

**MID-KINGS RIVER
GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY**



RE: ***Required GSA Verification on Well Permits from
Governor Newson’s March 28, 2022 Executive Order N-7-22***

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To whom it may concern:

The Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) views that it can “verify that groundwater extraction from a proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the 2020 Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP adopted by the Mid-Kings River GSA and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Tulare Lake Subbasin in the Mid-Kings River GSA area, as described in the 2020 Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP” under the following conditions:

- 1) If the well permit is for a well replacement, that the Applicant/Well Owner provide the MKR GSA the location and Well Completion Report (WCR) for the well being replaced, so that the location and construction of that well can be reviewed and understood.
- 2) For all new wells, the Applicant/Well Owner or the contracted Well Drilling Company provide MKR GSA, Kings County and DWR with copies of the WCR for the new well, that includes accurate location and construction information.
- 3) That any currently operable well within 1,000 feet of the well site be located by the Applicant/Well Owner, identified by type (agricultural, domestic, municipal, industrial, other) to the extent possible, and that those adjacent landowners be asked by the applicant for well depth information so that it can be reviewed.
- 4) That the Applicant/Well Owner outfit the well with a totalizing flow meter (units in acre-feet) with an instantaneous flow indicator as per manufactures specification and MKR GSA staff or consultants be allowed to enter the property and check the flow rate and amount pumped from the well periodically.
- 5) That the landowner agree to install facilities to limit or “throttle” the well, if necessary, while the Governor’s emergency declaration exists.
- 6) That the applicant is fully aware of the Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22, that the order’s primary intent is to “protect health, safety and the environment”, and that if at any point the MKR GSA views that the issuance of the replacement permit endangers health, safety or the environment, then the verification will not be provided.
- 7) That the applicant has made him or herself fully aware of the current groundwater conditions in the area, the long-term groundwater level declines, the most recent annual level declines

during drought years, the expected conditions during the SGMA Implementation Period as described in the Tulare Lake Subbasin's GSP and is prepared to develop a well based on the applicant's situation and the applicant's views of what is advisable.

- 8) That the applicant is aware that the MKR GSA's verification does not shield him or her in any way from any credible complaint made from an adjacent landowner that can document that the operation of the well is impacting the water level in the adjacent landowner's well. The applicant acknowledges that the MKR GSA views this as a matter between landowners that can sometimes be resolved through cooperation or negotiation, but sometimes has to be resolved in court.

Statement by Applicant/Well Owner:

I agree to the above terms and conditions outlined in the MKR GSA's well permit verification document, and agree to require the parties working for me to the same.

Well Owner Name (print): _____

Well Owner Name (signature/date): _____

Well Owner Physical Address: _____

Well Owner Email Address: _____

Kings County Permit #: _____

APN of Well Location: _____

Well Location (Lat./Long.): _____

Well Drilling Company: _____

Statement by MKR GSA:

Based on the information provided by the Applicant/Owner and agency staff's understanding at this time, the MKR GSA, consistent with MKR GSA Resolution 2022-2, verifies that groundwater extraction from a proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the 2020 Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP adopted by the MKR GSA and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the Tulare Lake Subbasin in the MKR GSA area, as described in the 2020 Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP.

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