



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors

Title: District Cross-Connection Control Program and Proposed Ordinance No. 471 Amending Chapter 11.14 of the District Code Regarding Cross-Connections

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TYPE OF ITEM: Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update on the District Cross-Connection Control Program and Proposed Ordinance No. 471 Amending Chapter 11.14 of the District Code Regarding Cross-Connections

SUMMARY: In 2023, the State repealed sections of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations relating to cross-connections and replaced those sections with the State Water Resource Control Board's (State Board) *Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook* (Handbook). In line with the Handbook, the District submitted a *Cross-Connection Control Plan* (Plan) to the State Board for review and approval. Marin Water's Plan was approved in July 2025. To appropriately reflect these changes, Chapter 11.14 of the District's Code related to cross connections must be updated to include appropriate and accurate references to the new requirements. Staff is proposing to adopt the new Handbook and Plan requirements, as may be amended from time to time, by reference as opposed to repeating the detailed requirements within the District Code.

DISCUSSION: At the July 1, 2025 Board of Directors meeting, staff brought an update on the changing requirements of the District's Cross-Connection Control Program and the new requirements included the State *Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook*. As required by the State Handbook, staff drafted a Plan, which was submitted to the State Water Board for approval. On July 10, 2025, the District was notified that the Plan was approved.

The new requirements in the Handbook and the District Plan need to be updated in the District's Code. Prior practice when drafting ordinances and updating the District Code was often to copy and paste the text of the requirements into a District ordinance to be incorporated into the District Code. While an acceptable method, it can necessitate frequent updates as new legislation or regulations are adopted or revised. Staff is instead proposing to adopt the new requirements, as they may be amended from time to time, by reference thereby automatically ensuring ongoing compliance with the State Handbook and District Plan as they change over time.

With the repeal of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, some references in Marin Municipal Water District's Code, Chapter 11.14 entitled "Cross-Connections" must be updated to remove repealed references. To ensure compliance with the new Handbook and Plan requirements, staff is proposing the changes set forth in the table below.

Existing District Code Section	Proposed Revision
11.14.010 Purpose	Update to identify and reference the <i>Handbook and Plan</i>
11.14.020 California Administrative Code provision adopted	Remove references to Title 17, incorporate and adopt by reference the <i>Handbook and Plan</i> , update section title
11.14.030 Definitions	Relevant definitions are included in both the <i>Handbook and Plan</i> , Shift existing 11.14.040 Inspection to this section and update title
11.14.040 Inspection	Shift existing 11.14.080 "Consumer responsibility" to this section, update title, and update for grammatical consistency
11.14.050 Backflow Prevention	Shift existing 11.14.090 "Discontinuance of service" to this section, update title, minor reference change
11.14.060 Type of backflow prevention assemblies required	Remove section as site requirements are identified in District Plan
11.14.070 Installation of backflow prevention assemblies	Remove section as installation requirements are identified in the State Handbook
11.14.080 Consumer Responsibilities	Remove this section as contents were shifted
11.14.090 Discontinuance of service	Remove this section as contents were shifted

Both the existing Chapter 11.14 and proposed amendments are attached. The proposed changes to the existing District Code provisions will be brought to a future board meeting for consideration of approval of the proposed Ordinance No. 471.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Existing District Code Chapter 11.14 *Cross-Connections*
2. Proposed Ordinance No. 471 - District Code Revised Chapter 11.14 *Cross-Connections*