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Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester – Updated Registration Requirements

San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services (EHS) has updated its Backflow Assembly Testing Program to align with recent legislative changes.

Changes Effective July 1, 2025:

As of **July 1, 2025**, San Bernardino County will no longer require backflow testers to maintain a separate county registration.

Legislative Updates:

In accordance with recent legislation, please note the following requirement:

- Public Water Systems must ensure that all backflow prevention assemblies required by this legislation to protect public water systems are field-tested by individuals holding valid certifications from a certifying organization recognized by the State Water Board.

Extension of Certification Validity:

During the transition period, San Bernardino County certificate holders whose certifications are set to expire on January 31, 2025, and May 31, 2025, may opt to remain on the Commercial Backflow Tester list by paying a prorated general certification fee of \$72, in lieu of taking the competency exam.

New applicants who wish to be included on the Backflow Tester list must submit an application for the Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester certification and provide proof of accreditation from an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) recognized certifying organization.

For New Applicants:

To complete the current registration process, please submit:

1. A completed and signed [Application for Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester](#).
2. A copy of your ANSI-accredited certification (e.g., AWWA).

Once your application is reviewed, you will be notified with a registration confirmation.

Equipment Maintenance and Backflow Test Reporting:

- **Test Kit Maintenance:** Testers are responsible for keeping their test kits in proper working order, conducting annual calibration, and performing necessary repairs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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