



ITEM 18. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 157 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RULE 11 (DEFINITIONS), REVISING RULE 23-A-1-i REGARDING WATER MEASURING DEVICE REQUIREMENTS AND AMENDING THE TITLE OF RULE 144

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Summary of Ordinance 157

This Ordinance responds to the Board's strategic goal to streamline and improve processes

- Amends the definition of "Connection Charge" to provide historical context
- Adds a definition to Rule 11 for the term "Capacity Fee"
 - Added to avoid confusion with a "connection charge" proposed in California American Water's 2013 General Rate Case (A.13-07-002)

Summary of Ordinance 157

- Clarifies Rule 23-A-1-i, Action on Application for a Water Permit to Connect to or Modify an Existing Water Distribution System
 - Replaces existing Rule 23-A-1-i with clearer policy
 - Implements specific variance processes for unique metering situations
- Amends the title of Rule 144 - Retrofit Upon Change of Ownership or Use, to include Expansions of Use
 - Rule currently applies to Expansions of Use

First Reading Amendment

- Staff recommends that an amendment to the term “User” be made during first reading.
- “User,” as presently defined, is confusing
- Amend definition (Section three, pg 79):

USER - “User” means a customer or consumer of water delivered by a Water Distribution System. User does not include any Owner or Operator of a Water Distribution System. Each residence, commercial enterprise, or industrial enterprise shall be deemed a separate and distinct User, ~~except that a User may extend incidental water use (e.g. a single Bar Sink) to another for convenience.~~

Recommendation

- The Board should receive public comment
- Consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 157

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