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<b>FORM NUMBER</b>  <b>BD-19A</b>
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on behalf of Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District

*Application for construction, repair, modification and destruction of wells*

ASSESSORS' PARCEL NUMBER		PHYSICAL ADDRESS	
GPS COORDINATES			
<b>WELL APPLICANT</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>TYPE OF WORK</b>	
<i>Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number</i>	PLUMAS <input type="checkbox"/> SIERRA <input type="checkbox"/>	NEW WELL <input type="checkbox"/> DESTRUCTION <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> MODIFICATION OR REPAIR <input type="checkbox"/> REACTIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> INACTIVE WELL <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>PROPOSED USAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED CASING</b>	<b>USE</b>	
2 ACRE-FEET* PER YEAR OR LESS <input type="checkbox"/> MORE THAN 2 ACRE-FEET PER YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> *Note: 2 acre-feet is ~1,800 gallons per day	SIZE OF OUTSIDE DIAMETER: _____	DOMESTIC <input type="checkbox"/> TEST WELL <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY <input type="checkbox"/> LIVESTOCK <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____	
<b>WELL DRILLER</b> <i>Name, Address, Phone Number and License Number</i>			

*NOTE: APPROVAL OF THE SVGMD IS NOT A GUARANTEE THAT THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION WILL OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY, BUT MERELY THAT THE SYSTEM MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE SVGMD.*

*BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THE SVGMD REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW WELL PERMITS, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND COMPLY WITH THE POLICIES.*

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED**      
 **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**      
 **DENIED**

Approval/Denial by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks/Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



Well permitting changes to comply with Governor's Executive Order N-7-22

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.*



**The SVGMD has requirements for new well permits and metering of all large-capacity wells located within the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District**

**These requirements are as follows:**

- (1) Applicants for well permits must receive approval from SVGMD through Plumas/Sierra County.
- (2) In keeping with Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) guidelines and the California Governor's Executive Order N-7-22, permit applications for new large capacity wells (wells that pump over two (2) acre-feet per year and/or constructed with casings larger than seven (7) inches) shall be reviewed and evaluated based on the proposed well location and may require consultation with a District approved geohydrologist to provide a groundwater supply evaluation, at applicant's expense.
- (3) All wells that will extract more than two (2) acre-feet per year shall be equipped with a SVGMD-approved meter that measures the flow of water. The SVGMD shall retain ownership of the meter and be responsible for maintenance and repairs.
- (4) The SVGMD shall charge the applicant a fee to cover the costs and installation of the meter within 30 days of the well becoming functional. In addition, there will be an annual \$200 well fee.
- (5) It is unlawful to extract groundwater from any extraction facility pumping more than two (2) acre-feet per year if said meter is not installed. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 82-03 states "Any person, who injures, alters, removes, resets, adjusts, manipulates, obstructs, or in any manner interferes or tampers with, or procures, or causes, or directs any person to injure, alter, remove, reset, adjust, manipulate, obstruct, or in any manner interfere or tamper with any meter affixed or any extraction facility as required by this ordinance so as to cause the meter to improperly or inaccurately measure and record water extraction shall be liable for a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars."

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding these requirements at:

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