

**Well Construction
Permitting During
Executive Order N-7-22**



**County of San Luis Obispo
Environmental Health Services Division**



Agenda

- Well Permitting Processing Highlights
- Executive Order N-7-22 Overview
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- Processing During the Order
 - ✓ Exemptions
 - ✓ 9a
 - ✓ 9b
- Well Resources on EHS Website
- Q & A



EHS Well Permit Processing

- Verify Application Information; Refer Applications to Outside Agencies; Draft a Determination of Ministerial Processing Document.
- Survey and inspect potential well sites.
 - Inspect locations for sources of contamination
 - Confirm site is as it is represented on Plot Plan
- Assure that wells are sealed appropriately to prevent ground water contamination.
- Review the water quality testing and WCRs.

Pipe in the ground
people – not the
water use people



Executive Order N-7-22

- Signed March 28, 2022
- Drought
- Well Permitting Criteria Effective Immediately
 - ✓ Will be in effect until the Order is Lifted

9. To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:

a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first **obtaining written verification** from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would **not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program** established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would **not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin** covered by such a plan; or

b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without **first determining** that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) **not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells**, and (2) **not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure**.

This paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.



Sustainable Groundwater Management Act SGMA

CA Department of Water Resources Website:

*SGMA was passed in 2014 and requires local agencies to form **groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs)** for the high and medium priority basins. GSAs develop and implement **groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs)** to avoid undesirable results and mitigate overdraft within 20 years.*



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Welcome to DrillerView, a tool to assist the well driller in assessing well drilling sites for the well permitting process. To start, enter either a set of GPS coordinates (-longitude value followed by a comma, then the latitude value), an assessor parcel number (9 digit APN value) or address (street number and name) into the Search Bar. Please refer to the [step-by-step tutorial](#) to create a digital plot plan.

Please note that a letter from a geologist is required for wells that are equal to or deeper than the Sub-Area thresholds in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin or 800' or deeper anywhere else in the county.

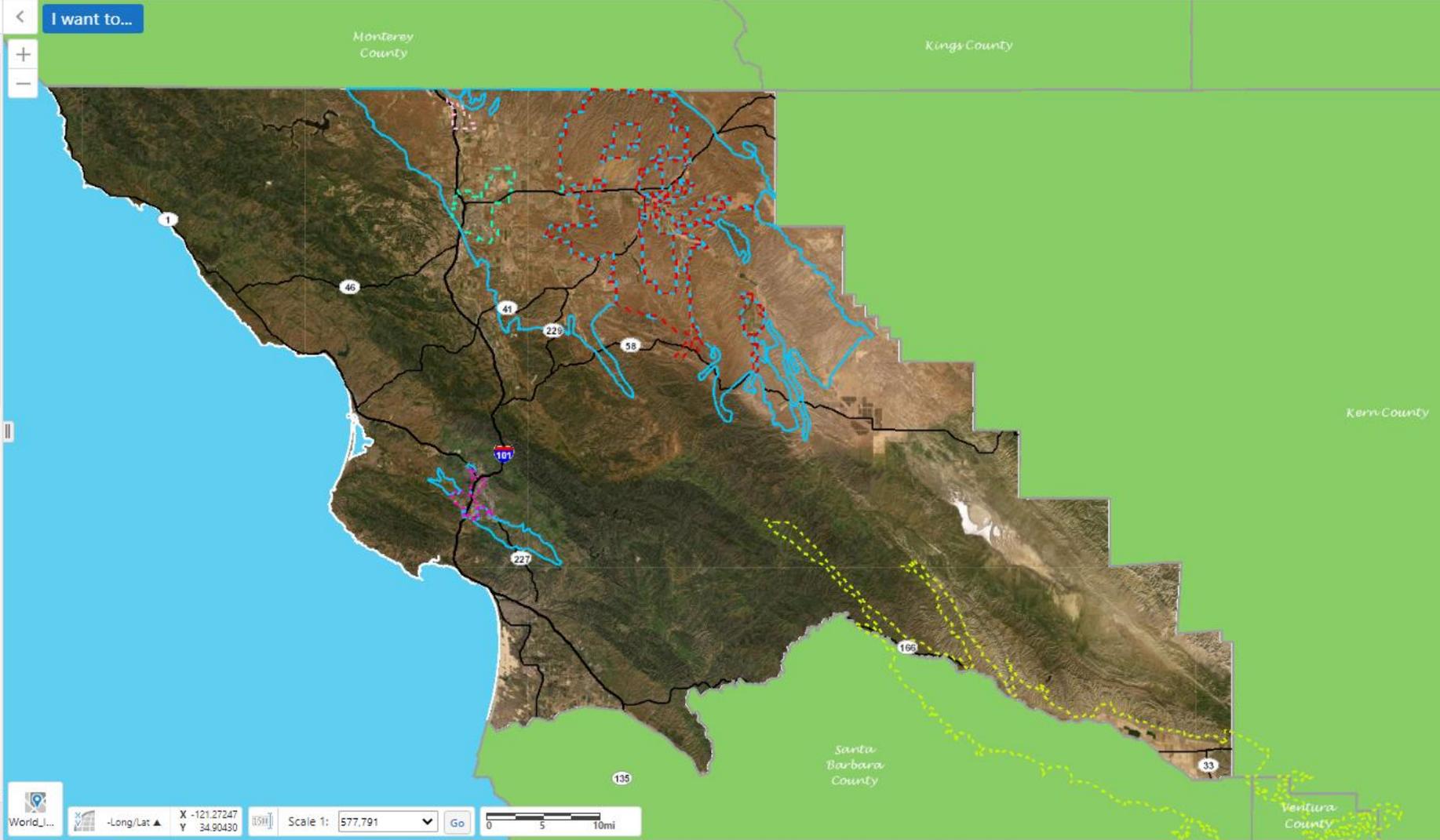
Helpful Links:

