

# **Your Water System Connection**

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This addendum to the Oct 29, 2005 AGM meeting minutes is being made to all members, as a reference to important changes regarding how your water supply is connected to the distribution system.

Water meters were installed on all improved lots during 2005. If you currently have a structure on your lot, it is important to understand what the new meter looks like (Item 1). In addition, homeowners should now be aware that each property also now includes a check valve now located between your home and the water distribution system. (Item 2).

1. An overview showing the new meter box and how the meter can now be accessed to shut off water to your home was demonstrated at the 2005 Annual General Meeting. This is a change from the original service connections installed in 1973 which were located in concrete riser tubes and frequently discovered to be dysfunctional when attempting to use them. Attached is an illustration detailing what you will now find at one of your lot corners near the road, and what to look for should it be necessary to shut off the water to your home. This should be done only in cases if/when your in-house shut-off valve cannot be used, or if you do not have one.
2. As a consequence of installing water meters with check valves, it is important to understand the significance of having adequate thermal expansion protection in your home plumbing system. In the past, very high pressure in your plumbing system (water heater that overheats the water) could push water back into the distribution system, (house pressure > system pressure), but with these check valves now in place, this is prevented. If you have a home, or are going to be building a home, please take a minute to read the enclosed flyer and survey your situation to verify that you have made the proper installation requirements to protect your home.