



## Land Use Services Department Building & Safety Division

# Hauled Water

### Hauled Water Basics:

- Hauled water is defined as transporting potable water from one source to a property via truck or bottle to be used on-site for human consumption.
- Due to the state laws that took effect in January 2017, the County can no longer permit hauled water as a source of drinking water for any new construction.
- New construction is any construction that would increase water demand. This would include a new residence, or an addition to an existing residence or structure that would include an additional bedroom, bathroom, or kitchen. For more information about what is considered new construction, please contact the Building and Safety Division at (909) 387-8311 or (760) 995-8140 or via e-mail at [luscustomerservice@lus.sbcounty.gov](mailto:luscustomerservice@lus.sbcounty.gov).

### Why Hauled Water is prohibited for new construction:

- Contamination: Both water hauling vehicles and holding tanks are subject to contamination. Water haulers are required to obtain permits and are subject to testing and inspections, but it is difficult to guarantee the purity of the drinking water.
- Hauled Water Service: There is no guarantee of uninterrupted service which would result in negative effects to human health like dehydration, inability to prepare foods or bathe.
- Fire safety: Fires can occur at any time without warning. The fire department must utilize whatever water is available for fire protection. If the water supply in a hauled water tank is inadequate, there is potential for catastrophic loss.

### Already on Hauled Water?

- Past county policies did allow new construction to utilize hauled water.
- Existing permitted residences utilizing hauled water have protections under state law and the County Code as legal non-conforming structures. The following circumstances will not require the property owner to switch to an approved water source:
  - If the home is destroyed by natural disaster, it can be rebuilt in kind.
  - Minor Alterations like remodeling, re-roofing and other permits that are not considered new construction.
  - Maintenance or upkeep on the existing holding tank, such as replacement or additional holding tanks or other improvements to the water tanks.
- If the proposal is considered “new construction” the property owner must transition from hauled water to a water source approved by the Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS). Please contact DEHS at (800) 442-2283 for more information about approved water sources in your area.