


<p>RANCHO PAUMA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY</p> 	<p><b>BOARD POLICIES</b></p>	<p><b>Section 9.0</b></p> <p>Approved Date: June 23, 2014</p>
<p><b>FIRE HYDRANTS INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE</b></p>		<p>Revision Date:</p>

**9.1 LOCATION OF HYDRANT INSTALLATIONS**

Existing fire hydrant locations were determined by the County of San Diego or fire department, based on County ordinances in place at the time of construction. The installation of a new hydrant may be required at the County level upon application for a building permit or review by local agencies.

**9.2 CHARGES FOR INSTALLATION**

Upon request to the Company for installation of one or more fire hydrants as required by any local agency, the customer shall pay such charges as shall be determined on the basis of actual costs incurred by the Company in performing the work. At the time of the request for the installation, the customer shall deposit \$2500 per hydrant with the Company prior to commencement of the work. If actual costs incurred by the Company are less than the amount deposited, the Company shall refund the balance of the deposit to the customer. If the costs incurred exceed the amount deposited, the Company shall bill the customer for the additional costs.

**9.3 USE OF COMPANY FIRE HYDRANTS**

**A. For Training and Fire Fighting**

1. The Company will allow municipalities and fire agencies to use Company fire hydrants for training and firefighting purposes; provided, however, the Company reserves the right to revoke such authorization if the privilege has been abused by misuse or excessive use of water.
2. The Company intends to provide water necessary for firefighting, subject to limitations due to normal maintenance and operation of the water system; provided, however, the Company makes no guarantee that it will supply an unlimited amount of water to any hydrant in the Company.

**B. For Other Purposes.** No person may withdraw water from any fire hydrant, blow-off valve, or other connection to the facilities of this Company, unless an agreement has been entered into with the Company for such withdrawal. Such agreement shall provide that all withdrawals shall be made through a meter and charged at the current unit price as defined in the Rate Structure Policy. Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be subject to criminal and civil action as prescribed by law.

C. The provisions of paragraph B shall not apply to withdrawals of water made from fire hydrants or other facilities for fire department purposes or to withdrawals made by other governmental agencies with prior Company approval.

#### 9.4 MAINTENANCE OF COMPANY FIRE HYDRANTS

A. Monthly Inspection. Company personnel shall conduct a monthly physical inspection of each fire hydrant to assure the exterior condition of the hydrant has no leakage that could be detrimental to the material condition of the hydrant. Exterior paint will be kept in a non-rust state at all times.

B. Semi-Annual Inspection. Company personnel shall conduct a physical inspection of each fire hydrant every six months to assure proper operation of caps, valves and pressure. They shall pressure test the flow and indicate any needed adjustments.

C. Annual Inspection: State of California, Department of CalFire conducts an annual inspection of each fire hydrant within the Company to assure proper operation in times of emergency. Any deficiencies are noted and filed with the Company office for correction and re-inspection.

#### 9.5 LIABILITY

A. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions with respect to the Company's installation and maintenance obligations, the Company shall not be held liable for hydrant failure or lack of water capacity if it has acted in good faith and in accordance with this policy.