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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
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Submittal Complete	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date	____/____/____
WP No.	_____
Invoice No.	_____
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## WELL PERMIT APPLICATION

FOR CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, OR MODIFICATION OF WATER WELLS

<b>Construction</b>	<b>Repair/Modification</b>	<b>Replacement</b>
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

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**

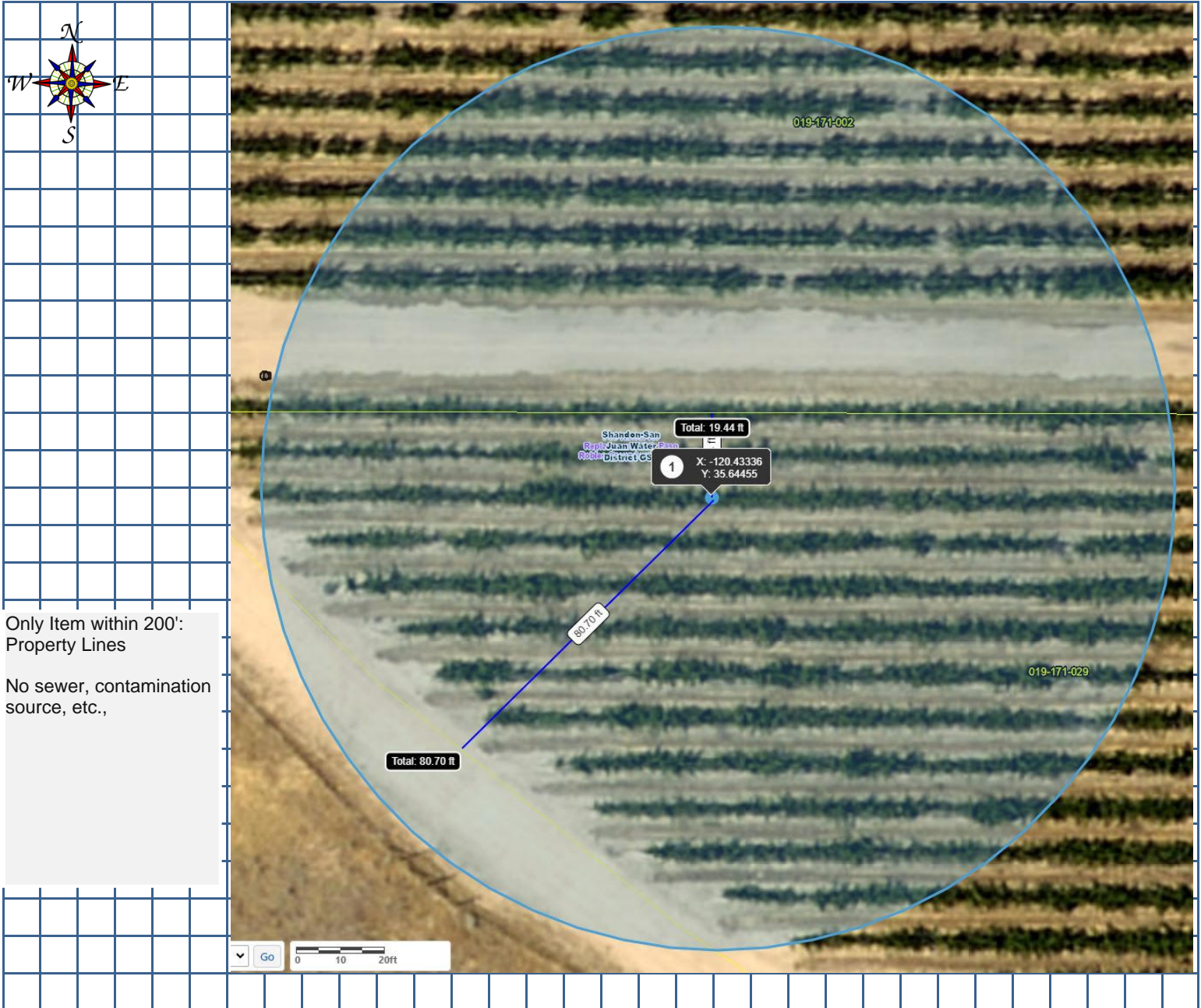
# WELL PERMIT PLOT PLAN



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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.



Directions to site: \_\_\_\_\_

Gate code(s) and survey contact information: \_\_\_\_\_