

ORDINANCE NO. 2002- 05

ORDINANCE OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 97-1 TO PERMIT AN EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF  
CAPACITY CHARGES FOR INCREASES IN METER SIZE NECESSARY TO  
ACCOMMODATE RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLERS UPON  
RECONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.9 of the County Water Authority Act, the board of directors adopted Ordinance No. 97-1 imposing capacity charges on ultimate users of water; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2 of Ordinance No. 97-1 requires a water user to pay a capacity charge if the user replaces an existing water meter with a meter having a greater size; and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions have adopted building regulations that require installation of residential fire sprinklers; and

WHEREAS, building regulations adopted after the initial construction of homes require installation of residential fire sprinklers upon the reconstruction or replacement of the homes; and

WHEREAS, in certain circumstances installation of residential fire sprinklers at a home requires replacement of an existing water meter of a size less than one inch with a meter of a size of one inch; and

WHEREAS, residential fire sprinklers are an important life safety and fire suppression device; and

WHEREAS, installation of residential fire sprinklers upon reconstruction or replacement of a home will not substantially increase water demand: and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and constitute legislative findings of this Board.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 97-1 is amended by the addition of section 2.2.1 to read as follows:

2.2.1 No capacity charge shall be charged to a water user who replaces an existing residential water meter less than one inch in size with a residential water meter one inch in size if

the member agency determines that the replacement is necessary in connection with the installation and operation of a residential fire sprinkler system.

Section 2. Codification. The General Counsel shall incorporate the provisions of Ordinance No. 97-1 and this ordinance into the Authority's Administrative Code according to the recodification plan approved by the Administrative and Legal Committee.

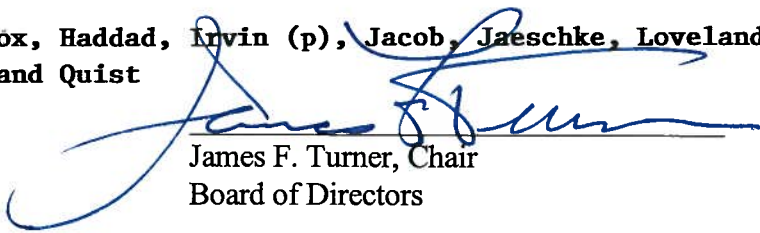
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002.

AYES: Unless noted below all Directors voted aye.

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: **Bowersox, Haddad, Irvin (p), Jacob, Jaeschke, Loveland, Mason and Quist**



James F. Turner, Chair  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



James Bond, Secretary  
Board of Directors

I, Vernice Rae Hartman, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of said Ordinance 2002- 05 of said Board and that the same has not been amended or repealed.



Vernice Rae Hartman  
Clerk of the Board