- [Instructions for Creating a Well Permit Plot Plan in DrillerView](#)
- [Environmental Health Well Homepage](#)
- [Public Works Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\) Homepage](#)
- [PRGWB Sub-Area Ref Map PDF](#)
- [DWR Homepage for Wells](#)

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 and until lifted 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.

Water Well Construction Permitting Changes required while the order is in effect:

1. Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA's) in median and high priority basins must provide verification that a proposed well would not be inconsistent with their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP's) and its sustainability goals.
 - a. We will establish a referral process for this



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Processing During Order – Exempt Wells

Private Domestic & Public Water Wells

Process
“normally”
with a
declaration

EXHIBIT A

Well for Individual

As the owner of the the issuance of a w existing groundwater two (2) acre feet pe will be used only to limiting the foregoir regardless of scale sale in any venue,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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: _____



Processing During Order – 9a Non-Exempt Wells

New (or alteration of an existing) wells **in a basin** subject to SGMA and **classified as medium- or high-priority**: GSA will need to declare that the groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with their sustainable groundwater management program as established by the GSP

EHS Will Refer Applications to the GSAs



Processing During Order – 9b

Non-Exempt Wells

New (or alteration of an existing) non-exempt wells 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.”

“I & S Report”

A single Geo Report that speaks to Deep Well compliance with Standard 13 issues and I&S concerns is ok



Start Here:

Ag or Irrigation Well ?



In SGMA Basin?



GSA Letter and Interference / Subsidence Geo Letter



Domestic Private Wells:
Self-Certification (Use and Limits)

Public Wells: Declaration (System Name & ID#)



Interference / Subsidence Geo Letter





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Well Program (Construction, Destruction, and Maintenance)

The purpose of this program is to regulate and permit the construction and installation of community water supply wells, individual domestic wells, industrial wells, agricultural wells, cathodic protection wells, electrical grounding wells, test and exploratory holes, observation wells and salt water (hydraulic) barrier wells.

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[Private Well Owner Resources](#)

The water quality from private (non-commercial) wells is not regulated or monitored by any outside agency or company. It is the responsibility of the private well owner to ensure that their well water is safe.

[Well Drillers' Resources](#)

Launch [DrillerView](#), a mobile friendly and interactive Map Viewer



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- Cities
- Community Service Districts
- Coastal Zone
- Major Routes
- Highway
- Freeway
- Nacimiento Lake User Agreement
- GSA Boundaries
- City of San Luis Obispo Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
- County of San Luis Obispo Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) San Luis Obispo Valley
- City of Paso Robles Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
- County of San Luis Obispo Groundwater Sustainability Agency



Questions?

