

RULE IX

METERS

1. **SUPPLIER:**

The Water District shall provide the meters, the cost of which shall be included in the service connection charge. (See Rule VIII, paragraph number 1.) In special cases when the applicant is permitted to furnish a meter, such meter shall be in accordance with Water District specifications as to make and type. Meters supplied by the applicant shall be tested by the Water District. (See Rule IX, paragraph number 9A.)

2. **METER SIZES:**

A. **District Determination:** The applicant, or their agent, shall provide the District with their water usage characteristics and needs. The District shall determine and assign the most appropriate meter size and type consistent with the applicant's stated need.

B. **Limitation:** For the purpose of regulating excessively high hourly demands on the water distribution system of the District during peak-demand periods, a single-family residential customer shall be limited to a meter size at not more than one and one-half (1-1/2) inches.

C. **Maintenance and Replacement Costs:** In all instances where meters are installed that are not in conformance with the District's specifications and/or approval, the customer shall assume all meter maintenance and replacement costs.

3. **LOCATION OF METER:**

Meters shall be installed in meter pits or vaults at the customer's property line nearest the water main. Meters may be installed at alternate locations only with the approval of the Water District.

A. Access to Meter: The customer being served shall keep the meter accessible to District personnel at all times.

B. Requirement to Relocate:

(1) If the Water District's meter reader has been unable to gain access to an inside meter for three (3) consecutive billing periods, the Water District may require the customer to move the meter to an outside location at the customer's expense.

(2) If due to changes or conditions within or to a building or area, the meter is no longer reasonably accessible, or is subject to freezing, or creates a safety or property damage hazard, the Water District may require the customer to move the meter to a more suitable location at the customer's expense.

4. METER HOUSING CONSTRUCTION:

Meter pits and vaults subject to vehicular traffic or other abnormal loading must be constructed to withstand imposed loads. The Water District shall provide engineering standards for meter pits and vaults of various sizes.

5. OWNERSHIP OF METERS:

A. Meters Not Owned by the Water District:

(1) Meters installed or applied for prior to July 1, 1964, are owned by the owner of the premises served through the meter, excepting those meters whose owners have assigned title and ownership to the Water District.

B. Meters Owned by the Water District:

(1) All meters installed in new service connections on or subsequent to July 1, 1964, shall be District owned when the service connection has passed final

inspection.

- (2) All meters installed in new service connections prior to July 1, 1964, shall be District owned if title and ownership is properly assigned to the Water District.

6. REPAIRS:

- A. Meters Not Owned by the Water District: If any water meter is found not to be in accurate working order, the Water District shall notify the customer using such a meter of the need of repairs or recalibration and the Water District, or its agents, shall make the necessary repairs or recalibration. The actual cost incurred by the District in making the repairs shall be paid by the customer in whose name the water service is rendered. Said costs shall be added to the first regular water bill following the determination of costs. If a meter has a record of abnormally frequent repairs, has sustained some major damage, or is in need of such extensive repairs as to make the repair of the meter inadvisable, the Water District may condemn said meter and the customer shall, at his expense, have another meter installed that is approved by the Water District.
- B. Meters Owned by the Water District: If any water meter owned by the District is found not to be in accurate working order, such meter shall be repaired or replaced by the District at no expense to the customer providing the need for repairs, recalibration or replacement was not caused by negligence or abuse by the customer being served through such meter or by those under his control or direction in which case the cost of such repair, recalibration or replacement shall be paid by the customer.

7. SEALING:

The Water District shall seal all meters in service with an approved sealing device bearing an identifying Water District mark.

8. AUTHORIZED HANDLING:

No person except a duly authorized employee of the Water District, or other person duly authorized by the Water District shall set, change, remove, interfere with or by-pass any water meter.

9. TESTING:

All tests and inspections of water meters shall be made in accordance with the procedure recommended by the American Water Works Association.

A. Meters Supplied by Applicant: All meters not supplied by the Water District shall be tested by the Water District prior to the Water District's approval for installation. (See Rule IX, paragraph Number 1.)

B. Periodic Tests: The Water District shall make periodic tests and inspections of water meters in order to maintain a high standard of accuracy. If a meter is found to be defective and repair or recalibration is necessary, the customer shall pay the costs if such meter is not owned by the District.

C. Request Tests: In addition to the regular periodic tests, the Water District shall make a test of the accuracy of any water meter free of charge upon request of a customer; providing, the meter has not been tested within twelve (12) months prior to such request.