



WATER WELL PERMITTING AND DROUGHT EMERGENCY

June 28, 2022

Board of Supervisors Hearing





- ❖ **Governor's Executive Order N-7-22**
(issued March 28, 2022)

- ❖ **County's temporary urgency water well ordinance**
(adopted May 24, 2022)

- ❖ **EHS proposes:**
 - **Revisions to water well permit fees**

Drought EO N-7-22: Action 9

For new wells or alterations to existing wells*

**GSA ACTION
REQUIRED**

9a. Consultation with the GSAs, Prior to Approving a Well Permit

- In high and medium priority basins, where there is a GSA and GSP
- Obtain written verification from the GSA
- Consistency with GSP & sustainability goals

**COUNTY ACTION
REQUIRED**

9b. Permit Evaluation, Prior to Issuing a Well Permit

1. Not likely to interfere with production and functioning of existing nearby wells
2. Not likely to cause adverse subsidence impact or damage nearby infrastructure

**excluding individual domestic wells who use less than two acre-feet per year and public water system supply who rely exclusively on groundwater wells*

FEES

- **Water Well Construction Permit Fee (\$721) - No Change**
- **Additional Technical Review (Hourly Rate) – *NEW***
 - Two hours included in flat permit fee
 - Additional review at \$161/hour
- **CEQA Filing Fee (\$50) – *NEW***



STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

- **Agricultural Advisory Committee**
 - May 5, 2022 (committee members)
- **Virtual Public Workshop**
 - May 10, 2022 (interested parties; well drillers; groundwater sustainability agencies)
- **Groundwater Sustainability Agencies**
- **Environmental Health Services website**



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📢 Join us for a virtual workshop to learn more about the County's proposed water well permitting ordinance to temporarily amend Santa Barbara County Code in response to the Governor's Drought Emergency Executive Order.

🖱️ Full details here: ow.ly/L9Ey50IYzNK

VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Learn more about the County's Proposed Temporary Water Well Permitting Ordinance Related to Governor's Executive Order and Drought Emergency

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Join via Zoom



RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

On June 28, 2022:

1. Adopt a Resolution amending fees for Environmental Health Services relating to Water Wells and Private Water Systems; and
2. Determine that approval of the Fee Resolution is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 21080(b)(8)(A) and (B) and CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) and 15273 because there is no possibility of significant effect on the environment and the fees will be used for operating expenses and for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials.

QUESTIONS?

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