

Chapter 2: CERTIFICATES OF WATER AVAILABILITY

5.02.010 Certificate of Water Availability – Review Process and Requirements for Issuance.

- A. Compliance Required. No development shall connect to the District's water system until the applicant for the development has complied with this section.
- B. One Service per building. Every building or structure requiring water service shall independently connect with a minimum of one water service line to the District's water system, including multiple buildings or structures on the same lot or parcel, except in instances when a single water service line serves more than one property or building water approved by the District prior to January 1, 2026. (Res. 2025.11.37)
- C. Application. Prior to or when submitting a development permit application to the appropriate City official, the applicant shall apply to the District for a Certificate of Water Availability by submitting a Request for Fire Flow Analysis/Certificate of Water Availability form. The Request for Fire Flow Analysis/Certificate of Water Availability form is available at **Appendix 5A**. (Res. 2019.09.31)
- D. Fire Flow Analysis. After the applicant has applied to the District for a Request for Fire Flow Analysis/Certificate of Water Availability and paid the flow analysis fee set forth in **Appendix 3A**, the District will perform a fire flow analysis.
 - 1. The fire flow analysis shall be conducted by completing a hydraulic analysis using a computer hydraulic model as selected by the District to determine the amount of flow and pressure available to the site in question. If it is not necessary to perform a fire flow analysis using a hydraulic analysis because current information is already available for the site in question, then the District shall refund to the applicant an amount, if any, specified in **Appendix 3A**.
 - 2. The District will use the fire flow analysis to determine whether the District's existing system can provide adequate fire flow.
 - 3. The Applicant is responsible for bringing the available fire flow to the local fire department to determine if adequate fire flow is available for the project. (Res. 2019.09.31)
- E. Meets Requirements. If the results of the fire flow analysis performed under subsection C indicate that there is existing sufficient fire flow to meet the Fire Department's requirements for the proposed development no other work is required.
- F. Does Not Meet Requirements. If the fire flow analysis performed under subsection C indicated that the site does not have adequate fire flow to meet the Fire Department's requirements for the proposed development, or if other improvements are necessary for water availability as determined by the District.

1. The applicant may:

- (a) Work with the Fire Department to determine if there is an alternative way the proposed development can meet the available fire flow; or,
- (b) Enter into the appropriate agreement(s) with the District to achieve adequate fire flow.

2. Where other improvements are necessary for water availability as determined by the District, the applicant may enter into the appropriate agreement(s) with the District to improve the water system to meet the District's requirements.

G. Other Required Improvements. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the District from identifying other required system improvements not associated with fire flow availability. (Res. 2019.09.31)

5.02.020 Certificate of Water Availability – Expiration.

- A. Effective for One Year. All Certificates of Water Availability issued by the District will be in effect for one year from the date of issue. At the end of one year, all Certificates of Water Availability expire and become void and no longer effective unless extended according to the terms of this section.
- B. Extension. A Certificate of Water Availability may be extended for a maximum of six months by the District Manager or Operations Manager if the applicant shows adequate progress toward completion of the development. (Res. 2015.07.14)