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NEW PROCEDURES IMPLEMENTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

On March 28, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order N-7-22 (“Executive Order”) in response to extreme and expanding drought conditions which **effective immediately** prohibits San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services (“EHS”) from issuing a construction permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing groundwater well pursuant to Chapter 8.40 of the San Luis Obispo County Code unless certain requirements are met or the permit falls within the limited exception to the requirements. A complete copy of the Executive Order is available here: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/March-2022-Drought-EO.pdf> (see Paragraph 9). On February 13, 2023 via Executive Order N-3-23 and on March 10, 2023 via Executive Order N-4-23, Governor Newsom reaffirmed the provisions of the Executive Order except as modified therein (the only modification to Paragraph 9 is the inclusion of an additional exception identified below).

Limited Exception

Paragraph 9 of the Executive Order does not apply to permits for wells that will provide **less than two (2) acre-feet per year** of groundwater for **individual domestic users or** that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 116275. In addition, as modified by Executive Order N-3-23, Paragraph 9 also does not apply to permits for wells that are replacing existing, currently permitted wells with new wells that will produce an equivalent quantity of water as the well being replaced **when the existing well is being replaced because it has been acquired by eminent domain or acquired while under threat of condemnation.** A complete copy of Executive Order N-3-23 is available here: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Feb-13-2023-Executive-Order.pdf?emrc=b12708> (see Paragraph 4).

If a water well construction permit application for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing groundwater well identifies the “intended use” in the “well proposal details” as “domestic,” EHS will treat the permit as exempt from the requirements of the Executive Order if and only if the **owner of the well** signs and submits the declaration attached as **Exhibit A.**

If a water well construction permit application for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing groundwater well identifies the “intended use” in the “well proposal details” as “public / community water system,” EHS will treat the permit as exempt from the requirements of the Executive Order if and only if an authorized representative of the public water system provides the identification number and submits the declaration attached as **Exhibit B.**

If a water well construction permit application for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing groundwater well identifies the well as a “replacement well,” EHS will treat the permit as exempt from the requirements of the Executive Order if and only if the **owner of the well or an authorized representative therefrom** signs and submits the declaration attached as **Exhibit C** and submits the referenced supporting written documentation.

Licensed Professional Geologist Report Required for ALL Non-Exempt Wells

Regardless of the well's location, the water well construction permit application for a non-exempt new or altered groundwater well must be accompanied by a report signed by a California licensed Professional Geologist **with a Certified Hydrogeologist specialty certification** that concludes **both** that extraction of groundwater from the well (1) "is not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells" **and** (2) "is not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure." (See Paragraph 9(b) of the Executive Order).

Verification from Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Certain Non-Exempt Wells

Additionally, EHS will not issue a water well construction permit for a non-exempt new groundwater well or alteration of an existing groundwater well located within the Salinas Valley-Paso Robles Area Subbasin (Subbasin Number 3-004.06), within the San Luis Obispo Valley Basin (Basin Number 3-009) or within the Cuyama Valley Basin (Basin Number 3-013) as identified by the Department of Water Resources without first obtaining from the relevant Groundwater Sustainability Agency the verification required by Paragraph 9(a) of the Executive Order (in addition to the report described above).

OFFICE USE
Permit No. _____
WP No. _____

EXHIBIT A

Well for Individual Domestic Use

As the owner of the proposed well or existing well to be altered and as a necessary condition on the issuance of a water well construction permit for a new groundwater well or alteration of an existing groundwater well, I hereby declare for myself, successors and assigns, that no more than two (2) acre feet per year will be pumped from the well **AND** that all water pumped from the well will be used only to supply water for the **domestic needs of an individual residence**. Without limiting the foregoing, I acknowledge that such needs **do not include** any commercial use regardless of scale, including, without limitation, use for the growing of food or other crops for sale in any venue, including, without limitation, at a local farmer's market.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

OFFICE USE
Permit No. _____
WP No. _____

EXHIBIT B

Well for a Public Water Supply System

The public water system name is: _____.

