

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

MEETING DATE(S): AUGUST 14 & 18, 2025

FROM: DANNY FRIEND, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

FOR: ACTION X DIRECTION _____ INFORMATION _____



PUBLIC HEARING ~ AMENDMENT TO WATER REGULATIONS AND SERVICES ORDINANCE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a Public Hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-02, Amending Ordinance 93-03 Water Regulations and Service, Section 3 – Definitions (5.02.020), Section 8 – Fire Protection (05.02.070), and Section 9 – Cross-Connection Control (5.02.080).

SUMMARY

The District has revised multiple sections of its Water Regulations and Service Ordinance to align with the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), effective July 1, 2024. These changes clarify terminology in Section 3.09, update references in Section 8.02.11, and bring Sections 9.01 and 9.04 into compliance with cross-connection control standards. Section 9.06 has been updated to clarify that customers are responsible for repairing backflow prevention assemblies. Additionally, Sections 9.02 through 9.08 now use “backflow prevention assembly” in place of “device” to reflect current industry language. These updates are administrative and intended to improve clarity, consistency, and enforceability without imposing new operational requirements. The public hearing notice was published in the Desert Sun on August 5, and August 12, 2025.

ANALYSIS

The revisions improve clarity and consistency across the District’s regulations by aligning terminology and references with current state and industry standards. By incorporating the latest guidance from the SWRCB and the Manual of Cross-Connection Control, the updates support regulatory compliance and enhance the enforceability of cross-connection policies without introducing new operational burdens.

FISCAL IMPACT & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed updates. The revisions are administrative in nature and will be implemented by existing staff as part of routine operations. These changes support regulatory compliance and align with MSWD Strategic Plan SMART Goal #2.1.2 – Deliver Services in Accordance with Standards Set by Regulatory Agencies.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Ordinance No. 2025-02

Attachment B: Proof of Publication

Attachment C: Summary of Ordinance Changes

FINANCIAL DATA		
Cost Associated with this action:	\$0	
Current FY cost:	\$0	
Future FY cost:	\$0	
Is it covered in current year budget:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget adjustment needed:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, year needed:	N/A	
All previous contracts including dates, amounts and board approvals are attached or have been made available.		
FUNDING SOURCES		
Source of funds:	N/A	
BID/Job#	N/A	
Current BID/Job balance	N/A	
Balance remaining if approved:	N/A	