

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
AMENDMENTS
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DISTRICT**

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:

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 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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