



Policy Number: 6035
Policy Title: Fire Hydrant Use and Maintenance

It is in the public interest that Fair Oaks Water District (FOWD) owned fire hydrants are maintained in good working order to protect life and property.

1. Purpose of the Policy

- 1.1. To establish and maintain a fire hydrant use and maintenance program where fire hydrants shall be subject to periodic tests, kept in an operative condition, and repaired or replaced when defective.

2. Objective

- 2.1. Provide direction to staff for the use and maintenance of fire hydrants located in the FOWD water system.

3. Jurisdiction

- 3.1. Public fire hydrants located in the Fair Oaks Water District system are owned and maintained by the FOWD.

4. Fire Hydrant Use

- 4.1. The primary purpose of public fire hydrants in the FOWD service area is for emergency use as defined by the FOWD.
- 4.2. FOWD has strategically located fire hydrants throughout the FOWD service area for the health and safety of our customers.
- 4.3. Fire hydrants in the FOWD service area are for the exclusive use of the FOWD staff and shall not be used for purposes other than emergencies, unless otherwise authorized by the FOWD.
- 4.4. FOWD authorized fire hydrant use (unless specified above) requires an FOWD approved Agreement for Construction Water.

5. Fire Hydrant Maintenance

- 5.1. FOWD shall establish and maintain a program for the regular maintenance of FOWD fire hydrants and shall include:
 - 5.1.1. A goal for the number of fire hydrants to be maintained annually based on a percentage of the total fire hydrants in the system.

- 5.1.2. Procedures for a typical fire hydrant inspection and record keeping.
- 5.1.3. A response plan for the repair or replacement of a defective and/or inoperable fire hydrant identified during an inspection.
- 5.2. The field testing and maintenance of FOWD fire hydrants shall be in accordance with AWWA Manual M17.
- 5.3. FOWD Fire hydrants shall maintain a three-foot clearance for normal operations and maintenance.

6. Fire Hydrant Standards

- 6.1. In accordance with Title 17 of the Sacramento County Code the Chief of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District has the authority for the approval of fire hydrant location, spacing and minimum fire flow requirements for new development water system improvement projects.
- 6.2. The installation and maintenance of FOWD fire hydrants shall be in accordance with the FOWD Standard Specifications Manual.

7. Implementation

- 7.1.1. The responsible person for implementing this policy is the Operations Manager.