



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

Governor Gavin Newsom has signed Executive Order N-7-22 (Executive Order) in response to extreme and expanding drought conditions. **Effective immediately**, San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services (EHS) is prohibited from issuing a construction permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing groundwater well 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 Section 9).

Limited Exception

Section 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.

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 exempt the permit from the requirements of the Executive Order. In order for the permit to be exempted, the owner of the well must sign and submit 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 a *public/community water system*, EHS will treat the permit as exempt from the requirements of the Executive Order. The authorized representative of the public water system must provide the identification number and submit the declaration attached as **Exhibit B** in order for the permit to be exempted.

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 licensed California Professional Geologist with a Certified Hydrogeologist specialty certification. The specialist must conclude that extraction of groundwater from the well is not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, **and** is not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure (See section 9b 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 following areas: Upper Santa Ana Valley – Yucaipa (Basin Number 8-002.07), Indian Wells Valley (Basin Number 6-054) or Coachella Valley – Mission Creek (Basin Number 7-021.02) as identified by the Department of Water Resources without first obtaining from the relevant Groundwater Sustainability Agency the verification required per section 9a of the Executive Order in addition to the report described above. For additional information visit: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/bp-dashboard/final/>.



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.

SIGNATURE SECTION		
Printed Name:	Signature:	Date:
OFFICE USE ONLY		
APN:	SR:	



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 SECTION	
Printed Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:
OFFICE USE ONLY	
APN:	SR:



APPLICATION FOR WELL PERMIT

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT • HEALTH PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE

SECTION 1 PROPERTY INFORMATION			
Property Owner:			Phone Number:
Site Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Assessor's Parcel Number:		Email:	
Township	N/S Tier:	E/W Range:	Section:
Well Head	Latitude (decimal):	Longitude (decimal):	
Property Owner's Mailing Address:		City:	State: Zip:
SECTION 2 CONSULTANT INFORMATION			
Name of Consultant:		Email:	Phone Number:
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
SECTION 3 REGISTERED WELL DRILLER INFORMATION			
Name of Driller:			Phone Number:
Email:		C-57 License Number:	
Return Well Permit To: <input type="checkbox"/> Well Driller <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner			Return by: <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Email
SECTION 4 TYPE OF WORK			
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Reconstruction <input type="checkbox"/> Destruction			
Start Date:		Completion Date:	Estimated Groundwater Depth:
SECTION 5 WELL TYPE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture – Specify Use: <input type="checkbox"/> Geothermal <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Cathodic <input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring/Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Community/PWS/City – Specify Use Below <input type="checkbox"/> Residential – cannot be used as a community well <input type="checkbox"/> Test <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
SECTION 6 ANNULAR SEAL			
Seal Depth (ft.): Annular Seal Thickness: Sealing Material (must be placed in one continuous pour):			
Driven Conductor Diameter (in.):		Wall (gauge) (in.):	Thickness (in.): Drilling Method:
SECTIONS 7 THROUGH 10 TO BE ESTIMATED FOR NEW WELLS, EXACT FOR ALL OTHER WELLS			
SECTION 7 DIMENSIONS			
Proposed Depth of Well (ft.):		Existing Depth of Well (ft.):	Diameter of Bore (in.):
SECTION 8 CASING INSTALLED			
<input type="checkbox"/> Casing Material: <input type="checkbox"/> ATSM/AWWA/APPI			
From (ft.)	To (ft.)	Diameter (in.)	Wall (Gauge)
Gravel Pack: Yes No		From (ft.):	To (ft.):
Specify Other Backfill Material:		From (ft.):	To (ft.):
SECTION 9 PERFORATIONS (list all if applicable)			
From (ft.):		To (ft.):	Well Screen Size: Pumping Rate (gpm):
SECTION 10 SEALED ZONES (list all if applicable)			
From (ft.):		To (ft.):	

SECTION 11 PLOT PLAN

- A. In perspective to the well site, sketch and label the following items **on a separate paper**: well lot property lines, other wells (include abandoned wells), sewage disposal systems (sewers, septic tanks, leaching fields, seepage pits, cesspools), lakes and ponds, watercourses and animals or fowl kept.
- B. Indicate the distance, in **feet**, of any of the above that are within 500 ft. of the well site. The plot plan needs to be drawn to scale (½ inch = 100 feet). Show the approximate drainage pattern of the property and show access roads to the well site within 500 feet.
- C. None of the above is within 500 feet.
- D. Solid or Liquid Disposal Site within Two Miles: Yes No Location: _____

SECTION 12 METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION OR DESTRUCTION

Provide the method of construction/destruction **on a separate sheet of paper** and submit it with the application. The method must be in accordance with the standards recommended in the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin No. 74-81 and 74-90. Title 22 standards must also be followed for public water supply wells.

I will submit water well drillers report to Environmental Health Services (EHS) within 30 days of completion, and will construct or destroy well/borings in accordance with the permit application and Water Well Standards Bulletin 74-81 & 74-90.

SECTION 13 AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

Indemnification – The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless the County and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this contract from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the County on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of indemnitees. The Contractor’s indemnification obligation applies to the County’s “active” as well as “passive” negligence but does not apply to the County’s “sole negligence” or “willful misconduct” within the meaning of Civil Code Section 2782.

- I have read this application and agree to comply with all laws regulating the type of work being performed. I understand:
- This permit does not absolve or replace any obligations or requirements from applicable water districts/other agencies.
 - That all completed work must meet the requirements as stated in this well application and that the property owner has given authorization to install the well on their property in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Electronic Signature Only: By checking this box, I confirm I am submitting this application electronically and that the information on this form is true and correct. I also acknowledge that I have read, understand and accept any terms and conditions of this form.

C-57 Contractor’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Contractor’s Name: _____

For Office Use Only – Disposition of Permit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sent to Water Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved subject to the following: | Permit Number: | |
| | Expiration Date: | |
| | WP Number: | |

- A. Notify EHS at (800) 442-2283 at least 72 hours in advance to inspection. Failure to cancel or reschedule appointments may result in an additional hourly fee. Inspections are conducted Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the following operations:
- Prior to sealing of the annular space or filling of the conductor casing.
 - After installation of the surface protective slab and pumping equipment.
 - After installation of the surface features.
 - During destruction of wells, prior to pouring the sealing material.
- B. Submit a copy of the Water Well Driller’s Report to EHS within 30 days of the completion of work.
- C. This parcel falls within _____ area. Contact _____ prior to construction.

Comments:

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Fee:	FA Number:	Designated Employee:	PE Number:
Late Fee: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Record ID:	Received By:	Date:
Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Reactivate		Changes (please specify):	