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Bell Canyon Volunteer Wildland Fire Department  
29 Baymare Road  
Bell Canyon, CA 91307

Dear Bell Canyon Volunteer Wildland Fire Department (BCVWFD),

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17 – Bell Canyon (District), to address an important matter regarding the usage of fire hydrants within our jurisdiction.

It has come to our attention that members of the volunteer fire department have been utilizing fire hydrants and drawing water without prior permission. This practice is a violation of the following established rules and regulations, Part 1, Section G, Service Rules:

- 1-G-22 Use of Water without Regular Application for Service
- 1-G-23 Tampering or Turning on Water
- 1-G-29 Tampering with District property
- 1-G-32 Water Theft

We kindly request that the volunteer fire department cease using fire hydrants for any purpose unless explicit permission has been granted. This will help us to ensure compliance with our regulations and maintain the necessary oversight of water usage in our community.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me directly at [Jeff.Palmer@ventura.org](mailto:Jeff.Palmer@ventura.org) if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Jeff Palmer  
Assistant Director  
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