

# Regulation No. 7

## New or Additional Service Connections

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Water Service from Sacramento Suburban Water District is not transferable or assignable and is subject to full compliance with the District's Regulations Governing Water Service, including the following terms and conditions:

### A. New or Additional Service Connections Generally

No New Service shall be connected to the District Water System unless there exists a District water main in a street or right-of-way fronting an Applicant's property accessible to the proposed location of the Applicant's service. A New Service will be located only in the front of a Parcel if an existing water main fronts a Customer's property. A New Service shall only be permitted in a backyard when no other viable option is available. A District water main available to serve a New Service shall have Adequate and Reserve Capacity and pressure to provide safe and reliable water service for domestic and fire protection use as solely and conclusively determined by the District. The District, in determining the adequacy of the existing facilities, will take into consideration all factors such as the water requirements of the project to be served by a New Service, the flows required for fire protection, and whether the use of the water will significantly impair service to existing Customers. If the District determines that the New Service will not be connected into the District Water System unless the Applicant provides such adequate extensions or additions as may be necessary in accordance with District Standards, regulations, and Master Plan, then the District shall determine the location, capacity, and design of such extensions or additions and provide its determination to the Applicant. In making this determination, the District may consider all factors, including but not limited to, anticipated future land uses, water requirements, the desirability of looping water mains to increase reliability and adequacy of service, required flows needed for fire protection, and the long range plans for capital improvements of the District Water System. The District's determination will be conclusive on the Applicant.

### B. No Prior Service

#### 1. Adequate Main Abuts Applicant's Parcel

A New Service will be connected provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) The Parcel to be served is within the District's geographical boundaries or is annexed to the District in accordance with an order of LAFCO;
- (b) The Applicant's Parcel is or has been made subject to applicable bonded indebtedness of the District, if any;

- (c) The District possesses adequate water supply to serve the Applicant's requested needs;
- (d) A District water main of Adequate and Reserve Capacity exists in a public right-of-way fronting the Principal Boundary or Principal Boundaries of the Applicant's Parcel, where the public right-of-way is less than 80 feet wide. For public rights-of-way 80 feet or wider, a water main of Adequate and Reserve Capacity shall exist fronting the Applicant's Principal Boundary from within the area measured from the centerline of the public right-of-way to the Applicant's property line contiguous to the public right-of-way; and
- (e) An Application for Water Service has been filed with the District in compliance with Section D, hereof.

2. No Adequate Main Abuts Applicant's Parcel

Service will be connected provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) The Parcel to be served is within the District's geographical boundaries or is annexed to the District in accordance with an order of LAFCO;
- (b) The Applicant's Parcel is or has been made subject to applicable bonded indebtedness of the District, if any;
- (c) The District possesses adequate water supply to serve the Applicant's requested needs;
- (d) The Applicant will provide a main of Adequate and Reserve Capacity at his/her own cost and expense, which main shall be constructed in a public right-of-way fronting the entire frontage of the Applicant's Parcel or an approved easement. Should the Applicant's Parcel front two or more rights-of-way, the Applicant shall be required to install the main along the Parcel's Principal Boundary as designated in the District's Master Plan as the right-of-way necessary to provide for future extension of the District Water System. Should the Applicant be required to service the Parcel from a right-of-way other than the principal right-of-way (service shall also mean fire service if required by the applicable fire agency), then the Applicant shall be required to install water mains of Adequate and Reserve Capacity along both the principal and the service frontage. All provisions for main extensions shall be in accordance with all applicable District Standards, Regulations, Master Plans; and
- (e) An Application for Water Service has been filed with the District in compliance with Section D, hereof.

