

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Policy and Procedure Manual**

FIRE PREVENTION  
PLANS AND PERMITS

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**Remote Water Meters**

**PURPOSE:** To provide Fire Prevention personnel with a guideline pertaining to remote water meter requests.

**POLICY:** Remote water meters will be granted if all of the following conditions are met:

- I. A water line extension for fire flow or travel distance to another hydrant is not required. Refer to the [San Diego County Fire Code](#) to determine travel distance to fire hydrant, based upon parcel size.
- II. All parcels are subdivided to their smallest size as determined by DPLU. Contact DPLU to determine minimum lot size requirements for parcels in that particular area.
- III. No possibility of future line extension. If adjacent undeveloped lands exist in general vicinity, approve only when these lands will not take access from existing/proposed roadway and which have a water line nearby.

**PROCEDURE:**

- I. DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION. Review the following to determine if residence meets all requirements listed above:
  - A. Site Plan/Grading Plan-determine distance to hydrant and hydrant spacing as specified in the County Fire Code. Consider hydrant access across a circulation element roadway (not allowable). Refer to Circulation Element of S.D. Co. General Plan.
  - B. Building Plan-determine fire flow of building as specified in CFC Appendix III-A. A hydrant may be required even if the building is sprinklered, depending upon existing available flow.
  - C. Contact appropriate water district to determine available flow from existing hydrant & mains.
  - D. Research [TM/TPM](#) for prior historical requirements. Requirements for hydrants placed on a TM/TPM may not be waived without going through the appeal process.
  - E. Contact DPLU to determine future development potential (if applicable).
- II. NOTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION. Perform the following based upon investigative findings:
  - A. Notify appropriate water district of remote water meter approval or denial. All correspondence to be in writing. Correspondence may be mailed or picked up, at discretion of requesting party. Include APN/TM/TPM number on correspondence.
  - B. Retain copies of all correspondence in appropriate APN/TM/TPM file for future reference.