



BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL

TO: GCSB Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Kampa, General Manager

DATE: October 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5Ai: Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Amendments to Article VIII (“Cross Connection Control”) of Water Ordinance No. 2-17 Sections: 8.1.5.4, 8.1.6.3, 8.1.6.3 (c), 8.1.7.1, and Adding Sections: 8.1.8 Recordkeeping, 8.1.9 Backflow Incident Response, 8.1.10 Public Outreach and Education, 8.1.11 Local Entity

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Move to adopt resolution 29-2024 Approving the Amendments to Article VIII (“Cross Connection Control”) of Water Ordinance No. 2-17 Sections: 8.1.5.4, 8.1.6.3, 8.1.6.3 (c), 8.1.7.1, and Adding Sections: 8.1.8 Recordkeeping, 8.1.9 Backflow Incident Response, 8.1.10 Public Outreach and Education, 8.1.11 Local Entity.

BACKGROUND:

On September 10, 2024 the Board of Directors held the first reading of the proposed amendments to the Water Ordinance 2-17 Article VIII (Cross Connection Control) Sections: 8.1.5.4, 8.1.6.3, 8.1.6.3 (c), 8.1.7.1, and Adding Sections: 8.1.8 Recordkeeping, 8.1.9 Backflow Incident Response, 8.1.10 Public Outreach and Education, 8.1.11 Local Entity. Per District policy, the Public Notice for today’s hearing was published in the Union Democrat on September 28, 2024.

GCSB Ordinance 2-17 was initially authorized to establish and regulate the Cross-Connection Control Program, designed to prevent the contamination of the public water supply through the management of cross-connections and backflow incidents.

However, as of July 1, 2024, the State has released an updated Cross-Connection Control Program which introduces new standards and requirements to enhance the protection of public water systems. These updates reflect changes in regulatory frameworks, and improved methodologies for managing cross-connections. The updated State program mandates revisions to existing municipal ordinances to align with these new standards, including more stringent inspection protocols, enhanced training requirements, and updated compliance procedures.

To ensure our local regulations remain consistent with State requirements and to address emerging challenges in cross-connection control, it is necessary to amend Article VIII of Ordinance 2-17 and update Article VIII of existing Ordinance 2-17. This amended Ordinance will incorporate the updated State standards and amend Article 8 to reflect the

latest regulatory changes, thereby strengthening our program's effectiveness and safeguarding public health by preventing potential contamination of our water supply.

The Groveland Community Services District (GCSD) is required to amend existing Article VIII of the Ordinance No. 2-17 "Cross Connection Control" by adding new sections (8.1.8, 8.1.9, 8.1.10, and 8.1.11) as per updated regulations for Cross Connection Control Program, which took effect on July 1, 2024.

The revised program introduces more stringent standards for preventing contamination of public water systems through enhanced backflow prevention protocols, updated inspection and testing procedures. These changes are critical in addressing evolving challenges in water system protection and ensuring the highest level of public health safety. The current ordinance no longer adequately reflects these new requirements, which could result in compliance issues and potential risks to our water supply. The updated Ordinance is designed to align with the updated State program by incorporating these new standards, refining enforcement mechanisms, and clarifying roles and responsibilities for both property owners and District staff. By adopting the new ordinance, the Groveland Community Services District will not only ensure regulatory compliance but also reinforce its commitment to protecting public health and sustaining the integrity of our water supply.

Changes to the Ordinance are shown in colored text as additions and deletions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 29-2024
2. Notice of Publishing Affidavit
3. Article VIII Cross Connection Control Program

AFFP
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE } SS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DISTRICT

Carey Martin, being duly sworn, says:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on OCTOBER 8, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District (GCSD) will consider amendments to Article VIII ("Cross Connection Control") of Water Ordinance No. 2-17. Amendments to the ordinance are proposed to comply with new state regulations from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) concerning cross-connection requirements. A summary of the proposed amendments follows below:

That she is Principal Clerk of the Union-Democrat, a daily newspaper of general circulation, published in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

September 28, 2024

To comply with new state regulations specified in the SWRCB's Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH), the proposed ordinance will add new sections to Article VIII of Water Ordinance No. 2-17:

Section 8.1.8 - Recordkeeping. GCSD must establish and maintain a recordkeeping system that complies with CCCPH Section 3.5.1.

