

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VOLTA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

The VOLTA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I – PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect Volta Community Services District's water system, (hereinafter referred to as the District) from contamination due to potential and actual cross-connections. This shall be accomplished by the establishment of a cross-connection control program as required by State regulations. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Title 17, Section 7583-7605, inclusive, of the California Code of Regulations, entitled "Regulations Relating to Cross-Connections".

SECTION II – RESPONSIBILITY

The General Manager shall be responsible for implementing and enforcing the cross-connection control program. An appropriate backflow prevention assembly shall be installed by and at the expense of the water user at each user connection where required to prevent backflow from the water user's premises to the domestic water system. It shall be the water user's responsibility to comply with the District's requirements.

SECTION III – CROSS-CONNECTION PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

The type of protection that shall be provided to prevent backflow into the public water supply system shall be commensurate with the degree of hazard, actual or potential, that exists on the water user's premises. Unprotected cross-connections with the District's water supply are prohibited. The type of backflow prevention assembly that may be required (listed in decreasing level of protection) includes: Air-gap separation (AG), Reduced Pressure, Principle Backflow Prevention Assembly (RP), and a Double Check Valve Assembly (DC). The water user may choose a higher level of protection than required by the District. The minimum types of backflow protection required to protect the approved water supply at the user's water connection to premises with varying degrees of hazard are listed in Table 1 of Section 7604, Title 17. Situations which are not covered in Table 1 shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and the appropriate backflow protection shall be determined by the District or health agency.

SECTION IV – BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLIES

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 a customer. Backflow prevention assemblies shall be installed in a manner prescribed in Section 7603, Title 17. Location of the assemblies shall be as close as practical to the user's connection. The District shall have the final authority in determining the required location of a backflow prevention assembly.

Testing of backflow assemblies shall be conducted by Scott Crist, the District's Water Operator, and testing will be the responsibility of the water user. Backflow prevention assemblies must be tested at least annually and immediately after installation, relocation or repair. More frequent testing may be required if deemed necessary by the District. No assembly shall be placed back in service unless it is functioning as required. These assemblies 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. The District shall invoice the water user for backflow assembly testing plus any parts and repairs performed by the water operator. The invoiced amount shall be due and payable to the District in 15 days. Approval must be obtained from the District prior to removing, relocating or replacing a backflow prevention assembly.

SECTION V – ADMINISTRATION

The cross-connection control program shall be administered by the General Manager. The District shall maintain a list of approved backflow prevention assemblies as well as a list of approved backflow prevention assembly testers. The General Manager shall conduct necessary surveys of water user premises to evaluate the degree of potential health hazards. The District shall notify water users when an assembly is scheduled to be tested by the water operator.

SECTION VI – WATER SERVICE TERMINATION

When the District encounters water uses that represent a clear and immediate hazard to the potable water supply that cannot be immediately abated, the procedure for terminating water service shall be instituted. Conditions or water uses that create a basis for water service termination shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Refusal to install or to test a backflow prevention assembly, or to repair or replace a faulty backflow prevention assembly.
2. Direct or indirect connection between the public water system and a sewer line.
3. Unprotected direct or indirect connection between the public water system and a system or equipment containing contaminants.
4. Unprotected direct or indirect connection between the public water system and an auxiliary water system.

For all conditions stated in Section VI the District shall terminate service to a water user's premises after a 30-day notification letter has been sent to the property owner. The water service shall remain inactive until correction of violations has been approved by the District and the District has received payment of the established reconnection fee.

SECTION VII – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall supersede all previous cross-connection control ordinances and shall take effect on the date of adoption. A copy of this Ordinance shall be posted on the District's website within a timely manner after its adoption.

Passed and adopted by the duly authorized governing body of **VOLTA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT** on August 11, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: 5 Names: Amanda Dorris, Charlie Styles, Darlene Castro, Brian Dorris, Jean Dorris

NOES: 0 Names: _____

EXCUSED: 0 Names: _____

 President

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the **VOLTA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS** held on August 11, 2016.

ATTEST:  Secretary
Volta Community Services District