REQUIREMENT FOR PLACING RETAIL MOTOR FUEL DISPENSERS INTO SERVICE AFTER INSTALLATION, SERVICE, REPAIR, OR REPLACEMENT AT GASOLINE DISPENSING FACILITIES

This informational bulletin is applicable to all retail gasoline dispensing facilities (GDF). Any installation, service, repair, or replacement of weighing and measuring devices used for commercial purposes are required to be placed into service by either a Registered Service Agency or a Sealer of Weights and Measures (state or county sealer; see Bus. & Prof. Code, § 12532 subd.(d).) Placed into service means to permit the use of a device that has been tested and found to be correct. Weights and measures laws and regulations applicable to retail motor fuel dispensers (RMFDs) are administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Measurement Standards (CDFA DMS). These laws and regulations can be found at the following link: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/.

Examples of RMFD components at a GDF are breakaway hoses or nozzles. If a component of a RMFD at a GDF is installed, replaced, or repaired, the RMFD must be placed back into service by a DMS approved service agency or sealer.

Service Agency Listings can be found at the following link: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/programs/rsa/rsalistings/rsaListings.html.

County Sealer information can be found at the following link: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/exec/county/countymap/.

It is important to understand that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has separate requirements for replacing or repairing these components. The CDFA DMS requirements are in addition to the CARB requirements. For example, CARB requires an entry in the GDF service log, while CDFA DMS does not. GDFs must meet all CARB and CDFA DMS requirements. It is possible that the requirements may overlap, such that all requirements could be met by one qualified contractor.

For questions regarding California’s weights and measures requirements, please contact CDFA DMS at (916) 229-3000, or by email at dms@cdfa.ca.gov. For questions regarding CARB’s requirements, please contact CARB by email at vapor@arb.ca.gov.