

Summary of the Community Advisory Work Group Meeting

July 23, 2024, 5 pm – 7 pm

Reynolds Desalination Facility

Topic: Getting Water to Your Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit

Presentation: General Information on Community Advisory Work Group (CAWG), Meeting Agenda (Principal Public Affairs Representative Gwyneth Shoecraft)

Presentation & Recap of Topic Discussion: Getting Water to Your Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (Director of Engineering and Operations Erick del Bosque) ([Presentation PDF](#))

- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) definition; conversion vs. construction
- Sweetwater Authority process and recommendations for ADUs to avoid delays or unexpected costs
 - Investigate before you begin
 - Develop your plans
 - Contact the Authority and other lead jurisdictional agencies concurrently
 - Understand changes to water service that may be needed based on current service, system demand, etc. and related capacity fees
 - Understand timeline based on necessary changes to service and permits

Discussion & Q&A (CAWG attendees, Sweetwater Authority representatives)

- Areas of discussion; recommendations and feedback provided:
 - Pressure reducing valve (PRV) requirements
 - Discussion on when a PRV is needed, building code
 - Clarification that a PRV may not be needed for an ADU; recommendation to check with building code and professional architect or engineer to determine need
 - Determining pipe size for ADU
 - Discussion of pressure requirement, plumbing code
 - Clarification that right-sizing is up to the architect or engineer and Authority will verify
 - Questions regarding sewer service
 - Clarification that sewer service is provided by the respective City or agency
 - Questions on spacing between sewer and water main
 - Discussion on submetering ADUs and condos/apartments on private side of service lateral
 - Questions on whether homeowners can sell ADUs
 - Discussion of criteria needed to sell ADUs, including utilities having separate meters
 - Questions on number of ADU requests the Authority receives monthly
 - Suggestion to map the requests by location

What's on Your Mind? (CAWG attendees, Sweetwater Authority representatives)

- Question regarding electric vehicles report to the Governing Board
 - Discussion of installing vehicle charging stations; recommendation to install one at Perdue Water Treatment Facility
 - Discussion of time of day to charge vehicles; discussion that vehicles need to be charged at all times to respond to emergencies
- Question on Loveland Reservoir Recreation Program hours