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**Meeting Type:** Board of Directors  
**Title:** Ordinance No. 471 Updating District's Cross Connection Code  
**From:** Paul Sellier, Director of Water Resources  
**Through:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager  
**Meeting Date:** December 16, 2025

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**TYPE OF ITEM:**        X        Approve                      Review and Comment

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt proposed Ordinance No. 471 to update the District's cross-connection code to reflect recent regulatory changes

**SUMMARY:** In 2023, the State repealed sections of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations relating to cross-connection and replaced those sections with the State Water Resource Control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. Proposed Ordinance No. 471 adopts the new regulations by reference as opposed to repeating the detailed regulations as code.

**DISCUSSION:** At the December 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting, staff brought an item to provide updates to the changed requirements of the District's Cross-Connection Control Program, as well as the State Board's approval of the District's Cross-Connection Control Plan on July 10, 2025.

The new requirements in the Handbook and the District Plan need to be updated in the District's Code. Staff is recommending that the Board adopt the new requirements by reference in the District Code, rather than inclusion of the full text of the Handbook and the Plan. The reference in the District Code available through the District's website will be able to incorporate a link to these documents for ease of access to those seeking this information. The incorporation by reference will also indicate the intent to incorporate future amendments to the Handbook and the Plan thereby automatically ensuring ongoing compliance with the State Handbook and District Plan as they may 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 summarized in the table below.

Section	Action
11.14.010 Purpose	Update to identify and reference <i>Handbook</i> and <i>Plan</i>
11.14.020 California Administrative Code provision adopted	Remove references to Title 17, incorporate and adopt <i>Handbook</i> and <i>Plan</i> , update section title
11.14.030 Definitions	Relevant definitions are included in both <i>Handbook</i> and <i>Plan</i> Shift existing 11.14.040 Inspection to this section, 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 Policy 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



Staff has prepared proposed Ordinance No. 471 to implement these changes for the Board to consider for adoption.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not applicable.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Proposed Ordinance No. 471

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Water Resources	 <b>Paul Sellier</b> Water Resources Director	 <b>Ben Horenstein</b> General Manager