

Terms and Conditions

1. The Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (“CGA”) is a public entity created by a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (“JPA”) executed by the seven exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) within the Cosumnes Subbasin (“Subbasin”), identified as Basin Number 5-2216 by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) Bulletin 118, to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) and the Cosumnes Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”). The land where the Applicant’s well is to be located is within the CGA’s authority and jurisdiction for purpose of the SGMA.
2. The Cosumnes Subbasin GSP includes specific groundwater requirements through minimum thresholds and measurable objectives.
3. The GSP does not currently include groundwater pumping restrictions or restrictions on drilling new wells but reserves to the GSAs/CGA authority to impose pumping restrictions in the future. The GSP may change in the future, and pumping restrictions may be imposed to comply with SGMA. Applicant acknowledges the CGA’s authority to impose pumping restrictions consistent with the authority provided in SGMA.
4. Water Code Section 10726.4(b) provides that GSAs are not authorized to issue permits for the construction, modification, or abandonment of groundwater wells, except as authorized by a county with authority to issue those permits. Neither the County of Sacramento or County of Amador has authorized the GSAs to issue those permits.
5. Water Code Section 10726.8(b) provides that GSAs do not have the authority to make a binding determination of the water rights of any person or entity.
6. The Applicant will make the new well available for inspection and monitoring by the GSAs/CGA upon reasonable notice.
7. For wells that include increased pumping capacity and/or are new, Applicant will provide an annual estimate to CGA of the groundwater use during the preceding water year (October 1 - September 30) by January 1st of each year.
8. CGA’s issuance of a written verification and the County’s issuance of a well permit to Applicant does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of water now or in the future or any defined water level or water quality.
9. CGA is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments or payments related to any groundwater well permitted pursuant to this application, including pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.
10. Applicant agrees to hold CGA and the GSAs harmless and indemnify CGA and the GSAs for any liability stemming from or related to the County issuing a well permit in response the Application or to the CGA issuing a written verification related to the well permit.

By signing below, Applicant agrees the above terms shall be incorporated into the terms and conditions of any well permit issued by County pursuant to the Application and shall be binding on the property owner and run with the land.

Applicant

Date

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need a GSP consistency determination if my well is being used for domestic use only?

A: No. Individual domestic use wells providing less than two acre-feet per year (typical single family indoor use and regular outdoor use) are not subject to Executive Order N-7-22 section 9(a).

Q: If I have questions regarding my application.

A: If you have questions regarding your application to receive a letter of determination from a Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, you can contact the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority at info@CosumnesGroundwater.org or 916-.

If you have questions regarding your well permit application in Sacramento County, you can contact the County of Sacramento's Department of Environmental Review at email or number.

If you have questions regarding your well permit application in Amador County, you can contact the County of Amador's Department of Environmental Health Water Well Program at email or number.

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**WRITTEN VERIFICATION OF WELL PERMIT APPLICATION CONSISTENCY
WITH COSUMNES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE
WITH CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22 SECTION 9(a):**

1. Based on the foregoing information and acknowledgements, the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority (“CGA”) issues a written consistency determination pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 paragraph 9(a) for the subject well.
2. CGA finds that the subject groundwater well falls within the groundwater use assumed in the GSP, which also includes projects and management actions, continual monitoring and 5-year updates, as well as a commitment to implement projects, management actions or pumping restrictions (if needed) required to achieve sustainability:
 - a. Groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP; and
 - b. Groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Subbasin.
3. This verification shall not be read as interfering with the authority of _____ County to approve, disapprove, or condition any groundwater well permit project pursuant to its permitting authority.

CGA Administrator

Date

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