



Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

Acknowledgement Form Water Well Registration and Verification Request

The undersigned as owner of the property where the well is proposed (“Applicant”) is submitting an Application (“Application”) to the Ventura County Public Works Agency (“VCPWA”) for a permit to construct a water well. The Ojai Basin Groundwater Agency (“OBGMA”), as the statutorily designated Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin (“OVGB”), must provide written verification to VCPWA regarding the acceptability of the well as a prerequisite to VCPWA’s well permit approval. In compliance with its statutory mandate under the Sustainable Groundwater Act of 2014, and to ensure the goals of its approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) are met, OBGMA reviews all requests for written verifications for new well permits, including permits to construct new wells or for the replacement of existing wells, to determine if groundwater extraction by the proposed well would be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in the GSP, or would decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the OVGB covered by the GSP.

Applicant hereby requests the OBGMA to review the Application and provide the required written verification.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT (Initial the following provisions)

- _____ I acknowledge that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) requires the OBGMA, as the exclusive GSA for the OVGB, to sustainably manage the groundwater resources of the Basin.
- _____ I acknowledge that the OBGMA is authorized by SGMA to, among other things, limit extractions within its jurisdiction including extractions from a well permitted pursuant to the Application and that a well permit issued by VCPWA does not guarantee the extraction of any specific amount of water now or in the future.
- _____ I acknowledge that the OBGMA is authorized to establish, and has established, specific groundwater requirements, including minimum thresholds and measurable objectives, and I agree that my groundwater use is subject to these requirements and other authorities that may be carried out under SGMA.
- _____ I acknowledge the OBGMA cannot and does not guarantee any defined water use, water level, or water quality in the Basin.
- _____ I acknowledge the OBGMA is not responsible for or otherwise liable for any costs, investments, or payments related to any groundwater well permitted pursuant to the Application, including pumping fees, extraction limits, costs related to well failure, well deepening, increased maintenance, replacement, or operational costs.

_____ I acknowledge that the proposed water well, as applicable, will be operated in compliance with all current and future laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, compliance with any applicable well registration and groundwater production reporting requirements and associated wellhead and extraction fees established by OBGMA.

Print Name of PROPERTY OWNER

Signature of PROPERTY OWNER

Date