



## **SOUTH FEATHER WATER & POWER AGENCY**

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Michael Glaze, General Manager

**DATE:** May 15, 2007

**RE:** Proposed Amendment of Rules & Regulations – Project Approvals  
5/22/07 Board of Directors Meeting

As was discussed during last month's board meeting, staff and legal counsel are recommending a minor addition to the Rules & Regulations to ensure that developers and their engineers understand the purpose for the Agency reviewing their project plans.

The Policy Committee (Directors Hunter and Meyer) has reviewed the attached proposed amendment of the Rules & Regulations (the affected section is shown with the proposed addition in green print and underlined).

The requested action is:

**"I move approval of the proposed amendment to the Rules & Regulations' Part A, Section 3B, explaining the purpose for review of private development plans and inspection of construction by Agency personnel."**

## Part A - Domestic Water Service

### Section 3 - Main Extensions

#### B. *Project Approval*

Developers or owners of residential, commercial, industrial or other type projects shall first obtain approval from the Agency prior to:

1. Construction of domestic water facilities which they proposed to connect to the Agency's domestic water distribution system; or,
2. Relocation of existing Agency facilities.

'Project' shall be defined as the proposed construction of any development involving the extension of the Agency's domestic water distribution system and/or alterations to provide additional capacity in existing facilities in order to obtain domestic water service. The installation of a water service line from an existing water main for a new structure or the reconstruction of an existing water service line shall not be considered a 'project' as defined herein.

A request for project approval is initiated by submitting plans and specification of the proposed improvements for review by Agency staff. The plans and specifications shall be prepared by a registered civil engineer in conformance with these Rules & Regulations and the Agency's Development Standards for Treated Water Systems and shall contain sufficient information to completely describe all aspects of the project work. Agency staff shall review the project plans ~~to ensure their~~ for general conformance with these Rules & Regulations and the Agency's Development Standards, good engineering practice and the best interests of the Agency. Review of plans by the Agency, and inspection of the work, shall be for general conformance with its rules only and shall not constitute a detailed design review and approval of the project design. Review of the plans and specifications by Agency staff shall not relieve the Developer, or the Developer's engineer, of full responsibility for the proper engineering, design, and installation of the project, nor shall it relieve Developer of the duty to defend and indemnify Agency for claims or liability arising out of the design and installation of the project.<sup>1</sup>

The developer will pay for all Agency engineering, plan-check and inspection services. The developer's engineer will estimate the cost of the water system improvements and submit it for review and approval by the Agency's engineer. Payment of the Plan Check Fee (3% of approved engineer's estimate) will be required initially. Payment of the Inspection Fee (3% of approved engineer's estimate) will be required prior to the Conveyance Agreement being approved by the Board of Directors.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph amended 7/26/05 and 5/22/07

<sup>2</sup> Paragraph amended 6/26/01 and 7/26/05

