

SO YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR A CONDITIONAL WATER PERMIT

NOW WHAT?

Submit application, map, and fee to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), which will establish the application's priority date.

Applicant is then required to send a "Notice of Application" to record title owners of real estate and water permitholders within one mile of the point of diversion(s), and public water facilities within 12 miles.

Applicant provides the DWR with an affidavit of notice listing the names and addresses of those sent the "Notice of Application".

DWR publishes notice for two weeks in official County newspaper. Any person has 30 days from date of first notice to submit written comments to DWR regarding the application.

A perfected water permit should be recorded with the County Recorder's office. A water right is a property right.

After the water project is fully developed and water is being put to beneficial use, the DWR will conduct an inspection. A perfected water permit will be issued if water is being applied to beneficial use in accordance with the prescribed conditions of the permit.

If the permit is issued, the permitholder is generally given one to three years to develop thier water project and put water to beneficial use.

DWR addresses any additional comments from parties of record or the applicant, and makes final decision on application.

DWR reviews application and makes a recommended decision on the application (i.e. approve, deny, defer). A copy of the recommended decision is mailed to applicant and those who commented on application (parties of record), and are given 30 days to comment on the recommended decision.