

# Santa Clarita Valley GSA

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## New or Replacement Groundwater Production Well Form

The Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) is required by State law to manage groundwater in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07) consistent with its Board-Adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The State of California has identified this basin to be a “High Priority” basin. The Basin covers approximately 100 square miles, and is located mostly in Los Angeles County, with a small portion located in Ventura County.

The Governor’s Executive Order N-3-23 requires additional steps be taken by GSAs and county, city, or other public agencies in review and permitting of wells. In the SCV-GSA service area, there are two agencies that issue well permits, the County of Los Angeles, and the County of Ventura. Most of the SCV-GSA area is in Los Angeles County, but approximately 70 acres is within Ventura County. Staff has had regular communication with both permitting agencies regarding coordination with SCV-GSA procedures to address the requirements in the Executive Order.

Under Paragraph 4.a. and 4.b. of the Executive Order, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:

- 4.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
- 4.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.

### Limited Exemptions

The Executive Order paragraph 4 does not apply to permits for wells (i) that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, (ii) that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code, or (iii) that are replacing existing, currently permitted wells with new wells that will produce an equivalent quantity of water as the well being replaced when the existing well is being replaced because it has been acquired by eminent domain or acquired while under threat of condemnation.

### Coordination with Counties

GSA Staff and County well permitting agencies will work together to funnel any well permit requests to the SCV-GSA for making the 4.a. determination and determinations for Limited Exemptions above. In some cases, the potential applicant for a County well permit may contact the SCV GSA directly to begin this process before submitting a County well permit request.

We expect both Counties will perform the 4.b. evaluation identified in the Executive Order. Specific information each County may require for the 4.b determination is not currently known, but the hydrogeologic report criteria (Attachment 2) will provide good information for the 4.b. determination.

The purpose of this form is for the SCV-GSA to collect relevant information about the proposed well so that it can make a determination if the proposed well is subject to, or exempt from, the Governor's Executive Order. If SCV-GSA staff determine<sup>1</sup> the well is subject to the analyses required by Paragraph 4 of the Governor's Executive Order, the SCV-GSA requires that the Property Owner prepare and submit a hydrogeologic report on the new or replacement well(s) and deposit funds with SCV Water for application review, which may include use of the groundwater flowmodel, and would include completing the required analysis. Report requirements are attached.

Following submittal of the hydrogeologic report by the landowner, the SCV-GSA will review the report and prepare the analysis required by the Executive Order and communicate the results back to the landowner and the County. If the SCV-GSA needs additional information to prepare the SCV-GSA analysis, the information will be requested from the landowner. Following completion of the SCV-GSA analysis, the proposed well owner will be provided the analysis and the analysis will be provided to the SCV-GSA Board of Directors for consideration and a final determination of the proposed well's consistency with the requirements in the Executive Order. If insufficient information is provided and the landowner is not responsive to requests for clarification, the SCV-GSA reserves the right to reject further review of materials.

This form must be completed, signed, and submitted by the Property Owner with each well permit application for a new or replacement groundwater production well in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin. The SCV-GSA must take action as described above before the well can be approved by the County of Los Angeles or County of Ventura.

1 <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Feb-13-2023-Executive-Order.pdf?emrc=b12708>

Notes:

De-Minimis Well is a groundwater production well that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users.

**Property Owner and Well Owner Information**

Property Owner

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	
Street Address	
Email	
Telephone	

<sup>1</sup> The Board of Directors may consider an appeal to the staff determination at a publicly noticed Board of Directors meeting.

- Check Box if Property Owner is Same as Well Owner, or
- Check Box if Well Owner is Different than Property Owner and Fill out Table Below

Well Owner

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	
Street Address	
Email	
Telephone	

**Type of Proposed Well (Applicant to Fill Out – Check**

- New Well**
- Replacement Well**

**Well Site and Use Information (Applicant to Fill Out)**

Well Site Address (if different from above):	
Attach site location map showing proposed well on property	
Assessor Parcel Number	
Proposed Wellhead GPS Coordinates:	
Well Motor Size (horsepower) and manufacturer's gpm rating.	
Maximum well design capacity (gallons per minute)	
Anticipated daily well motor run time (hours per day)	
Estimated Annual Groundwater Production (acre-feet per year)	
Proposed Well Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic / Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Community <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
Anticipated well depth, casing diameter, casing material, screen interval(s)	

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)  
Information (Applicant to Fill Out)**

Description of required CEQA compliance and status of CEQA compliance.	
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**Well Driller Information (Applicant to Fill Out)**

Well Driller Name and Phone Number	
Well Driller Business Address	
County Registration Number	
C-57 License Number	
Anticipated Construction Start Date	
Anticipated Construction End Date	

