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Subject: RE: Bell Canyon Volunteer Wildland Fire Department

Christopher,

The water district regulations do not allow unpermitted and direct connection to fire hydrants to any third parties. As such, a permitted use is possible. We have been in contact with the volunteer fire group. The following email was sent to them for discussion.

Garrett,

Thank you for your email. I will be happy to discuss the matter at any time, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

At this time, the connection and use of the water system has not been authorized or permitted. If your group would like to obtain a permit for a water meter and use of water, you can apply at our website. There are two concerns. The first is that the use must be at a permitted location, with a meter installed. Direct use of non-metered fire hydrants is not allowed. The second issue is for backflow prevention. With your application please provide information regarding methods and equipment that will be utilized to address backflow potential issues.

Again, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you,

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Jeff Palmer

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This is bad policy. The County should be working together with the BCVWFD to resolve this issue. The BCVWFD provides value to Bell Canyon Residents at almost no cost, and fills gaps where VCFD has proven to come up short. The amount of water used is miniscule, likely far less than daily system losses.

On Fri, May 23, 2025, 2:47 PM Ranallo, Maryann <Maryann.Ranallo@ventura.org> wrote:

Good afternoon CAC Members/HOA,

Please see attached a letter from Assistant Director, Ventura County Public Works Agency to Bell Canyon Volunteer Wildland Fire Department and the use of our fire hydrants. This has been mailed to Bell Canyon Volunteer Wildland Fire Department today.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to bring it up at the next CAC Meeting on July 15th or contact us.

Thank you,

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