

NEW WATER METERING REQUIREMENTS

In response to the historic drought and the recognition of continued extremes in weather and water in California, the Governor has taken multiple actions to ensure that water efficiency and conservation become a “California Way of Life.” Water meters allow customers to know how much water they actually use and to be billed accordingly. Metering is proven to be one of the most effective means of encouraging water use efficiency. Local rules have been updated to reflect new water metering requirements in the following areas due to the passage of state laws.

SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL METERS FOR MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS

Effective January 1, 2017, applications for new water service at sites with mixed-use residential and commercial must have a separate service connection dedicated solely to the residential units and a separate service connection dedicated solely to the commercial units. The private pipeline systems for residential commercial uses must be independent of the other and not cross-connected. *(Long Beach Municipal Code Section 18.47.090, and LBWD Rules and Regulations Section 204.2.2(C))*

DEDICATED IRRIGATION METERS

Effective January 1, 2017, applications for new water service at residential sites with landscapes over 5,000 square feet and for non-residential sites with landscapes over 1,000 square feet must have a dedicated irrigation service connection separate from the service connection for non-irrigation use. The private pipeline systems for irrigation and non-irrigation uses must be independent of the other and not cross-connected. *(California Code of Regulations Sections 490-495, Chapter 2.7, Division 2, Title 23, California Water Code Section 535, and LBWD Rules and Regulations Section 204.4)*

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