## C. Prior Service

1. A Parcel to which service has been discontinued will be re-connected upon the filing of a new application together with the payment of all fees and the upgrade of all District facilities affected by the re-connection as required by District Regulations.
2. If any one of the following, but not limited to, conditions exists on an Applicant's Parcel, the District will require an upgrade of the existing service before reconnection to the District Water System will be permitted:
  - (a) An improvement on the Parcel requires an increase in water pressure or quantity. The District's increase of water pressure or quantity determination shall be based on the quantity of added water use facilities to be installed as a result of the improvement. The Applicant's engineer shall submit to the District a record of all the plumbing fixtures and flows required to serve all existing and proposed improvements on the Applicant's Parcel. Based on this information, the District shall determine if the existing service is adequate to serve the Premises. The District shall use AWWA Standards to determine the adequacy of all services and the consequent need for upgrades.
  - (b) An improvement on the Parcel requires increased water pressure or quantity in order to meet fire demand as computed under the fire suppression rating schedule, published by the California Fire Code (Edition 2013, or latest edition).
  - (c) An improvement changes a multiple unit Premises from master-metered to individually-metered units.
3. In those cases when service has not been interrupted but the Parcel has been improved, the provisions and requirements of Regulations Nos. 7 and 9 hereof shall apply if any one of the conditions described above in subparagraph 2 exists.

## D. Application for Service

1. The District will not provide or continue service to any Parcel unless the present Landowner has filed an Application for Water Service with the District.
2. Application for service shall be made in writing on forms provided by the District and signed by the Landowner.
3. Applications shall be supported by plat maps and a legal description of the Parcel, and a project description that includes construction type and number of living units, plan of water distribution, project approval by the appropriate fire service district, the planned service date, the name and billing address of the Landowner, the domestic water requirements in gallons per minute, and the total fire-flow

requirements, as well as the location of existing and/or proposed fire hydrants to meet applicable fire-flow requirements.

4. The failure of an Applicant to request the connection of his or her Parcel to the District Water System within one year of the District's Plan Approval shall automatically terminate the application and entitle the Applicant to the return of all fees paid except the plan check fee, any annexation fee, and other fees as described in Subsection G hereof. A request for refunding of fees shall be made in writing to the District.
5. The Applicant must deposit with the District, on or before the Plan Approval date, an amount equal to the cost of all Extension Facilities proposed to be constructed by the District, together with all service charges, fees, and Capacity Fees in effect on the date of the Final Approval.
6. Any decision by the District's staff concerning an application for service is appealable first to the General Manager and then to the District Board of Directors. An Applicant's appeal must comply with the applicable requirements provided in Regulation No. 17, Procedures for Variance Application.
7. In situations where a retail municipal water supplier must allocate service connections due to supply limitations, Government Code section 65889.7 requires the District to provide a service priority to proposed residential developments that include units affordable to lower income households, as such are defined in Health & Safety Code sections 50052.5, 50053 and 50079.5. The District currently has sufficient supplies to serve all anticipated new demands and given its largely built-out condition, expects to have sufficient supplies to meet all future new demands. If, however, an allocation of new services becomes necessary, the following states the District's low income housing priority policy. An application for service to a proposed development that includes housing units affordable to lower income households, as defined by Government Code section 65589.7(d)(1), shall not be denied, conditionally approved, or the amount of service applied for reduced without specific written findings that the denial, condition, or reduction is necessary due to one or more of the following:
  - a. The District does not have "sufficient water supply," as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 66473.7, or is operating under a water shortage emergency or distribution capacity to serve the needs of the proposed development, as demonstrated by a written engineering analysis and report;
  - b. The District is subject to a compliance order issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water that prohibits new water connections;
  - c. The Applicant has failed to agree to reasonable terms and conditions relating to the provisions of service generally applicable to development projects seeking service from the District, including, but not limited, the

requirements of local, state, or federal laws and regulations or payment of a connection fee or capacity charge imposed pursuant to Government Code section 66013.

In accordance with Water Code section 10631.1, the District will include in its Urban Water Management Plans projections of water use by single- and multiple-family housing needed for low income families.

