

RESOLUTION NO. 26R-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY
ADOPTING THE CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PLANS
FOR THE BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER SYSTEM (PWS NO. CA3610009)
AND THE GOAT MOUNTAIN WATER SYSTEM (PWS NO. CA3610060)**

WHEREAS, the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency ("Agency") owns and operates the Bighorn-Desert View Water System (PWS No. CA3610009) and the Goat Mountain Water System (PWS No. CA3610060); and

WHEREAS, protecting the public water supply from contamination caused by backflow and cross-connections is essential to maintaining safe and reliable drinking water service; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board has established requirements for public water systems to develop and implement Cross-Connection Control Plans consistent with the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook, March 2025 edition; and

WHEREAS, Agency staff and its certified Cross-Connection Control Specialist have prepared Cross-Connection Control Plans for both public water systems that establish procedures for hazard assessments, backflow prevention requirements, testing and maintenance, enforcement, incident response, recordkeeping, public education, and program administration; and

WHEREAS, the Agency's legal authority to administer and enforce its Cross-Connection Control Program is established through Article 7 of the Agency's Rules and Regulations for Water Service, adopted by Ordinance No. 21O-02 and as may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that adoption of the Cross-Connection Control Plans is necessary and appropriate to protect public health, maintain regulatory compliance, and preserve the integrity of the Agency's drinking water distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed Cross-Connection Control Plans and desires to officially adopt them as Agency policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of Plans.

The Board of Directors hereby adopts the following documents:

Cross-Connection Control Plan for Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency, Public Water System No. CA3610009, effective August 12, 2026; and

Cross-Connection Control Plan for Goat Mountain Water System, Public Water System No. CA3610060, effective August 12, 2026.

Section 2. Program Administration.

The General Manager, or designee, is authorized and directed to administer, implement, and

enforce the adopted Cross-Connection Control Plans in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, Agency ordinances, policies, and rules and regulations.

Section 3. Regulatory Compliance.

The adopted Plans shall serve as the Agency's official Cross-Connection Control Program documents and may be amended from time to time to maintain compliance with applicable State Water Resources Control Board requirements and operational needs.

Section 4. Filing and Submission.

The General Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit the adopted Cross-Connection Control Plans, together with any supporting documentation, to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, and to take any additional actions necessary to implement the requirements of the Plans.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency at a regular meeting held on August 11, 2026.

