

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Bob Lata, Community Development Director  
**SUBJECT:** Water Service Connection Request  
Paso Robles Public Schools  
**DATE:** September 7, 2004

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**Needs:** For the City Council to consider a request by Paso Robles Public Schools to allow additional connections to City water at Georgia Brown School without connection fees, with the understanding that the School District will abandon the services that exist today, within five years.

**Facts:**

1. Georgia Brown School currently has two water service connections to City water. The existing meter sizes are 1-inch and 2-inch.
2. It has been the City's policy that water meters on any given property may be replaced with similar sized water meters without additional connection fees.
3. In a letter dated July 27, 2004, the Paso Robles School District Senior Construction Supervisor has requested two additional water service connections at Georgia Brown, with sizes to match existing water meters. The District requests that the existing services remain active until all new irrigation and domestic services lines within the School property have been adequately replaced. At that point, today's existing water meters will be removed. The Construction Supervisor estimates that the replacement of all water lines at Georgia Brown School will be accomplished within five years.
4. The School District has indicated in their letter that they will not be increasing the volume of their use during the period of time in which the new water lines are being constructed.

**Analysis  
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Conclusion:**

It has been the City's policy that no new water connection fees are required for the replacement of water meters on a given property, if the size of the new meter is not increased from the previous. Logistically, it will be necessary for the District to have water available to test the installation of new water lines as they are placed. It appears that the District's request to keep the existing services active while they construct new lines is reasonable.

**Policy Reference:** None

**Fiscal Impact:** None

- Options:**
- a.** That the City Council approve the request of Paso Robles Public Schools to allow the installation of two new water meters at Georgia Brown school with the understanding that the existing connections will be abandoned upon completion of new water lines on the School property.
  - b.** Amend, modify, or reject the foregoing option.