



County of Yolo

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NOTICE TO POTENTIAL PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM APPLICANTS

SB1263 Compliance

SB 1263 became effective on **January 1, 2017**. The bill was promulgated to address an increasing state-wide issue of existing Public Water Systems (PWSs) becoming unsustainable because of the lack of the capacity in the areas of Technical, Managerial and Financial (TMF). The intent of the bill is to encourage the consolidation of the PWSs, and to discourage or prohibit the creation of the PWSs that will become unsustainable.

A public water system is defined in CHSC Section 116275 (h) as: "a system for the provision of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year." Human consumption is defined in Section 116275 (e) as "the use of water for drinking, bathing or showering, hand washing, oral hygiene, or cooking, including, but not limited to, preparing food and washing dishes." Examples of PWSs include a business that has 25 or more employees for at least six (6) months of the year (e.g.: a seed research company) or a business that has less than 25 employees and serves at least 25 people daily for a minimum 60 days out of a year (e.g.: a gas station).

As a result of the bill, the application process to own a PWS has changed significantly. Specifically, the bill requires a submittal of a **Preliminary Water System Technical Report** to the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) for review and approval at least **6 months** before initiating construction of any water related improvement. By definition, a water related improvement includes, but not limited to, a water pipe, a water pump, or drinking water infrastructure. A well for a PWS is considered a drinking water infrastructure.

Therefore, Yolo County Environmental Health (YCEH) cannot issue a drinking water well installation permit if the well is identified to be the source for a Public Water System, without the review and approval of the **Preliminary Water System Technical Report**. In order to expedite the well installation permitting process, you are strongly encouraged to submit the **Preliminary Water System Technical Report** to the State Board ASAP, such as at the project planning stage.

For additional information, including Guidance for Preliminary Technical Report, please visit our website at <http://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/environmental-health-services/land-environmental-protection/drinking-water-program>

I, the undersigned responsible party, have read and understand this Notice.

Sign and print your name: _____ Title: _____

Site address: _____ Date: _____

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