**Review for Exemption from Governor’s Executive  
Order (Applicant to Fill Out)**

Will the well provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will the well exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in Section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Will the proposed well replace an existing, currently permitted well with a new well that will produce an equivalent quantity of water as the well being replaced because the existing well has been acquired by eminent domain or acquired while under threat of condemnation?</p> <p>Note the following Acknowledgement Form requires the landowner destroy the well or wells being replaced under County permit. Proof of destruction under County permit must be provided within 90 days of the proposed well being permitted by the County.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Property Owner Acknowledgement Form (Applicant to Fill Out)**

	I acknowledge that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires groundwater in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07) be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). The SCV-GSA, as the exclusive GSA for the Basin No. 4-4.07, has groundwater management authority over the Subbasin in which the well site is located.
	I acknowledge that SCV-GSA has authority under SGMA to limit groundwater extractions, including extractions from any well permitted pursuant to this form, within its jurisdiction for the purposes of complying with SGMA.
	I acknowledge the landowner or owners of the parcel the well is drilled on are responsible for compliance with conditions set by the SCV-GSA. In the event the landowner fails to comply with requirements, e.g. reporting extractions, the SCV-GSA retains all statutory authorities granted by the State to enforce conditions.
	I acknowledge that management of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07) includes sustainable management criteria (e.g. minimum thresholds) defined to avoid undesirable results and agree that I shall not operate the well in a manner that is inconsistent with these criteria. A description of the sustainable management criteria can be found in the GSP, which is publicly available at: <a href="http://www.scvgsa.org">www.scvgsa.org</a>
	I understand that if groundwater conditions in the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07) warrant development of projects to avoid undesirable results, the SCV-GSA has the authority to implement a fee to support development of such projects and I agree to pay, or understand I may be made to pay, any applicable fee levied under the authority of SCV-GSA.
	I acknowledge that the SCV-GSA is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments, or payments related to any groundwater well permitted pursuant to this form. This may include, now or in the future, pumping assessments or fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.
	I certify that the information in the Well Site and Use Information table properly represents the proposed well and that groundwater extraction will not exceed the values included in the table, unless otherwise approved by the SCV-GSA.
	I acknowledge the SCV-GSA may inspect the well at a reasonable time to verify its construction and operation is consistent with the Well Site and Use information form above. The SCV-GSA will coordinate any necessary property access for a well inspection with the landowner before any inspection.
	If this well is a replacement well, I acknowledge I will provide proof of legally destroying the well or wells being replaced by the proposed well. Well destruction permits will be submitted to the SCV-GSA within 90 days of the proposed well being permitted by the County.
	I acknowledge additional monitoring requirements may be imposed by the SCV-GSA, including but not limited to installation of dedicated monitoring wells, to ensure groundwater production is not interfering with existing groundwater remediation programs in the Subbasin, groundwater production is not inducing the migration of contaminant plumes, and that groundwater elevations are maintained above the minimum thresholds set in the GSP.

	I acknowledge that the County well permitting agency will put other conditions on the proposed well, such as for construction, operation, and monitoring.
<b>Additional Requirements for Non-De Minimis Wells</b>	
	I agree the new or replacement well considered herein, and all existing non-de-minimis extraction wells on the property will be outfitted with a properly installed and calibrated flowmeter within six (6) months of County approval of the constructed new or replacement well.
	I acknowledge that the SCV-GSA may require flowmeter recalibration at reasonable times, such as every five years or when the flowmeter is repaired or replaced, and the cost of this work is the well owner's responsibility.
	I acknowledge semi-annual groundwater extraction from the well, or wells, will be reported to the SCV-GSA by April 30 of each year (for the October-March period) and by October 31 of each year (for the April -September period).
	I acknowledge that reporting of groundwater quality from the well evaluated above is required once per year for total dissolved solids (TDS), sulfate, chloride, boron, nitrate, and total coliform bacteria. The landowner is responsible for these costs, unless the well is included as an SCV-GSA monitoring well.

By signing below, the Property Owner certifies that the acknowledgements and agreements made in this Form are understood and accepted.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# SCV-GSA Determination if Proposed Well is subject to Governor's Executive Order

**Subject to EO N-3-23 (GSA to Fill Out)**

Is the proposed well subject to further GSA review under EO N-3-23?      YES      NO  
   

The above determination has been made on behalf of the SCV-GSA, the exclusive GSA for the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 4-4.07), by the undersigned.

This determination is valid for 12 months after the signed date below or until the expiration of Governor's Executive Order N-3-23, whichever comes first.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:	_____
Signature:	_____
Date:	_____

If the SCV-GSA has determined that the proposed well is subject to further GSA review under EO N-3-23, and you wish to continue to seek approval for the well, please prepare and submit to the SCV-GSA Secretary the required hydrogeologic report consistent with SCV-GSA Hydrogeologic Report Requirements and Review Procedures.