



WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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On May 11th, 2022, the WRMWSA Board of Directors approved the District's Well Application Acknowledgement form(s) in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-22. An excerpt of the Executive Order is below. The Wheeler Ridge Maricopa GSA's authority and justification is limited only to subsection 9(a) of the Executive Order in determining that a well may/may not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established by the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Subsection 9(b) of the Executive Order, which requires a determination as to whether a proposed well is likely to interfere with existing well production and/or to cause subsidence impacts, is Kern County's responsibility.

9. To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:

a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or

b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure. This paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

As noted above, any permit for a new groundwater well, or the alteration of an existing well, must be consistent with the applicable GSP. In response to the Executive Order, the WRMGSA has prepared the attached acknowledgment forms that must be signed by the well applicant prior to any well permit being approved.

Download and complete the below forms. Submit all completed forms to the District, along with a completed Kern County Well Permit Application (available from the Kern County Public Health Department <https://kernpublichealth.com/water-wells/>). The District will review, and all application materials will be returned to the Landowner. It is then the responsibility of the Landowner to submit all necessary forms to the Kern County Public Health Department.

- [WRMGSA Verification](#)
- [WRMGSA Checklist and Acknowledgement](#)
- [Kern County Overdraft Basin Application](#)
- [Kern County Intended Use Statement](#)