20.00 has been made. Should said deposit be in excess of the charges for the water at the current domestic rate said excess will be refunded at the termination of water use.

75. Temporary Meter Installation Costs. The following costs for temporary meter installations are valid for connection of meters to existing Fire Hydrants or blow-offs. In case fire hydrants or blow-offs are not available, applicant will be billed for that part of installation and removal costs which are in excess of amounts shown below:

5/8" Meter		Cost		
Material & Meter Install & Remove Ready-to-serve Advance billing		\$ 40.00 10.00 10.00 10.00		
	Total	\$ 70.00		
<u>l" Meter</u>				
Material & Meter Install & Remove Ready-to-serve Advance billing		\$ 80.00 10.00 10.00 20.00		
	Total	\$ 120.00		
1-1/2" Meter				
Material & Meter Install & Remove Ready-to-serve Advance Billing		\$ 150.00 10.00 15.00 25.00		
,	Total	\$ 200.00		
2" Meter (Short to	rrent)			
Material & Meter Install & remove Ready-to-serve Advance billing	Total	\$ 210.00 15.00 25.00 50.00 \$ 300.00		

If meter is damaged or seal is broken, applicant will be held responsible and any future service may be refused.

76. Unauthorized Use of Hydrants. Tampering with any fire hydrant for the unauthorized use of water therefrom, or for any other puspose, is a misdemeanor, punishable by law.

# ARTICLE 13. GENERAL PROVISIONS

77. Pools and Tanks. When an abnormally large quantity of water is desired for filling a swimming pool or for other purposes, arrangements must be made with the District prior to taking such water.

Permission to take water in unusual quantities will be given only if it can be safely delivered through the District's facilities and if other consumers are not inconvenienced thereby.

78. Responsibility for Equipment. The customer shall, at his own risk and expense, furnish, install and keep in good and safe condition all equipment that may be required for receiving, controlling, applying and utilizing water, and the District shall not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by the improper installation of such equipment, or the negligence or wrongful act of the customer or of any of his tenants, agents, employees, contractors, licensees or permittees in installing, maintaining, operating or interfering with such equipment. The District shall not be responsible for damage to property caused by faucets, valves and other equipment which may be open when water is turned on at the meter, either originally or when turned on after a temporary shut-down.

### ARTICLE 14. RATES

79. Meter Classification. Each water service of the District will be classified in regard to water use in accordance with the following schedule:

# 1. Class "A" Meters:

This meter serves "agricultural use" only.

"Agricultural use" is hereby defined as:

The growing or raising for the purposes of commerce, trade, or industry, of agricultural products, in conformity with the recognized practices of husbandry, and is produced for any of the following:

- a. For human consumption or for the market.
- b. For the feeding of fowl or livestock produced for human consumption or for the market.
- c. For the feeding of fowl or livestock for the purpose of obtaining their products for human consumption or for the market.
- d. For the raising of flowers for the market. (nurseries do not qualify.)

Such agricultural products are to be raised or grown on a parcel of land having an area of not less than one acre utilized exclusively therefor.

#### 2. Class "B" Meter

This meter serves both "agricultural use" as defined above and "non-agricultural use".

# Class "C" Meter

This meter serves non-agricultural use only.

# 80. Rate Schedule.

Ready-to-serve charges:

Meter Size	Monthly Rate			
5/8 x 3/4 inch	\$ 3.50			
1 inch	7.50			
1-1/2 inch	15.00			
2 inch or larger	25.00			

Additional Service Charge - An additional service charge of \$1.00 per month for each mobile home space, will be due and payable, in addition to the Readyto-serve charge.

# MONTHLY QUANTITY CHARGES

In addition to the monthly ready-to-serve charge, as defined in Section 80, all water delivered will be charged for at the following established rates:

# Class "A" Meters

per 100 cubic feet					\$0.12
Class "B" Meters					
000 to 7500 cubic feet 7600 and over	-	100	cubic	feet "	0.25 0.12
Class "C" Meters					
000 to 7500 cubic feet 7600 and over		100	cubic	feet "	0.25 0.17
MONTHLY FLAT RATE CHARGES					

Charges for water used are for a single occupancy only and will be repeated for each additional occupancy served through the same meter.

Private fire service, per inch diameter

\$1.50

81. All other ordinances or ammendents in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
This ordinance shall become effective on the first day of
THIS ORDINANCE PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day
of <u>June</u> 1970, by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Directors: Dow, Dutton, Mahr, Vanderbeck and Blanchard
NOES: Directors: None
ARCENT. Directors. None

President of the Board of Directors of the San Marcos County Water District

ATTEST:

Secretary of the San Marcos County Water District and Board of Directors thereof 1. Reviewed and Corrected S Danko 7/31 - 8/1/01