

FIRE FLOW TESTING POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to define criteria when and how fire flow testing will be done when an individual or company requests to have a fire flow test done at a property within the District boundaries.

The Del Paso Manor Water District will allow fire flow testing to be done at properties located within the District boundaries unless such water use is prohibited by State law, a regulation set by the State Water Resource Control Board, or a declaration by the Governor.

All fire flow tests will be done by a certified contractor hired by the requestor/applicant. District staff will operate all valve and hydrants, unless otherwise approved. District staff will monitor the distribution system during the testing and have the authority to terminate the testing at any time if the testing is causing stress on the distribution system. The applicant will be responsible to pay for District staff time associated with the fire flow test, at a minimum of four (4) man hours. The rate for staff time is set forth in the Del Paso Manor Water District's Ordinance No. 3, Article 9.

Total water used for testing will be estimated by District staff based on line size, flow, and length of time. Applicant will be billed for water used at the District's "construction water rate" as set forth in Del Paso Manor Water District's Ordinance No. 3, Article 9. All water used must be put to beneficial use to be in compliance with the District's NPDES permit.

The requestor of a fire flow test must request and submit an application for a Fire Flow Test to the District with a \$500 deposit. Before testing is done, the testing procedure and schedule must be approved by the District. All fees associated with the testing will be deducted from the deposit. Any outstanding balance is due and payable upon receipt of an invoice. Additional tests will not be granted to applicants who have an outstanding balance. The District will not sign off on a project unless all fees have been paid.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Directors at their regular Board meeting held on November 7, 2016.

_____/s/ Richard Allen_____
Richard Allen
Board President

ATTEST:

_____/s/ Debra Sedwick_____
Debra Sedwick, General Manager/Board Secretary