AYES: Martinez, Aldridge, Close-Dees, Miller-Boyer, McKenzie

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

By

Rodney Miller-Boyer, President of the Board

Attest,

By

Megan Close-Dees, Secretary of the Board

Official Seal





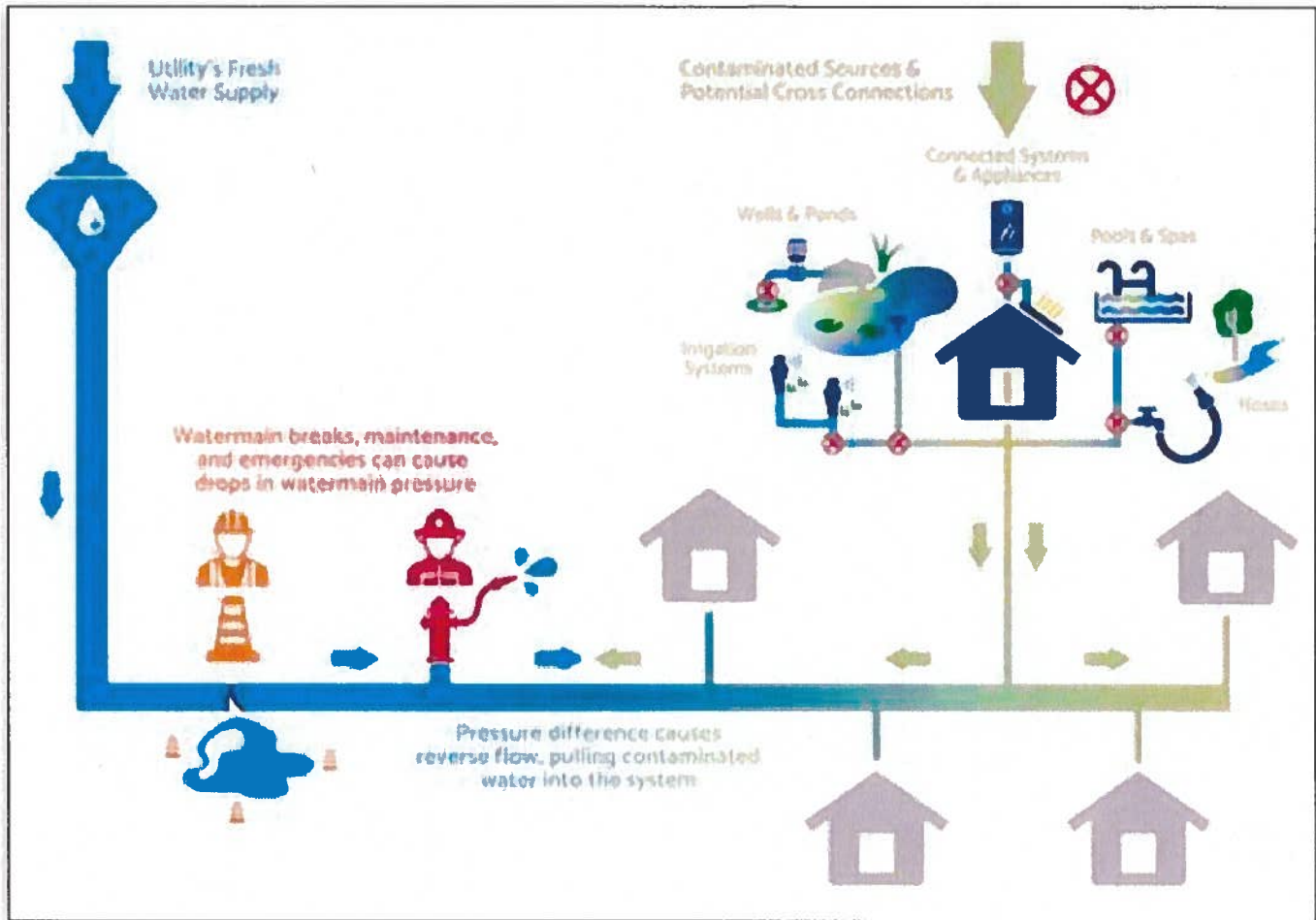
Cross-Connection Control Plan

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

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Public Water System (PWS) Information

System Name:	Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
Water System Number:	CA3610009
System Type:	Community Water System
Physical Location:	622 S. Jemez Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 29984
Division of Drinking Water District:	District 27 – Mojave
Service Connections (1/1/2025):	Residential: 2,330 Commercial: 18
Governing Body:	Board of Directors
Primary Contact:	Carl Otteson, Cross-Connection Control Specialist CA-NV Certificate No. 10525
	Jennifer Cusack, Program Coordinator

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Introduction

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This document is submitted to demonstrate the Agency's regulatory compliance, operational readiness, and legal authority to enforce cross-connection control measures across its service area. The contents of this plan demonstrate BDVWA's commitment to regulatory compliance and the protection of public health through the implementation of a documented Cross-Connection Control Program that meets or exceeds all applicable standards outlined in the CCCPH.

Program Oversight

The Cross-Connection Control Program is administered by a certified Cross-Connection Control Specialist with assistance from the Program Coordinator. The program includes oversight of hazard assessments, compliance tracking, data management, and enforcement activities. The Program Coordinator works closely with internal departments—including operations, customer service, and construction—and coordinates with external entities such as county health officials, fire authorities, and building and permitting agencies to ensure comprehensive implementation. The Coordinator or their designee can be contacted, as required under CCCPH Section 3.1.3(c).

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Any deviation from the Agency's requirement to install an RP or RPDA or AG must receive prior written approval from the Agency and will be evaluated based on the degree of hazard associated with the specific service connection. Additionally, all fire protection systems must comply with backflow protection requirements, as outlined in Article 8.0, Fire Sprinkler Systems.

Installation, Testing, and Maintenance

The installation, testing, and maintenance of backflow prevention assemblies (BPAs) within the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency are conducted in accordance with Sections 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 of the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH), as well as Article 7.0 of the Agency's

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Rules & Regulations. All BPAs must be installed above ground in an accessible location, in full compliance with CCCPH Section 3.3.2, the California Plumbing Code, manufacturer specifications, and BDVWA standard drawings. Field testing is required upon installation and must be repeated at least annually to verify continued functionality. Air gap (AG) separations must be installed in accordance with CCCPH Section 3.3.2(a) and are subject to annual visual inspection. BDVWA owns a limited number of non-testable devices (e.g., blow-off assemblies). These devices will be visually inspected at least annually.

