

SB 252 – CRITICALLY OVERDRAFTED BASINS

SB 252 is an existing law that required, by January 15, 1990, the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt a model water well, cathodic protection well, and monitoring well drilling and abandonment ordinance. It also required each county, city, or water agency, where appropriate, to adopt a water well, cathodic protection well, and monitoring well drilling and abandonment ordinance that meets or exceeds certain standards.

On October 6, 2017, SB 252 was modified. Until January 30, 2020, SB 252 will require a city or county overlying a critically over-drafted basin to:

- Request estimates of certain information from an applicant for a new well located within a critically over-drafted basin as part of an application for a well permit.
- Make the additional information easily available to the public and groundwater sustainability agencies.
- Issue a new well permit within a critically over-drafted basin when these requirements have been met.

Information related to the California Department of Water Resources designation of critically over-drafted basins can be located at:

- <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/cod.cfm>

A map of critically over-drafted basins can be obtained at:

- http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/pdfs/COD-basins_2016_Dec19.pdf

Requests for a list of well permits received since January 1, 2018, in critically over-drafted basins areas of Stanislaus County, can be made at:

- EMAIL - LPAStanislaus@envres.org
- MAIL OR IN-PERSON - 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto, CA 95358

Supplemental information form related to water well construction permits applications within critically over-drafted basin areas of Stanislaus County may be found at:

- SB 252 SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FORM at <http://dev.stancounty.com/er/environmentalhealth/pdf/sb252-supplemental-information-form.pdf>
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB252