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County Ordinance on Public Water System Metering Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Which systems require a meter?

A: All small water systems including Community Water Systems, Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems, Transient Non-Community Water Systems and State Small Water Systems require source metering. Community Water Systems serving fifteen or more connections will require additional service connection metering.

Q: When must meters be installed?

A: Source meters must be installed by October 1, 2015. Service connection meters must be installed by October 1, 2017. A plan for the installation of connection meters by the Community Water Systems will be due on January 15, 2016.

Q: When does reporting begin?

A: Reporting for the period of October 1, 2015- December 31, 2015 will be due on January 15, 2016. Additionally, for systems that already have meters, data going back to July 1, 2013 is required to be submitted when available.

Q: What specifications must the meter meet?

A: A separate document will be available on our website outlining the general guidelines for meter installation. Ultimately it is up to the water system's operator and meter installation contractor to decide which type of source/production metering best meets the water system's needs.

Q: Who can do the installation?

A: The County does not have any specific limitations on the installer. Any qualified plumber, certified operator, well pumping company, general contractor or similarly trained person can do the installation. When choosing an installer, we recommend speaking to a few different companies so you can make an informed decision.

Q: Do I need any permits?

A: No. Installing a meter on a water system does not require a permit.

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Q: Is there financial assistance available?

A: The County does not have any direct funding assistance for production metering. We are working to find funding assistance to install service connection metering, and will be posting more information on our website as it becomes available. For systems within the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Boundary, financial and/or technical assistance may be available. Contact PVWMA at (831) 722-9292 to find out more.

Q: Who can I contact with questions?

A: Please refer questions to Nathan Salazar. He can be reached at Nathan.Salazar@santacruzcounty.us, (831) 454-2145.

Q: What if I am having trouble meeting the October 1 deadline?

A: If you feel you are unable to get the production meter installed by the October 1, 2015 deadline, contact Nathan Salazar to explain the reason for the delay. In certain circumstances, a short extension may be granted.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: The County has put together a website which will be updated regularly. The address is:

http://scceh.com/Home/Programs/ConsumerProtectionPrograms/DrinkingWaterRegulatoryProgram/System_Metering.aspx