Item 14. Urgency Ordinance No. 193

Clarifying Rule 24, Second Bathroom Addition Protocol

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Second Bathroom Protocol

Adopted in 2001 to allow people with less than 2 bathrooms in an older house to add a second bathroom <u>for convenience only</u> (CEQA Finding)

- Does not debit an allocation or entitlement (i.e., no new water demand)
- Home restricted to 2 bathrooms unless second bathroom is fully permitted (with water accounted for from jurisdiction or entitlement)

Urgency Ordinance

Clarification needed to prevent misuse of the 2nd Bathroom Protocol.

Example:

- House had 2 bathrooms (not from 2nd Bathroom Protocol)
- Bathroom fixtures removed to create a "credit" to add other water fixtures
 - Maybe an Accessory Dwelling Unit
 - Maybe a clothes washer
 - Either results in <u>new</u> water demand
- Now wants to use protocol to put the second bathroom fixtures back
- This action would <u>defy the CEQA Finding</u> that the addition of the second bathroom has no impact on water use

Urgency Ordinance Recommendation

- Clarify that removal and use of bathroom fixtures to offset new uses <u>disqualifies</u> a Dwelling Unit from using the Rule 24, Second Bathroom Addition protocol
- Urgency ordinance must be approved by 5 members of the Board
- Takes effect immediately for one year



Questions?