



# VERIFICATION OF WATER SUPPLY

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Section 19.07.040 of the San Luis Obispo County Code requires that verification of water supply will be required prior to the issuance of a building, plumbing or grading permit. This verification may take the form of:

1. A written “will serve” statement from the water purveyor; or
2. Copy of a permit or other authorization granted by the water purveyor to connect to and use the community water system

**Please note:** The County Health Department has identified certain water purveyors (companies) that currently have minor water quality or volume problems. They have advised that water letters from these companies should be accompanied by a letter from the County Health Department. A list of those water purveyors is attached as page 3; or

3. For projects with on-site wells, evidence showing the well has been installed to meet the requirements of section 19.07.040(b). This evidence shall include:
  - a. Existing county data; or
  - b. A report submitted by a registered hydrologist, geologist; or
  - c. Satisfactory evidence from a test well drilled on the parcel

**For your information, text of Title 19 sections 19.07.040 and 19.07.041 is provided as follows:**

**Section 19.07.040 - Minimum water supply - single-family dwellings:** All dwellings shall be provided a potable water supply system as required by this section. Such systems shall also satisfy all applicable requirements of the Uniform Plumbing Code and the San Luis Obispo County Health Department.

- a. Community system or on-site well. Subject to the approval of the building official, a dwelling may be supplied potable water from either:
  - (1) A public water supply or domestic water system approved by the Health Department or operated by a state-licensed water purveyor; or
  - (2) An on-site well, water storage and delivery system in accordance with this section.
- b. On-site wells. When an on-site well is the proposed potable water supply, a building permit may be issued only where the building site is located outside the service boundary of a community water system, and where the well, together with any on-site water storage, satisfied all the following requirements:

- (1) Health Department approval. All water well shall be designed, constructed and shall obtain Health Department approval as required by Chapter 8.40 or this code.
- (2) Minimum capacity. A domestic well shall provide a minimum capacity of 5 gallons-per-minute (GPM) in order to be approved for use as a source of potable water for a single-family dwelling. Use of a well with a minimum capacity of 2.5 gallons-per-minute may be approved by the building official where 1000 gallons of approved on-site water storage is also provided. (Note: on-site water storage for fire protection may also be required by Section 22.05.086 of the Land Use Ordinance regardless of the requirements of this section.) A building permit may be issued where use of a well with less capacity than 2.5 gpm is proposed only where authorized by the director of environmental health.
- (3) Testing of capacity. The capacity required by subsection b(2) of this section for a domestic well shall be verified by a minimum four-hour pump test with drawdown and recovery data by a licensed and bonded well driller or pump testing company. Bail and air blow tests may be accepted for wells of 25 gpm or greater. The pump test shall not be more than five years old.
- (4) Potability. All domestic water wells intended to provide potable water to habitable buildings shall meet the requirements of the Health Department for potability.
- (5) Testing for potability. All new domestic water wells shall be tested for potability as required by the Health Department. A report of the potability test shall be submitted and approved by the Health Department prior to granting temporary or permanent occupancy or final inspection approval of a project.

**Please Note:** this requirement will require a potability test prior to the foundation inspection of your residence. If the water potability (quality) does not meet the minimum Health Department standards, occupancy will not be granted. It is recommended that you check your water's potability prior to securing your construction loan.

**Section 19.07.041 - Verification of water supply required.** No grading, building, or plumbing permit application or plans for a project which will require new service with potable water shall be issued unless:

- a. The building official is provided a written statement from the operator of a community or domestic water system that the purveyor will provide potable water service to the dwelling and that the water purveyor has sufficient water resource and system capacity to provide such service; or
- b. The building official is provided evidence that a permit or other authorization has been granted by the water purveyor for the proposed project to connect to and use the community or domestic water system; or

- c. An on-site well is installed, tested, and is certified to satisfy the requirements of Section 19.07.040b, or the building official is provided evidence showing that potable water adequate to satisfy the standards of Section 19.07.040b is available on-site. Evidence provided to prove availability of potable water shall include:
- (1) Existing county data; or
  - (2) A report submitted by a registered hydrologist, geologist; or
  - (3) Satisfactory evidence from a test well drilled on the parcel.

No final building inspection for a dwelling shall be approved until the dwelling is connected to an operating water supply approved pursuant to this section. [Amended 2008, Ord. 3139]

### **WATER PURVEYOR (COMPANY) LIST**

The following is a list from the County Health Department (Environmental Health Division) of Water Companies and systems whose water letter must be accompanied by a letter from Environmental Health.

AVILA VALLEY Water System  
Avila Beach, CA 93424  
BELLA VISTA TRAILER PARK Water System  
Cayucos, CA 93430  
GREEN RIVER WATER SYSTEM (Whitley Gardens)  
Paso Robles, CA 93446  
HETRICK WATER COMPANY  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
LAGUNA VISTA BOAT CLUB INC. Water System  
Nacimiento Shores, Bradley, CA 93426  
MUSTANG SPRINGS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY  
Paso Robles, CA 93446  
NUNES WATER SUPPLY  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
RINCONADA TRAILER PARK Water System  
Santa Margarita, CA 93453  
SAN SIMEON ACRES  
San Simeon, CA 93452  
SOUTH SHORE VILLAGE CLUB Water System  
Running Deer Ranch, Paso Robles, CA 93446  
TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE Water Company  
Halcyon, CA 93421  
VISTA DE LAS FLORES Water Company  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
WOODLAND PARK WATER COMPANY  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420