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May 23, 2025

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

Dear Bell Canyon Volunteer Wildland Fire Department (BCVWFD),

I am following up with you on behalf of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17 – Bell Canyon (District), regarding the letter sent to you on April 1<sup>st</sup> informing you that unauthorized and unpermitted access to the public water system is in violation of County service rules.

It has come to our attention that members of the volunteer fire department have continued to utilize fire hydrants and drawing water without prior permission or authorization after the April 1<sup>st</sup> warning letter was sent. As mentioned previously, 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 insist that the volunteer fire department immediately cease and desist from accessing the public water system fire hydrants for any purpose. Continued disregard for these regulations has created serious potential public health hazard and violators will be prosecuted according to County regulations.

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  
Ventura County Public Works Agency

Enclosure

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