



# County of Santa Barbara BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Minute Order

May 24, 2022

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 22-00457

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an Urgency Ordinance for temporary Water Well Permitting related to the drought emergency and Governor's Executive Order (4/5 Vote Required) (EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

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b) Read the title and waive further reading of Urgency Ordinance; and

c) Determine that adoption of the Urgency Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c), 15061(b)(3), 15307, and 15378(b)(5); and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 10:20 AM - 11:40 (1 HR. 20 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Hart, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Adopted with direction to staff to revise Section 34A25(b) of the Urgency Ordinance to read as follows:

"(b) An application for new well construction or alteration of existing wells with nearby wells shall include hydrogeology and well extraction data including but not limited to transmissivity, storativity, and estimated height of water column in the proposed well, prepared under the direction or supervision of a California Certified Hydrogeologist or California Professional Geologist that can provide documentation at the request of the administrative authority demonstrating the requisite experience in responsible charge of hydrogeologic assessments, as requested by the administrative authority in order for the administrative authority to determine whether or not the proposed new well or alteration of the existing well is not likely to cause subsidence and not likely to interfere with an existing well."

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b) Read title, waived further reading of the Urgency Ordinance; and

c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino



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#### COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

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**Further directed staff to engage in the technical review of the GSA consistency reviews including the Hydrogeologist Report that they would be based upon and provide that feedback for the GSA in the High Priority Basins; Additionally directed staff to return to the Board if any changes occur in the Executive Order.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino