

Article 180

Special Project Requirements

Sec. 180.1

Purpose. Special Projects are minor projects consisting of the installation or relocation of appurtenant facilities such as fire hydrants, detector check valve assemblies, blow off valves, water and sewer services, etc or the review of private improvement plans where District signatory approval is required by the County of San Diego or other neighboring agencies. The installation or relocation of appurtenant facilities are constructed from District standard drawings and require minimal preparation of engineered drawings. Private improvement plans that require District signatory approval consist mainly of road improvement plans or extensive site grading plans where District facilities may be affected and require thorough review and field investigation prior to approval. Inspection services are provided for all special projects to ensure that District facilities are properly installed and/or properly protected during construction. This article establishes policies and procedures for the review, approval, construction, inspection and acceptance of special projects.

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Initial Review & Approval. Each applicant shall submit information such as location maps, plans, fire protection requirements, etc. required to describe work to be performed for District review and approval. Upon approval and when District facilities are to be installed or relocated, a District Facilities Agreement will be required to be signed by the applicant. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all District easements required for the project prior to start of construction.

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Construction. New and/or relocated facilities shall be installed by the applicant's contractor in accordance with Article 190 of this Code (Developer Project Requirements) and Article 280 (Design and Construction – Policies and Procedures), with the following exceptions:

- a) The applicant shall provide a performance bond (or other acceptable form of security) for 100% of the estimated construction cost as approved by the District Engineer. However the bond amount shall not be less than \$3,000.
- b) Upon acceptance the performance bond or equivalent shall convert to Warranty Bond for a minimum of 25% of the construction contract amount, but not less than \$3000. The Warranty Bond (or equivalent security) shall remain in effect for a period of not less than one-year from the date of final acceptance by the District.
- c) Prior to construction, the applicant shall obtain an encroachment permit from the District for installation of all private improvements (paving, grading, etc) to be installed or constructed within District easements.
- d) The District will assist the applicant in obtaining encroachment and excavation permits for approved District facilities from the County when required. The applicant shall be responsible to obtain all other required permits.

Per Ordinance No. 2007-07 Adopted 5/21/2007 [Article 180]

Per Ordinance No. 2020-02 Adopted 1/21/2020 [Sec. 180.3]

Sec. 180.4 **Charges.** The applicant shall be responsible for all District costs and expenses associated with the District administration, review, approval and inspection of the applicant's special project. Extra costs incurred by the District as a result of site conditions, unusual construction requirements or extent of the project will be assessed to the applicant prior to final acceptance of the facilities. Fee and deposit requirements for the special projects are summarized as follows:

- a) **Minimum Fee:** A minimum fee of \$500 is required for the District administration, review, and inspection of a special project. Payment of this fee is required with submittal of planning material for review.
- b) **District Appurtenant Facilities:** Prior to plan approval, an additional \$1,000 deposit is required for inspection of District appurtenant facilities that are to be installed or relocated. Additional deposits may be required depending on site conditions, construction requirements and extent of the project.
- c) **Balances and Refunds:** The balance of the deposit account shall consist of any unused portion of the deposit. Upon final acceptance of the project by the District or termination of the project by the applicant, the balance of the deposit shall be refunded including interest earned, if any.