#### E. Water Main Sizes

1. The size of water mains to be installed in accordance with this Regulation No. 7 shall be in compliance with District Standards, Section D - Design Standards.
2. Whenever Extension Facilities are required to be installed in accordance with this Regulation No. 7, the District may require, in accordance with its approved Master Plan and for the purposes of public convenience, necessity, and safety, the installation of an Up-Sized Line. Whenever the District requires the installation of an Up-Sized Line, the line shall be designed in accordance with one of the following procedures at the District's option:
  - (a) An Applicant, with approval from the District, shall have his or her engineer design the Up-Sized Line. The Applicant shall competitively bid and in accordance with the lowest responsive and responsible bid, construct the extension facility in accordance with the following conditions:
    - (1) The Applicant's engineer will prepare a spreadsheet detailing the Applicant's cost of installation of the line size required in accordance with provisions of District Standards, Section D - Design Standards.
    - (2) The Applicant's engineer will prepare a spreadsheet detailing the cost of the installation of the Up-Sized Line.
    - (3) The Applicant's engineer shall design plans and specifications for both the main size required in accordance with District Standards and Regulations and the Up-Sized Line. The design of the water mains shall be according to District Standards with plan review, revisions, and Plan Approval by District staff.
    - (4) The District shall pay to the Applicant, when the job is completed and accepted by the District, the difference in cost between the cost of the Up-Sized Line based on the lowest responsive and responsible bid and the cost of the installation of the line of the size required to adequately serve his or her Parcel, based on the average of the three lowest responsive and responsible bids. The District shall pay for the Up-Sized Line in accordance with Regulation No. 9, Section L.

- (5) The Applicant shall pay to the contractor the full cost of the main installed.
  - (6) The Applicant shall pay all of the District's fees, charges and costs required for the installation of the water main.
  - (7) The Applicant shall comply with all applicable regulations of the District and any amendments adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The District shall design plans and call for separate bidding to construct the Extension Facilities as follows:
- (1) District staff will prepare spreadsheets detailing the cost of installing the line size required in accordance with District Standards, Section D - Design Standards.
  - (2) District staff will prepare spreadsheets detailing the cost of installing the Up-Sized Line.
  - (3) The Applicant shall pay to the District the full cost of the installation of the line of the size required to adequately serve his or her Parcel, based on the average of the three lowest responsive and responsible bids, and the District will pay the difference for the cost of the Up-Sized Line as contained in those bids. Applicant's payment to the District shall be no later than 30 calendar days after the District has awarded the project.
  - (4) The Applicant shall comply with all District Standards and Regulations and any amendments adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors.

F. District Final Plan Approval

The date of the District's final Plan Approval is defined as that date when the District shall, after receipt of all applicable fees, charges, applications and grants of easements, date and sign the Applicant's plans as approved for construction, or where no Extension Facilities are required, on that date when the District shall, after receipt of all applicable fees, charges, application and grants of easements, approve and date the said application. Should Applicant not obtain District's approval of his or her plans, the Applicant shall not be allowed to connect to the District Water System until he or she has obtained final Plan Approval. The District's Final Plan Approval is subject to all time limits and other restrictions provided in this Regulation No. 7 and such approval does not create any vested right in an Applicant except to the extent provided herein.

## G. Expired Plans/Un-Built Projects

If construction of the required extension has not begun on the one-year anniversary date of Plan Approval or the District receives a written statement from an Applicant that the project will not be built, the District shall deem the plans void. The District will refund collected fees upon the Applicant's written request, except for plan review, hydrant permit, construction water, annexation, and fire hydrant flow test fees. Should an Applicant resubmit plans for approval, the District will review the plans in accordance with District Standards, this Regulation No. 7 and Regulation No. 9. New and/or additional fees will be calculated and assessed for review of resubmitted plans. New Plan Approval shall be per Section F hereof.

## H. Charges for New or Improved Service Connections

### 1. Plan Check Fee

A charge shall be assessed by the District for the review of the Applicant's construction plans for new or improved water service. The charge for plan check shall be in accordance with Regulation No. 3, Section Q.1. In addition, the District may charge staff time or consultant fees at cost for any additional services required as part of the review, including but not limited to, hydraulic analyses, site verification, and research. The District shall estimate the cost of reviewing such plans and notify the Applicant of the estimated costs for the services required. The Applicant shall deposit with the District the estimated plan check costs as a condition precedent to plan review. In the event that the actual cost for plan checking incurred by the District exceeds the amount deposited, the Applicant shall pay the excess fees due to the District before final Plan Approval.

