



PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING REQUEST for EXEMPTION for a Water Distribution System

A permit from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) is needed for any new or amended Water Distribution System (WDS), unless it meets the criteria for an exemption. For MPWMD Rules, please visit www.mpwmd.net and click on "Rules and Regulations" (see Rules 20, 21 and 22).

An exemption means that the system does not need a WDS Permit because it meets one or more of the criteria specified in MPWMD Rule 20-A or 20-C. Examples include:

- Replacement wells or other exemptions listed in Rule 20-C;
- New wells located more than 1,000 feet from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System** (MPWRS) and serving fewer than four parcels (e.g., Carmel Valley Upland, Jacks Peak area);
- New wells located 1,000 feet or less from the MPWRS and serving fewer than four parcels, and can demonstrate lack of hydrogeologic connectivity or impact to the MPWRS;
- New Seaside Groundwater Basin wells that produce less than 5.0 acre-feet per year (AFY) and serve only one parcel;
- Natural spring in Fractured Rock that provides non-potable supply for onsite landscape irrigation on one parcel;
- Onsite rainwater collection system serving one parcel (Exemption Request is not required);
- Mobile WDS trucked from a source outside MPWMD for use on 3 or fewer parcels, with documentation showing the supply is lawful (Exemption Request is not needed if less than 55-gallon containers).

For detailed guidance, please visit the District website at:

<http://www.mpwmd.net/regulations/wells-water-systems/water-distribution-systems/>
(click on "2014 Implementation Guidelines").

For staff assistance, contact 831-658-5601 or skister@mpwmd.net or gabby@mpwmd.net

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS: Before submitting your Exemption Request, please provide the following documentation, as applicable (see Sections 1.0 and 2.0 of 2014 Implementation Guidelines for details):

- Map with Assessor's Parcel Numbers, location of water facilities (e.g., wells) and parcels served;
- Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau Well Construction Permit (one for each well);
- State Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) Well Completion Report (one for each well);
- Monterey County Health Department certification of adequate quantity/quality (for drinking water);
- MPWMD Well Registration form for each well (\$25 fee if new well or owner);
- MPWMD Well Meter Inspection Form signed by District staff for each well;
- Grant Deed or similar recorded property ownership documentation;
- Water rights documentation, if applicable (e.g., Carmel Valley Alluvial or Seaside Basin wells);
- Environmental review, if applicable (typically performed by City or County);
- For Mobile WDS, authorizing letter from agency governing source of supply;
- **\$600 processing fee; check made out to "MPWMD".**

** The Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System is comprised of the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer, Carmel River and its named tributaries, and the Seaside Groundwater Basin

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