The public water system identification number is: _____.

As an authorized representative for the water system identified above, I hereby declare that the proposed well or existing well to be altered will be exclusively used to provide groundwater to the public water supply system for human consumption as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 116275. I further declare that a previously constructed public water supply system well will not be replaced by the proposed well such that the previously constructed well can be used for purposes other than human consumption.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

OFFICE USE
Permit No. _____
WP No. _____

EXHIBIT C

Well Replacing Existing Well due to Eminent Domain

As the owner of the proposed well or existing well to be altered or as an authorized representative therefrom and as a necessary condition on the issuance of a water well construction permit for a new groundwater well or alteration of an existing groundwater well, I hereby declare for myself, successors and assigns, that the well is replacing an existing, currently permitted well and will produce an equivalent quantity of water as the well being replaced **AND** that the existing well is being replaced because it has been acquired by eminent domain or has been acquired while under threat of condemnation as evidenced by the written documentation attached hereto.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____



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Permit No.	_____
Submittal Complete	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date	____/____/____
WP No.	_____
Invoice No.	_____
Scanned	____/____/____

WELL PERMIT APPLICATION

FOR CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, OR MODIFICATION OF WATER WELLS

Construction	Repair/Modification	Replacement
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SITE INFORMATION

Proposed Well Site Address _____ City or Area _____
 Assessor's Parcel Number _____ GPS _____ N _____ W _____
 Site served by a water company, agency or district? No Yes Water Co. Name _____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Property Owner Name _____
 Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Telephone Number _____ Email _____

WELL OWNER INFORMATION (If Different From Property Owner)

Well Owner Name _____
 Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Telephone Number _____ Email _____

WELL CONSULTANT INFORMATION

Consultant Name _____ Telephone Number _____
 Email _____

WELL DRILLER INFORMATION

Drilling Contractor Name _____ C-57 License No. _____
 Drilling Company Name _____ Telephone Number _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Fax _____ Email Address _____

I hereby agree to comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the County of San Luis Obispo and the State of California pertaining to well construction, destruction, repair, or modification and to the payment of any additional fees to complete any required environmental or technical review of the application. Within sixty days after completion of the well, I will furnish Environmental Health Services with a well completion report and water quality test results. The application becomes a valid permit following sign off by Environmental Health.

DRILLING SHALL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL THIS APPLICATION IS APPROVED

Contractor Signature _____ Date _____
 Contractor Printed Name _____
 Property Owner Signature _____ Date _____

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RECEIVED BY _____ DATE _____ FEE PAID \$ _____ CK/CC# _____
 WELL SITE VERIFIED: YES NO BY _____ DATE _____
 WELL SITE VERIFIED GPS COORDINATES _____ N _____ W _____
 SITE LETTER DATE _____ **PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE** _____
 COMMENTS _____
 CONDUCTOR CASING SEAL WITNESSED YES NO BY _____ DATE _____ DEPTH _____
 WELL SEAL WITNESSED YES NO BY _____ DATE _____ DEPTH _____
 BOREHOLE DESTRUCTION/SEAL WITNESSED YES NO BY _____ DATE _____ DEPTH _____
 WELL SEAL GPS COORDINATES _____ N _____ W _____
 WELL COMPLETION REPORT RECEIVED DATE _____ WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS RECEIVED DATE _____ FINAL LETTER SENT DATE _____

WELL PROPOSAL DETAILS

Intended Use: Domestic Private Irrigation Agriculture Commercial Public/Community Water System

Public Water System Name _____ Contact _____
(If Different From Owner)

Is proposed well located within city limits? No Yes, name of city _____

Parcel Size (acres): _____ Coastal Zone Lake Nacimiento Sensitive Resource Area
Paso Robles GWB Edna GWB Cuyama GWB Los Osos GWB Santa Maria GWB

