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Charlie White, President
Tahoe Sierra Board of Realtors
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SUBJECT: Cross-Connection Control

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your letter related to the District's cross-connection control program. I understand your concern that our notices to property owners during escrow may burden the process.

At this point in time, all respondents to our surveys have been notified in writing of the potential need to install a backflow prevention assembly, with the exception of those properties where irrigation was the only potential hazard. The delay in sending these approximate 500 letters was made at the direction of the State Department of Health Services because they understood the difficulty in adequately responding to and providing on-site inspections for this large number of property owners.

We will, however, send letters to these remaining property owners advising them that, at some point in the future, we will be contacting them to schedule an appointment to inspect their property for cross-connection control. It will thereafter be the responsibility of the property owners, should they sell their property without having installed appropriate backflow prevention assemblies, to disclose to potential buyers any need for cross-connection control. **From this point forward, letters will not be sent to property owners during escrow.** (bold added)

I appreciate the suggestion that we post on our web page a list of assessor's parcel numbers that may need cross-connection control. It would be complicated to maintain an accurate database because the list is dynamic and would be complicated to maintain. A more accurate approach would be for realtors to contact our office with the parcel number in question. Our staff will be happy to discuss any information we may have related to the need for cross-connection control on any parcel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
signed
Robert Lourey
General Manager