

ARTICLE 2 - Definitions

Backflow Prevention Device (BFPD): A mechanical device that will allow water to flow in only one direction.

Board: The five member Board of Directors of the La Plata Archuleta Water District. The Directors are elected, or appointed in the case of resignations between elections, to the Board which has the responsibility for policy and management oversight of the Water System. Normal elections for Directors are held in May of even numbered years.

Capital Investment Fee (CIF): A fee payable to the District for the right to connect a particular use to the Water System and includes all facilities from the water main of the District to the downstream side of the water meter pit. The amount of the capital investment fee is set by the Board of Directors and is subject to change.

Contractor: An experienced, bonded and adequately insured person, firm or corporation who is approved and authorized to perform work for or provides a service to the District.

Cross Connection: A physical connection through which a supply of potable water could be contaminated or polluted. A connection between a supervised potable water supply and an unsupervised supply of unknown potability (e.g. joint use of a well and the water system in the same house).

Customer: Any person, company, corporation, homeowner's association or similar entity authorized to connect to and use the public water system under a permit issued by the District. "Customer" is any person who applies to the District for a service connection, service disconnection, main line extension, or other such service agreement, or who attempts to have real property included within, or excluded from the District, as the case may be.

Customer Service Line: The entire pipeline from the downstream side of the water meter pit to the building or other point of use by the customer.

Director Districts: The five distinct geographic areas within the District with one Director residing in and representing each Director District. Directors are elected at-large.

District: Refers to the La Plata Archuleta Water District.

District Service Line: The entire pipeline, associated valves or other facilities used to provide water service from the water main of the District to the downstream side of the water meter pit. A district water service line is owned and maintained by the District from the tap on the District water main to the downstream side of the water meter pit. District service lines constructed by the customer shall be in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

General Manager: “General Manager” as used in these Rules and Regulations is the person employed by the Board of Directors to administer and supervise the construction and operation of the District’s water distribution system and its employees, budget and financial affairs.

Inspector: The person or entity under the direction of the District who shall inspect all water connections, excavations, installations of and repairs to the Water System and facilities of the District to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations and when applicable, the construction standards.

Lock-Off: The act of physically locking the meter yoke to prevent a customer from using the Water System.

Meter: The mechanical device, installed by District authorized personnel, which records the volume of water passing from the District’s distribution system to the customer’s service line.

Meter Pit: An underground structure where the water meter is located. The meter pit includes the meter yoke, a shut off valve before the meter, a backflow preventer, a meter, and the pit housing.

Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV): A valve that is designed to reduce the incoming water pressure. Typically necessary when the water pressure exceeds 80 psi, but may also be necessary if the incoming water pressure is lower than 80 psi depending on the existing plumbing and appliances.

Shall or May: The use of the word “shall” is construed as a mandatory direction. The use of the word “may” is construed as a permissible, but not mandatory, direction.

Water Main: Any pipe, piping or system for piping used as a conduit for water in the District’s water system and owned and maintained by the District.

Water System: Any water main, line, appurtenances, accessories, or portion thereof owned and maintained by the District.

Water Tap (Tap): A connection to the Water System that serves an individual meter.

Wet Tap Connection: A connection made to a Water main while it is still in service. Typically used to connect a new main to an existing main.

Any Other Term: Any other term not herein defined shall be defined as presented in the “Glossary – Water & Sewage Control Engineering” A.P.H.A., AWWA, ASCE, and F.W.S.A., latest editions.