### 2. Service Line Charge

The District charge for the installation of a new metered water service line from the existing water main to an Applicant's Parcel shall equal the District's actual cost of materials, installation, labor, equipment, and normal overhead charges.

### 3. Service Line Relocation

The District charge for the relocation of a service line from the existing water main to an Applicant's Parcel (which will be relocated according to District Standards) shall equal the District's actual cost of materials, installation, labor, equipment, and normal overhead charges.

### 4. Water Meters

District charges for installing and setting water meters will consist of the District's actual cost of materials, labor, equipment, installation, and overhead. The installation of a metered New Service shall be charged according to Section H.2 of this Regulation No. 7, provided that all applicable conditions of the District's Regulations have been satisfied.

5. Capacity Fees

To cover a portion of the District’s costs incurred for the installation of wells, pumps, and storage and treatment facilities, and to provide a fund for reimbursement of a portion of Customers’ costs of Extension Facilities pursuant to Regulation No. 9, Section A, a Capacity Fee (formerly, a Facilities Development Charge) will be imposed in accordance with the following schedule for each new or improved service:

Meter Size	Capacity Fee
5/8”	\$4,973
3/4”	\$7,460
1”	\$12,433
1 ½”	\$24,865
2”	\$39,784
3”	\$79,568
4”	\$124,325
6”	\$248,650
8”	\$447,570
10”	\$596,760
12”	\$839,194

- (a) Each year, Capacity Fees will be adjusted utilizing the model developed for and used in the most recent fee study. Staff will update the model data, assumptions, and parameters and calculate the new Capacity Fee values.

The effective date of the recalculated Capacity Fees will be June 1st. A comprehensive review and update of Capacity Fee methodology shall occur at least every five years.

- (b) In the event that a Capacity Fee assessed to an Applicant imposes a financial burden on his or her project, the Applicant may request that the District enter into a deferred payment plan on the all of following terms:

(1) The written application includes a request for deferment of the payment of all or part of the Capacity Fee.

(2) The District Board of Directors must approve the request.



- (3) The request is accompanied by a surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to the Capacity Fee imposed on the Applicant as specified above, and the specified security is issued by a surety or financial institution authorized to do business and in good standing with the appropriate agency of the State of California.
- (4) The deferment request is accompanied by an executed Contract on a form provided by the District, which Contract includes the provisions of this subsection and provides for the payment of such Capacity Fee as may be in effect on the date of payment, together with interest at the legal rate. The Contract also will provide that the Applicant will pay the Capacity Fee in full no later than a date that is no more than 12 months from the date of the filing of the Service Application with the District.
- (5) The written application and accompanying plans must comply with all applicable District Standards, Ordinances, and Regulations.
- (6) The deferment rights granted to an Applicant, if any, are not assignable except upon the District's written consent.

#### 6. Supervision and Inspection Charges

A charge shall be assessed for District supervision and inspection of water system improvements. The charge for supervision and inspection shall be in accordance with Regulation No. 3, Section Q.2.. At the time of service application, the District will estimate the minimum cost for District supervision and inspection of the proposed water system improvements, which the Applicant shall deposit with the District in advance of Plan Approval, in addition to all other charges owing under the District's regulations. In the event that actual supervision and inspection costs for supervision and inspection incurred by the District exceed the amount deposited, the Applicant will pay the excess fees due to the District as a condition precedent to final District acceptance of the water system improvements and connection of service. Should any additional costs be required due to damage to District facilities by Applicant's contractor during construction, the cost shall be billed separately to the contractor. The contractor's payment of billed damages shall be due as a condition of commencing water service and final District acceptance of the improvements.

