



March 27, 2017

Notice to Connect

Dear Property Owner,

This is an official Notice to Connect (“Notice”) from the Mission Springs Water District (“District”). The purpose of this Notice is to inform you that a sewer lateral is available to your property and it is your responsibility as the property owner to connect to the sewer. The District is the responsible party designated by State statutes, mandates, rules, and regulations to notify property owners that sewers are available to the property.

In order to comply with the District’s Sewer Ordinance, you will need to apply for sewer service by completing the enclosed Application for Sewer Service. The sewer connection fee for this property, if not already paid, has been assessed to your property through the tax bill for Assessment District 12 (identified as “Special Assessment”) and is not required to be paid with the application. Please return the completed application with original signature to the District, either in person or by mail (faxed or emailed copies are not accepted). Connecting to the sewer requires that you abandon your septic tank and connect your plumbing to the sewer lateral located at your property line. Prior to performing the connection, a Sewer Opening Permit must be obtained from the City of Desert Hot Springs (“City”). The City will perform the inspections and provide a final sign off on your permit.

In most cases, seeking out a qualified licensed contractor is the best option to complete the connection work. Please note the property owner is responsible for all fees, permits and contractor costs associated with making the connection to the sewer. Financial assistance programs are available from the District, subject to eligibility requirements for qualifying individuals.

Connection to sewer must be completed within ninety (90) days of the date of this Notice. Any request for an additional sixty (60) day extension must be received in writing prior to expiration of the ninety (90) day period.

Failure to complete the connection within the time period allotted will result in the following: the District will record a lien notice on the property title so that prior to any change of ownership of the property, a connection to the sewer must be completed. Additionally, the District is required to report all non-compliant properties to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Colorado River Basin Region (RWQCB). The RWQCB can assess fines of up to \$1,000.00 per day for non-compliance.

For answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the Notice to Connect and/or additional information about our Financial Assistance Program please visit our website at www.mswd.org/engineering. Please contact the District at (760) 329-6448 ext. 126 if you would like to speak with someone regarding this Notice.

Sincerely,

Danny Friend
Director of Engineering and Operations

