

Mendocino County Division of Environmental Health

Policy 4600-11-01

Well Permits for Drilling Within Water Districts

Intent and Benefit

It is the intent of the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) to recognize the authority of local water districts to take action on proposed well placement located within district boundaries.

Background and Authority

DEH's position on processing well permit applications for wells located within water districts has been to notify and obtain approval from the district prior to issuing a permit to construct (County Counsel Opinion 06-812) (California Water Code §35409).

Implementation

DEH will continue to notify water districts when well permit applications are received for wells to be located within water district boundaries. For districts authorized by resolution or ordinance to take action on well installation located within their service area or where the district provides an adequate basis to substantiate denial of a permit, DEH will respect the decision of the water district to approve or deny the request.

Effective Date: September 1, 2011

Director's Initials: _____

