

**NORTH MARIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULATION 4
MULTIPLE SERVICE**

a. General

Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this regulation, a single service connection shall serve no more than one separate dwelling unit (including townhouse and condominium units) or one separate commercial, agricultural or industrial enterprise.

b. Multiple Service

- (1) Each dwelling unit or other point of connection, including multiunit residential structures or mixed-use residential/commercial structures, shall be individually metered unless such metering is specifically prohibited either by subdivision (f) of Government Code 65852.2 or exempted by subdivision (a) of Water Code 537.
- (2) Each commercial, industrial and institutional building shall have a dedicated landscape irrigation meter.
- (3) Except as specified in subsection b.(2) of this regulation, if separate service connections present substantial mechanical problems or extraordinary expense as conclusively determined by the District, service through a single connection equipped with a master meter may be allowed to any of the following:
 - (i) a duplex, triplex, apartment, multiunit residential structure, or mixed-use residential/commercial structure, in undivided ownership, provided that each residential dwelling unit therein is equipped with a submeter, as defined in subsection b.(4) of this regulation, except as otherwise specified in subsection b.(1) of this regulation;
 - (ii) a commercial or industrial building (without residential units) in undivided ownership;
 - (iii) a building or group of non-residential buildings owned or exclusively occupied by a public entity or entities;
- (4) A submeter is defined in Water Code section 517 as an individual meter(s) located downstream of a master meter, which meter is owned and operated by the owner of the multiunit residential structure or the owner's agent, and which, in compliance with subdivision (b) of Water Code section 537, measures the quantity of water used by an individual residential dwelling unit. The District shall be responsible only for the master meter and has no obligation to fund or assume responsibility for ensuring compliance with any law or regulation governing the approval of submeter types or the installation, maintenance, reading, billing, and testing of submeters and associated onsite plumbing.

c. Subdivision of Ownership

If the ownership of a structure receiving service through a single service connection pursuant to subsection b.(1) of this regulation is subdivided, service may be continued without requiring new service connections and payment therefor, but only if service is thereafter furnished under a contract between the District and a responsible owners' association.

d. Charges for Multiple Service

The District will not render separate statements to each dwelling unit or enterprise served by a single meter. The party in whose name the service is registered will be responsible for all charges for all services through the meter.

e. Connections Prior to April 7, 1962

The preceding subsections of this regulation shall not apply to dwellings which have been continuously served through a single service connection installed prior to April 7, 1962. The minimum and quantity rates for each dwelling unit so served shall be computed as though each unit were served with a meter of the size installed on the single service connection as though the quantity delivered to each unit were the quantity of the water measured by the installed meter divided by the number of dwelling units connected thereto.