

ORDINANCE NO. 150

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LINDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AMENDING CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Linda County Water District as follows:

Section. 1. Purpose and Authority. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the District's Cross-Connection Control Program to comply with the State Water Resources Board Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Water Code sections 30523 and 30579.5 and other applicable law.

Section 2. Code Amendment. The Linda County Water District Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5.9.9. Cross-Connection Control. The following cross-connection control program shall apply and be enforced in the District:

a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the definitions in the State Water Resources Board Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook ("CCCPH") shall apply.

b. Responsible Officer. The General Manager, or his or her designee (the "Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator"), shall be responsible for protecting the District's public water supply from contamination by cross-connections and to carry out and implement this program. The Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator shall participate periodically in appropriate training in cross-connection control programs, practices and techniques as required by the CCCPH.

c. General regulations and prohibitions. Each water user shall comply with the District's Cross-Connection Control Program and the CCCPH to protect the District's public water system from contamination due to potential and actual cross-connections. An appropriate backflow prevention assembly ("BPA") must be installed and maintained by and at the expense of the water user at each user connection where a BPA is required to prevent backflow from the user's premises to the domestic potable water system.

d. Backflow device standards. The type, location, and size of the BPAs required by this section shall be approved prior to installation by the Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator. The Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator shall follow the standards established by the CCCPH.

e. Installation of backflow devices. Only backflow prevention assemblies which have been approved by the District shall be acceptable for installation by a water user. A list of approved backflow prevention assemblies will be provided upon request to any water user. BPAs shall be installed in a manner prescribed by the CCCPH. Location of the assemblies shall be as close as practicable to the water user's connection. The District shall have the final authority in determining the required location of a backflow prevention assembly. Upon completion of installation of a BPA, a water user must have the BPA inspected by a certified

backflow assembly tester. The District maintains a list of local certified testers who are approved to test backflow assemblies within the District. All BPA testing shall be in compliance with the CCCPH and BPA testing results must be provided to the District in compliance with the District's Cross-Connection Control Program.

f. Testing. Testing of BPAs shall be conducted only by certified testers approved by the District and testing will be the responsibility of the water user. BPAs must be tested at least annually and immediately after installation, relocation, repair, or depressurization for winterization. No assembly shall be placed back into service unless it is functioning as required. BPAs shall be serviced, overhauled, or replaced whenever they are found to be defective, and all costs of testing, repair, and maintenance shall be borne by the water user. Approval must be obtained by District prior to removing, relocating, or replacing a backflow prevention assembly.

Backflow assembly testers must notify the District within 24 hours if a backflow incident or an unprotected cross-connection is observed at the BPAs. The District will immediately conduct an investigation and discontinue service to the user premises if a backflow incident is confirmed. Water service may not be restored to that user premises until the District receives confirmation of a passing assembly field test from an approved BPA tester.

g. Surveys. The Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator shall, from time to time, conduct surveys of water user premises to evaluate the types and degrees of cross-connection hazards at users' premises. All such surveys shall be conducted in accordance with the CCCPH. The District shall notify water users when an assembly needs to be tested. The notice shall contain the date when the test must be completed.

h. Cross-Connection Incident Response. The District will investigate and respond to all possible backflow incidents brought to the District's attention by any means, including complaints or reports of changes in water quality. Qualified employees will be dispatched to investigate possible cross-connection incidents and will collect all relevant information and data, including water quality samples and pressure recordings at or near any unapproved cross connections. Based on the details of the investigation, the District will develop a plan for systematic cleaning or flushing of the system to minimize the risk of drawing contaminants into the public water system. After all necessary flushing and cleaning, the drinking water in affected areas will be tested again to ensure the contamination has been removed. The original source of the contamination/cross connection will be removed or the risk of contamination eliminated via the installation of an appropriate BPA.

i. Record keeping. The District shall keep and maintain written records of locations of auxiliary water supplies and backflow devices, backflow device installation and repair records, written statements concerning auxiliary water supplies, and survey, testing and inspection reports. The District will collect and maintain records in accordance with the CCCPH.

j. District access to property. The Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator, and his designated representatives, shall have reasonable access to any water user's premises for purposes of making inspections and surveys for cross-connection control, inspections of installed backflow devices, and as otherwise necessary to protect the public water supply against cross-connections. If any water user refuses entry by or hinders or prevents

inspection by the Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator or his representative, then the District may discontinue water service to the premises until entry is allowed.

k. Enforcement. If a water user fails to comply with any provision of the District's Cross-Connection Control Program or the CCCPH, the District may deny or discontinue water service to the water user's premises until the Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator determines that the user is in compliance with such requirements. The District maintains the legal authority to install, inspect, field test, and/or maintain a BPA at a water user's premises if the user fails to comply in a timely manner with the District's Cross-Connection Control Program. The customer will be billed for all costs of goods and services provided by the District.

Section 5.12.13. is amended to read as follows:

Cross-Connections. Water service may be refused or discontinued to any premises where there exists a cross-connection in violation of the District's Cross-Connection Control Operating Rules or the CCCPH.

Section 3. Effect of Amendments. Except for the provisions above amended by this ordinance, all provisions of the District Code shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction holds that any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and application of such remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date and Posting. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after its adoption, and prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the passage thereof, shall be published once (1) in The Appeal Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Yuba, State of California, with the names of the members of the Board of Directors voting for and against the same.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Linda County Water District on the 13th day of October 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Director Knudson, Director McAleer, Director Whitaker, Director Stevens, ~~Director Saunders~~

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: *DIRECTOR SAUNDERS*

By: *Keith Whitaker*
Keith Whitaker
Vice-President, Board of Directors

Attest:

Melinda Thornsberry
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District Secretary

