DEFINITIONS

OBSTRUCTIONS - OBSTRUCTIONS are objects (permanent or temporary) that prevent water service crews from reading or maintaining public water facilities, including but not limited to water meters, fire hydrants, sample stations, and air-vacuum release valves. Such items include, but not limited to, posts, fences, vehicles, signs, trash, storage containers, debris, and plant growth.

CLEAR AREA - A CLEAR AREA allows service workers to read and maintain public water facilities without requiring additional, non-water based work, including but not limited to clearing bushes, moving signs, and removing debris.

WATER FACILITY - A WATER FACILITY is any device connected to the public water system, including but not limited to water meters, valves, blow-off valves, fire hydrants, air-vacuum release valves, water service laterals, and backflow devices.

PERMANENT STRUCTURE - PERMANENT STRUCTURES include any objects that are not intended to be removed or relocated, including but not limited to foundations, fences, retaining walls, pools, houses, trees, large bushes, and signs.

SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS

1. OBSTRUCTIONS SHALL BE KEPT A MINIMUM OF 3-FEET AWAY FROM WATER FACILITIES.

2. A CLEAR AREA SHALL BE MAINTAINED 1-FOOT AROUND AND 6-FEET ABOVE WATER FACILITIES BY THE CUSTOMER (EXCEPT A 3-FOOT CLEAR AREA SHALL BE MAINTAINED FOR FIRE HYDRANTS).

3. PERMANENT STRUCTURES SHALL BE KEPT A MINIMUM OF 10-FEET AWAY FROM WATER FACILITIES (LARGE SHRUBS CAN BE KEPT A MINIMUM OF 5-FEET AWAY).