

DRAFT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22, the XXXX (GSA) provides the following acknowledgment, which if executed by a well applicant, would allow the GSA to conclude that the well permit would not be inconsistent with the existing groundwater management plan.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

(Initial the following provisions)

_____ I acknowledge that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires that a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) manage groundwater in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin and the XXXX GSA is the agency with groundwater management authority over the land subject to Application # xxx.

_____ I acknowledge that the GSA has the authority to limit extractions within its jurisdiction including extractions from any well permitted pursuant to Application #XXXX.

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

_____ I acknowledge that the GSA includes specific groundwater requirements through minimum thresholds and measurable objectives and agree that my groundwater use will comply with these requirements.

_____ I acknowledge the GSA cannot guarantee the maintenance of any defined water level or level of water quality in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin.

_____ I acknowledge the GSA is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments or payments related to any groundwater well permitted pursuant to application #xxxx, including pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.

_____ I acknowledge that if the permit is for a new groundwater well the new well is a replacement well of the same or lesser extraction capacity than the well it is replacing, and such new well will not result in any new or increased groundwater pumping or groundwater use on the property served by the well relative to conditions existing on January 1, 2022

_____ I acknowledge that if the permit is for alteration of an existing groundwater well the alternation will not increase the extraction capacity of the existing well, and the altered well will not result in any new or increased groundwater pumping or groundwater use on the property served by the well relative to conditions existing on January 1, 2022.

_____ I acknowledge that the new or altered well, as applicable, will be operated in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, compliance with the registration and groundwater production reporting requirements set forth in Water Code section 75500, et seq., for existing and new water-producing facilities, as applicable as per the requirements of the XXX-GSA.

_____ I agree to hold the GSA harmless and indemnify the GSA for any liability stemming from or related to the County issuing a well permit in response to Application #xxx, and upon request by the GSA I agree to finance all GSA review costs associated the new or altered well written verification request.

By acknowledging and initialing the above provisions, [WELL APPLICANT] agrees the above ACKNOWLEDGMENT will be incorporated into the terms and conditions of any well permit issued pursuant to Well Permit #xxxx.

Name of WELL APPLICANT Signature of WELL APPLICANT Date

Name, Title of GSA REPRESENTATIVE Signature of GSA REPRESENTATIVE Date

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