Any device that fails a field test must be repaired or replaced within 30 days of notification. If a backflow hazard presents an immediate threat to public health, the Agency may suspend water service without prior notice until the hazard has been corrected, and compliance is verified.

Tester and Specialist Requirements

All backflow prevention assembly testers (BPATs) operating within Bighorn-Desert View Agency must meet the requirements specified in Article 7.0 of the Agency's Rules & Regulations. Testers must be certified by an organization recognized by the State Water Resources Control Board. Tester credentials and field test reports are submitted to BDVWA for data integrity, and regulatory compliance. Testers are also required to submit annual gauge calibration reports to BDVWA to ensure the accuracy and reliability of test results.

BDVWA expects certified testers will comply with interim State Water Board requirements.

Beginning July 1, 2027, only testers certified by ANSI-accredited organizations under ISO/IEC 17024 will be accepted; at present, only the AWWA California-Nevada Section meets this standard. Cross-Connection Control Specialists must also meet the qualifications outlined in CCCPH Section 3.4.2, ensuring that program oversight is conducted by fully certified personnel.

Recordkeeping and Data Management

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA/Agency) maintains comprehensive records to ensure full compliance with CCCPH and Article 7.0 of its Rules & Regulations for Water Service. For each service connection, the Agency retains the two most recent hazard assessments, an up-to-date inventory of installed backflow prevention assemblies (including device type, location, model, serial number, and installation date), and a minimum of three years of testing and repair history. Additional documentation includes air-gap as-built plans, public outreach materials, backflow incident reports, and current service contracts. Records are stored in both hardcopy and digital formats on the customer's utility billing account. All records are readily accessible and available to the State Water Resources Control Board upon request.

Backflow Incident Response

In the event of a known or suspected backflow incident, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA/Agency) will respond immediately in accordance with CCCPH Section 3.5.2 and 3.5.3. Noting that the current Ordinance requires amendment to include written response guidelines. The incident will be promptly investigated to determine the source and extent of the hazard, and if a threat to public health is confirmed or suspected, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is notified within 24 hours. Should the SWB direct the Agency to issue a Tier 1 public notification,

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BDVWA will do so in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64463.1, using appropriate communication channels to ensure timely public awareness. Following the initial response, BDVWA submits a detailed incident report, including corrective actions taken, water quality monitoring results (if applicable), and procedural changes to prevent recurrence.

Public Education and Local Coordination

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA/Agency) actively engages in public education and interagency coordination to support the goals of its Cross-Connection Control Program. Public outreach will be conducted through a variety of channels, including direct customer mailings, bill inserts, and informational materials provided to new account holders. Additionally, the Agency is developing dedicated webpage content to further enhance customer awareness regarding backflow prevention and cross-connection control. Internally the Agency will add Cross Connection Control Awareness and System-Wide Hazard Assessment Procedures annually with all Agency staff. In accordance with Article 5.0 (Application, Review Procedure and Construction of Water System Facility Extensions) 7.0 (Cross-Connection Control) and 8.0 Private Fire Protection Service of the Rules & Regulations for Water Service, BDVWA also coordinates closely with external agencies such as local fire departments, San Bernardino County health officials, and municipal building and permitting departments to ensure consistent application of cross-connection control policies and prompt identification of potential hazards.

Enforcement

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency enforces compliance with its Cross-Connection Control Program under the authority of Article 7.0 of the Rules & Regulations for Water Service. When a customer fails to install, maintain, or test a required backflow prevention assembly, the Agency may issue formal violation notices and assess administrative fees for non-compliance. If compliance is not achieved within the specified timeframe, water service may be suspended pursuant to Article 7.8 (Water Service Disconnection).

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In accordance with CCCPH Section 3.1.4(d), Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA/Agency) must always adhere to its Cross-Connection Control Plan (CCCP) accurately. BDVWA will conduct a review of its Cross-Connection Control Rules & Regulations at least once per year to assess program effectiveness, regulatory compliance, and operational needs. Revisions will be made as necessary to incorporate changes in State policy, Agency operations, or any identified deficiencies.

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Certification Statement

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided in this Cross-Connection Control Plan is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that this plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook and the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Rules & Regulations for Water Service (current version Ordinance No. 21O-02).

Executed on this 12th day of August 2026, at Yucca Valley, California.

Carl Otteson

Cross-Connection Control Specialist

Jennifer Cusack

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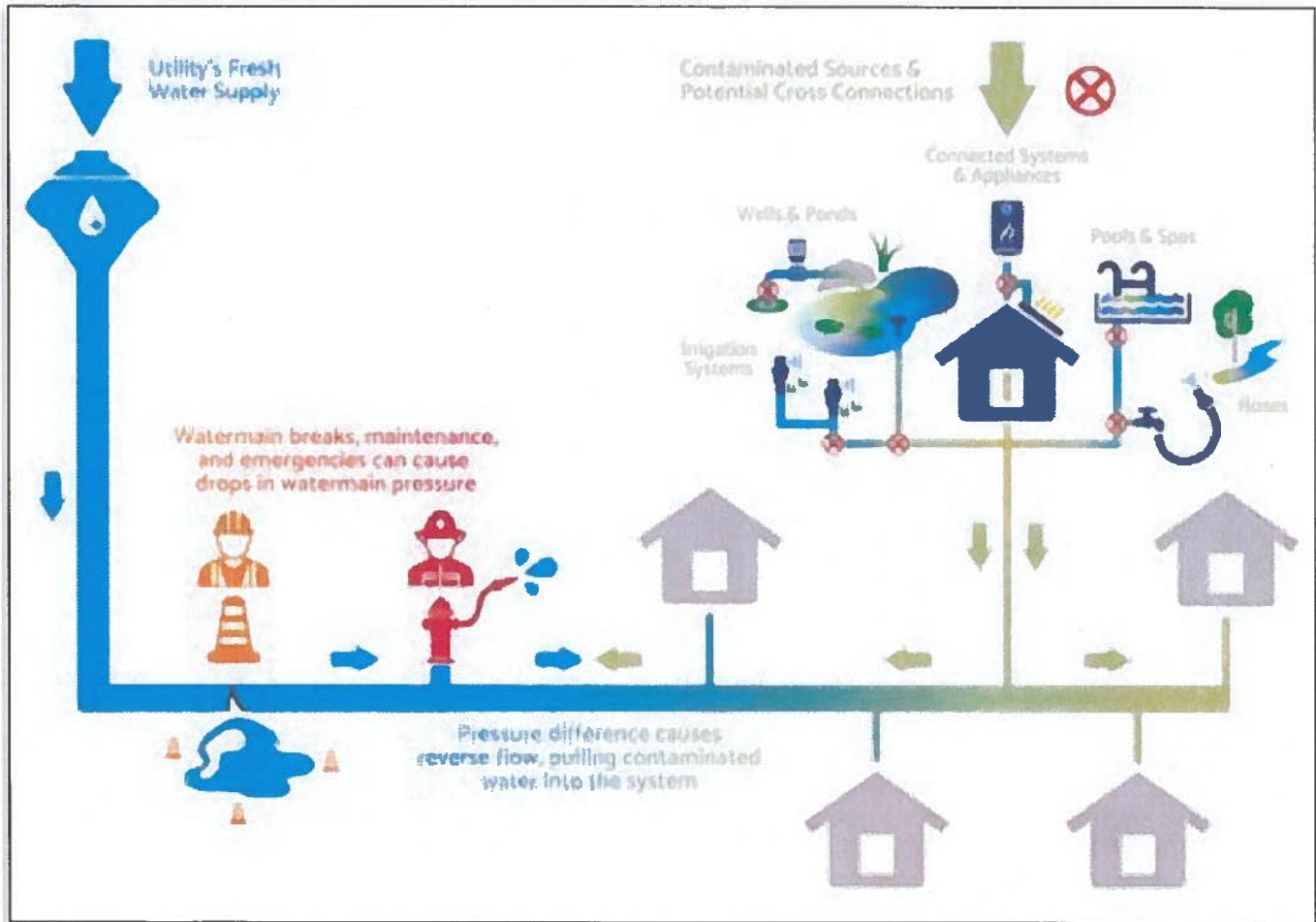
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Carl Otteson

Cross-Connection Control Specialist

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General Manager

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