Should the need for an inspection occur weekdays between 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the following day, or on weekends or holidays, the requested inspection shall be scheduled through the District to ensure the availability of personnel for the time requested. Overtime costs for inspections outside of normal business hours by District personnel shall be calculated and paid by the Applicant in advance of scheduling the after-hours work. The overtime charge shall be at least one and one-half (1½) times the standard hourly rate for inspection.

7. Fire Hydrant Flow Test

When requested by the local fire agency having jurisdiction over a project within the District, a fire hydrant flow test will be performed to determine the flow available at the test date. The flow test will only demonstrate the pressure and distribution capabilities at the time and under the conditions existing when the test is performed. The District will not guarantee that the flow test results obtained will be consistent with flows available at all times and under all conditions.

Flow tests will be performed either in the field or using the District's water model. Tests will be performed by District staff as time allows but not to exceed 4 weeks after a request is made. For design purposes, fire flow tests using the water model will be run with the most conservative assumptions reasonable in order to establish the projected worst case conditions prevailing in the District's water system.

A charge will be assessed for the District to supervise and perform the test and to provide written results. The charge shall be in accordance with Regulation No. 3, Section S.

8. Bacteriological Testing

After installation and disinfection, the District will sample all new Extension Facilities and have the sample tested by a certified laboratory for bacteria. The Extension Facilities will be super-chlorinated and flushed using at least three times the volume of water in the facilities before bacteria testing is to begin. After flushing is complete, the first set of bacteria testing will be collected from the Extension Facilities. Twenty-four (24) hours after the first collection, a second set of bacteria testing will be collected. If the new Extension Facilities fail to meet applicable federal, state and local bacteriological standards, the Applicant will be responsible for re-disinfecting and re-testing those facilities until they pass. A charge for this test and any required retests will be assessed in accordance to Regulation No. 3, Section J.

9. Backflow Prevention Assembly Test Charge

A charge will be assessed for the District to test all Backflow Prevention Assemblies as part of a new development to verify the operating status of each such device. If a Backflow Prevention Assembly does not pass the first inspection, the Applicant will be required to repair the Backflow Prevention Assembly and re-test it at the Applicant's expense. Each backflow test charge shall be in accordance with Regulation No. 3, Section D.

10. Environmental Document Charge

Whenever the District determines that an environmental impact report or other environmental document is required for a proposed Extension Facility necessary to serve an Applicant's Parcel, the District will estimate the cost of preparing such a document, including overhead expenses, preparation, and hearings. In addition to

all other costs that may be due to the District for provision of service, the Applicant shall deposit with the District the estimated Environmental Document Charge as a condition precedent to the District's approval of an environmental document. In the event that the actual cost to prepare an environmental document exceeds the amount deposited, the Applicant will pay the excess amount before Final Approval. If the deposit exceeds the cost, the District will refund the balance.

In the event that the Applicant delivers to the District a certified copy of an environmental document duly approved and filed by the County of Sacramento relevant to the Applicant's Parcel, the District may determine, in its sole discretion, that the provisions of this paragraph do not apply.

#### 11. Furnish-Only Fees

Meters, as shown on the standard detail drawing of the District Standards, are required on all new or improved Service Connections and shall be Furnish-Only Materials by the District. The District will charge fees for Furnish-Only Materials to an Applicant in accordance with the number, the cost, and the District's inventory and overhead cost for furnishing the required Meter(s).

#### I. Water Service

The District shall make water service available to an Applicant's new or improved Service Connection subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. No service shall be granted or continued unless an Applicant has filed an application for service on a District-furnished form.
  - (a) All new construction, improved Parcels, and replacement mains shall have a Meter installed on the Principal Boundary no more than one foot behind a sidewalk or curb.
  - (b) Monthly water billing shall be computed on actual consumption based on the Metered Rates in Regulation No. 3.
  - (c) A separate Service Connection and Meter shall be installed on each Parcel. A separate Service Connection may include multiple meters except as otherwise limited by this Regulation No. 7.
  - (d) If a Parcel is found to be served by more than one Service Connection, it will be at the sole discretion of the District, in consultation with the Customer, to determine how the parcel will receive water through a metered connection(s). The owner of the parcel will be responsible for the cost of any changes to the service configuration, including the abandonment of any existing unused Service Connection or the upgrade to District current standards of additional Service Connections as determined necessary by the District.

