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As a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Paso Robles Groundwater Subbasin, it is the responsibility of the Shandon San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the "GSA") to achieve groundwater sustainability. To do so, the GSA, along with ~~three other~~our partner groundwater sustainability agencies in the Subbasin, adopted the Paso Robles Basin Area Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSA intends to implement the GSP in a manner that manages groundwater levels to sustainability while minimizing negative impacts to the economy or residents. It is the position of the GSA that in addition to developing additional supplies and encouraging more efficient use, flexibility is key to accomplishing this balance. The GSA is dedicated to protecting groundwater levels and supplies that continue to benefit all those who rely upon the resource including environmental benefits.

Executive Order N-7-22 by Governor Newsom places conditions on permits for new groundwater wells or alterations to existing groundwater wells, including that no permit be issued absent a finding by a groundwater sustainability agency that groundwater extraction by the new well (i) would not be inconsistent with a groundwater sustainability plan and (ii) would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal.

The GSA will allow replacement wells and new wells that increase efficiency and reduce overall draw down of water levels, as long as 1) water neutrality is protected there is no net increase of groundwater extraction from the properties served, 2) the new well is not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells and 3) it would not likely cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure. The GSA will rely on the SLO County required report from a Professional Geologist certifying the likely impacts of the proposed well.

The GSA has determined that when this Acknowledgement is executed by a well applicant, there is a presumption that groundwater extractions by the well to be permitted would satisfy such conditions as to the portion of the Subbasin within the jurisdiction of the GSA; provided that the well would be permitted under the terms, conditions and limitations contained in the San Luis Obispo County Resolution 2015-288 pertaining to agricultural offsets.

Upon submission of this signed acknowledgement to the GSA, the GSA will review the well application and if it is concluded, among other relevant factors, to be complete and accurate, the GSA will countersign the acknowledgement and so notify the County of San Luis Obispo.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I, the well permit applicant, tender the following acknowledgements:

_____ that California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires the GSA to manage groundwater in a portion of the Paso Robles Subbasin and that the GSA is the agency with groundwater management authority over the land subject to Application # _____.

Enter SLO County application number



_____ that the GSA has the authority to limit extractions within its jurisdiction, including extractions from any well permitted pursuant to the above referenced Application.

_____ that a well permit issued by the County does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of water now or in the future.

_____ that even if the GSA finds that the extractions from the permitted well would not be inconsistent with the existing groundwater management plan, that finding does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of groundwater now, or in the future.

_____ that the GSP includes specific groundwater requirements through minimum thresholds and measurable objectives that use of groundwater from the well will comply with these requirements.

_____ that the GSA makes no guarantees, representations or warranties regarding the maintenance of any defined water level or level of water quality in the Paso Robles Subbasin.

_____ that the GSA is not responsible to compensate applicant for, or is otherwise liable to well applicant for, any costs, investments or payments related to any groundwater well permitted pursuant to the above referenced Application, including pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.

_____ **that acceptance of this document by the GSA does not constitute a well permit, but will be considered by the GSA as part of its decision as to whether or not it can conclude that the well, if permitted, will not be inconsistent with the GSP.**

By signing below, I agree to hold the GSA harmless and indemnify the GSA for any liability arising from or related to the Acknowledgements contained herein, or the County issuing a well permit, or not, in response to the above identified Well Application.

By acknowledging and initialing the above provisions, I agree the above ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and AGREEMENTS are true and correct and will be incorporated into the terms and conditions of any well permit issued pursuant to [SLO County](#) Application # _____, whether or not specifically recited in the well permit issued by the County.

Print name of WELL APPLICANT

Signature of WELL APPLICANT

Date



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By Resolution No. _____, dated _____, the Board of the Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency concludes that the above referenced application will not be inconsistent with the Paso Robles Subbasin groundwater Sustainability Plan and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal.

By: _____
Signature

Title: _____

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