Section 8.1.9 - Backflow Incident Response and Reporting. GCSD must create and implement procedures for investigating and responding to suspected or actual backflow incidents. These procedures should align with the requirements outlined in CCCPH Chapter 3, Article 5.

Section 8.1.10 - Public Outreach and Education. GCSD must establish a public outreach and education program focused on cross-connection control and backflow protection. This program should aim to inform staff, customers, and the community about these important topics. To fulfill this requirement, the District may use various methods, including periodic inserts in water bills, pamphlet distribution, new customer documentation, email communications, and consumer confidence reports.

Section 8.1.11 - Local Entity Coordination. GCSD must collaborate with relevant local entities involved in cross-connection control or public health protection. This coordination is essential for conducting hazard assessments, ensuring the provision of appropriate backflow protection, and assisting in the investigation of backflow incidents. Relevant local entities may include plumbing and permitting officials, health departments, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, maintenance personnel, and both public and private organizations.

Also proposed for amendment are the following sections:

8.1.5.4 to clarify responsibility for annual backflow device testing, requiring certified testers and testing schedules

8.1.6.3 clarifying the District as the owner of the water system.

8.1.6.3 (c) clarifying the annual testing schedule

8.1.7.1 Added Section to clarify that the District will have the backflow device

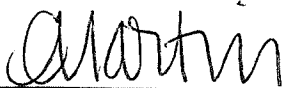
That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Principal Clerk

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 28th day of September 2024.



Carey Martin, Principal Clerk, Tuolumne County, California

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tested and cost billed to the property owner in the event deadline requirements are not met.

Copies of the draft ordinance are available at the GCSD office (18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland, CA 95321) and at www.gcsd.org. You may also contact the Board Secretary at rpearlman@gcsd.org or by calling (209) 962-7161.
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The Union Democrat, Sonora, CA 95370

RESOLUTION 29-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VIII (“CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL”) OF WATER ORDINANCE NO. 2-17 SECTIONS: 8.1.5.4, 8.1.6.3, 8.1.6.3 (C), 8.1.7.1, AND ADDING SECTIONS: 8.1.8 RECORDKEEPING, 8.1.9 BACKFLOW INCIDENT RESPONSE, 8.1.10 PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION, 8.1.11 LOCAL ENTITY

WHEREAS, the Groveland Community Services District (herein referred to as District) is a local government agency formed and operating in accordance with Section §61000 et seq. of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations prescribes that the water supplier shall protect the public water system from contamination by implementation of a cross-connection control program; and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of the State of California that the Groveland Community Services District (hereinafter referred to as GCSD) establish a cross-connection control program satisfactory to the State Water Resources Control Board; and

WHEREAS, cross-connections within the customer's water system pose a potential source of contamination to the public water system; and

WHEREAS, the GCSD has adopted a cross-connection program which is contained within its Water Ordinance No. 2-17 Section 8; and

WHEREAS, changes in state regulations require amendments to Water Ordinance No. 2-17 Section 8; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors conducted a first reading of amendments to Ordinance No. 2-17 Sections: 8.1.5.4, 8.1.6.3, 8.1.6.3 (c), 8.1.7.1, and Adding Sections: 8.1.8 Recordkeeping, 8.1.9 Backflow Incident Response, 8.1.10 Public Outreach and Education, 8.1.11 Local Entity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES hereby adopt Resolution 29-2024 approving the amendments to Article VIII (“Cross Connection Control”) of Water Ordinance No. 2-17 Sections: 8.1.5.4, 8.1.6.3, 8.1.6.3 (c), 8.1.7.1, and adding Sections: 8.1.8 Recordkeeping, 8.1.9 Backflow Incident Response, 8.1.10 Public Outreach and Education, 8.1.11 Local Entity.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution is passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District on October 8, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

ABSENT:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVE:

Nancy Mora, Board President

ATTEST:

Rachel Pearlman, Board Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Rachel Pearlman, the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, do hereby declare that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, duly called and held on October 8, 2024.

DATED: _____