- (e) The minimum water service size for a new residential Service Connection shall be one inch in diameter.
  - (f) No more than one Service Connection per Single Family Residential Parcel will be permitted unless otherwise determined by the District.
  - (g) Each residential unit is required to have its own District-approved Service Connection.
  - (h) A separate metered irrigation service shall be required for all non-residential units.
  - (i) No credit will be allowed for vacancies in multiple family residential units.
  - (j) All non-residential services and multi-family residential structures containing 5 or more units fed from a single connection services shall have water meters with an approved Backflow Prevention Assembly.
2. Use of a 5/8" meter shall be limited to multi-family residential units fed by a single water service to each unit such as, but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, apartment buildings with five or more residential units, and condominiums.
  3. Voluntary Meter Installation on an Existing Residential Service
    - (a) At a Customer's request, the District will install a permanent Meter on an existing un-metered Service Connection for a residential Parcel at no direct charge. However, should the Parcel be within a current main replacement project area that is scheduled for a new water service installation a new meter will be installed only after the installation of the new water main.
    - (b) Upon installation of a Meter, the District will compute and charge the Parcel's water bill based on actual consumption at the Metered Rates stated in Regulation No. 3.

#### J. Connection to Facilities Extended by District

1. If an Applicant for water service to a Parcel fronting Extension Facilities built with District funds desires to connect to such facilities, he or she shall deposit with the District, together with a New Service application, a portion of the total cost of designing and installing the Extension Facilities. The Applicant's cost share shall be determined by comparing the length of the Applicant's frontage along the right-of-way in which the water service facilities will or have been located to the total combined frontage along said right-of-way of all Parcels served by the Extension Facilities. The District also will calculate and charge all other applicable fees and charges established by District Regulations.
2. If an Applicant chooses, payment of the costs and charges to connect to District-constructed Extension Facilities as defined in Regulation No. 9, Section A may be

deferred for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date on which the District approves the Application for Water Service, provided:

- (a) The Applicant requests the District defer the charges in writing before the date the application is approved, and
  - (b) The full amount of such fees and charges together with interest thereon at the legal rate is guaranteed by a surety bond issued by a surety company acceptable to the District, and the Applicant executes an agreement to make such payment together with interest at the legal rate within the 12-month deferment period, and
  - (c) The deferment is not transferable.
3. Reimbursement for eligible costs of Extension Facilities as defined by Regulation No. 9, Section A will not be made until all connection charges have been paid by the Applicant.

**K. Abandonment of Service Line**

The District charge for the abandonment of an existing water service from the existing water main to the Applicant's Parcel shall equal the District's actual cost of materials, labor, equipment and normal overhead charges. The charge for service abandonment shall be in accordance with Regulation No. 3, Section T.

**L. Existing Services**

All Service Connections that are not directly affected by an improvement, but which exist on a Parcel to be improved, shall be upgraded to current District Standards if the Landowner intends to use such service(s) in the future. If the unaffected Service Connection(s) will not be used, the Landowner shall be required to abandon such service(s) in accordance with District Standards. This requirement applies to all services that serve other buildings or appurtenances on the Parcel being improved.

District-required upgrades of existing Service Connection(s) shall include, but are not limited to, repair, upgrade and/or replacement of existing facilities to current District Standards.

Credit will be given for existing unused services on improvement projects affecting the Parcel. Credit will be given in the amount of the existing Capacity Fee on the Plan Approval date, subject to abandonment of the unused Service Connection(s) as required herein. Credit will only apply to new Capacity Fees and will not exceed the total for the project.

M. Existing Services on Split Parcels

After a parcel split, the existing service will serve only the Parcel on which it is installed. If any unserved portion of a split Parcel will be developed, the Landowner shall be required to install a New Service on such Parcel in accordance with all applicable District Standards, Ordinances, and Regulations.