Basin Name _____ Sub-Basin Name _____ Target Aquifer/Basin _____

- 1)** Do you anticipate drilling into a water bearing formation that has the potential to degrade a higher quality aquifer?
No Yes
- 2)** Do you anticipate encountering soil conditions between ground surface and groundwater other than those described in State Well Standard 8.A? No Yes
- 3)** Are there any other conditions that may render inadequate the minimum horizontal separation distances identified in State Well Standard 8.A to ensure that the well does not result in deterioration of groundwater quality? No Yes
- 4)** Are there any areas with known or suspected soil or water pollution or contamination for which a certain horizontal separation distance may need to be established in order to ensure that the well does not result in deterioration of groundwater quality despite the increased 50 foot minimum seal depth identified in the County Code? No Yes

If, during well construction, you encounter any soil or other conditions or water pollution or contamination that would modify your answer to any of the above questions, you must cease drilling immediately and notify Environmental Health Services of the changed circumstances.

WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Drilling Method: Mud Rotary Air Rotary Reverse Rotary Cable Tool Other _____

Exploration Hole: Exploration/Borehole Depth _____ ft. Exploration/ Borehole Diameter _____ in.

Conductor Casing: Conductor Depth _____ ft. Diameter _____ in. Material _____ Seal Depth _____ ft.

Boring: Boring Depth _____ ft. Boring Diameter _____ in.

Well Casing: Production Casing Depth _____ ft. Diameter _____ in. Gravel Pack/ Gravel Size _____
Thickness/Gauge/ASTM sched. _____ Steel Plastic Stainless Other _____

Annular Seal: Depth _____ ft. Neat Cement Sand Cement _____ sack mix Other _____

Seal Method: Pumped with tremie pipe Other _____ Retardant/Accelerator (name) _____

ATTACHMENTS

Geologist letter attached: Yes No (Required for wells 800' or deeper OR equal to or deeper than the sub-area thresholds in the PRGWB or where the answer to question 1) is yes to evidence compliance with State Well Standard 13)

Other attachments: Construction Plan/Diagram Land Use Permit Coastal Zone Permit

Other, please explain _____

Costs incurred by this office for consultant services for technical review of proposals shall be billed to the driller at direct cost.

WELL PROPOSAL/CONSTRUCTION MODIFICATIONS NOTE: NOT APPROVED UNTIL SIGNED BELOW

Date: _____ Description: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY—PROJECT MODIFICATIONS EVALUATION

Received By: _____ Evaluated By: _____ Date: _____

Approved Denied Approved with Comments: _____

COMPLETE AND ATTACH REQUIRED SCALED PLOT PLAN AND ANY REQUIRED LAND USE PERMITS OR GEOLOGIC REPORTS AS APPLICABLE

WELL PERMIT PLOT PLAN



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SCALE: 1/4" = 25'

INDICATE BELOW THE EXACT LOCATION OF PROPOSED WELL WITH RESPECT TO THE EXISTENCE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITHIN A **200 FOOT RADIUS**: PROPERTY LINES; EASEMENTS; WATER BODIES OR WATER COURSES; DRAINAGE PATTERN; ROADS; EXISTING WELLS; SEWERS AND PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, ANIMAL ENCLOSURES AND ANY OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES OF POLLUTION AND CONTAMINATION IDENTIFIED IN STATE STANDARD 8.A; AND ANY AREAS WITH KNOWN OR SUSPECTED SOIL OR WATER POLLUTION OR CONTAMINATION. INCLUDE DIMENSIONS. ALL PROPOSED WELL SITES SHALL BE DESIGNATED WITH A FLAGGED SURVEYOR'S STAKE LABELED "WELL SITE." DRILLING SHALL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL THIS APPLICATION IS APPROVED.

A large grid for plotting a well site. In the top-left corner of the grid is a compass rose with cardinal directions labeled: 'N' for North, 'S' for South, 'E' for East, and 'W' for West. The grid consists of 20 columns and 20 rows of squares.

Directions to site: _____

Gate code(s) and survey contact information: _____