

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (“GSA”) COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

Pursuant to Tulare County Ordinance section 4-13-1007(b), the following must be completed, signed, and submitted for each well permit application for a new or altered well that is subject to the Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22. New or altered well permits cannot be approved by the County of Tulare (“County”) without this form. The County cannot enforce or negotiate any restrictions or requirements of a GSA.

WWA#:	Date Submitted:	GSA Phone or Email
Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Name		GSA Representative Name/Title
Site Location:		APN:
Property Owner Name:		Driller Business Name:

Property Owner acknowledgment (Please verify each statement and initial each box upon acknowledgment and agreement with each statement):

- WELL Number _____ would provide a replacement well that will replace existing pumping capacity and not increase the volume or rate of groundwater pumping.
- I acknowledge that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires that a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) manage groundwater in the Kaweah Subbasin and the **East Kaweah GSA (EKGSA)** has the groundwater management authority over the land on which WELL Number _____ is proposed.
- I acknowledge that the EKGSA has the authority to limit extractions within its jurisdiction including extractions from any well permitted pursuant to WELL Number _____.
- I acknowledge that a well permit issued by Tulare County does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of water now or in the future.
- I acknowledge that the EKGSA includes specific groundwater requirements through minimum thresholds and measurable objectives and agree that my groundwater use will comply with these requirements.
- I acknowledge the EKGSA cannot guarantee the maintenance of any defined water level or level of water quality in the Kaweah Subbasin.
- I acknowledge the EKGSA is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments or payments related to any groundwater well permitted pursuant to WELL Number _____, including pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.
- I agree to hold the EKGSA harmless and indemnify the EKGSA for any liability, including attorney fees, costs, and penalties stemming from or related to Tulare County issuing a well permit in response to WELL Number _____.

I understand that I may not operate and shall not operate the well in a manner that is likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells and may not operate and shall not operate the well in a manner that is likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure, and that the County will be issuing this permit in reliance upon my acknowledgment herein.

By signing below, the Property Owner certifies that the acknowledgments above are understood and accepted.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Groundwater Sustainability Agency Determinations (check all that apply):

The above well permit application is not inconsistent with the sustainable groundwater management program established in the EKGSA’s adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”), designed to achieve the sustainability goals of SGMA, and the owner of the proposed well must comply with all GSA rules, regulations, and ordinances.

The GSA does NOT find the drilling of the well identified in the above well permit application to be consistent with the sustainable groundwater management programs that the EKGSA has adopted in the GSP for the following reasons:

[Excess Text to be attached as **Attachment A** to this Form]

Based upon the acknowledgment above the Property Owner has attested the proposed well is not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure. With the issuance of a well permit by Tulare County, Tulare County has acknowledged compliance with Executive order N-7-22.

The information contained herein is based on the information contained in the well permit application. The preceding statements are made upon information known at the time of this statement only. The EKGSA is currently amending its GSP, which may necessitate or cause changes to previously made statements. As of the date of this form, the State’s Department of Water Resources has found the relevant GSP to be incomplete and the GSA is in the process of amending the GSP.

Comments:

Printed Name: _____

Title/Position/Its: _____

EKGSA: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____