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Implementation Plan for Amended County Water Wells Ordinance and Permit Fees for Areas within Zone 7's Jurisdiction

This is to provide notice that as of January 1, 2016, Zone 7 Water Agency will begin collecting permit fees as set forth in the Alameda County Well Ordinance. Currently, Zone 7 does not charge fees for well permits for areas under its jurisdiction (Eastern Alameda County). The fees are intended to recover the cost of providing program services as authorized by Alameda County General Ordinance Code Section 6.88.050 (C). The current County fee schedule can be found at: <http://www.acgov.org/wells/fees.htm>.

Any updates to the permit fee schedule or to the date when Zone 7 will start charging permit fees will be posted on the Zone 7 website at <http://www.zone7water.com/business/permits-fees/64-well-drilling-and-destruction-permits>.

The amended County Water Wells Ordinance also provides for the Administering Agency to designate areas where special permit and well construction techniques are required to prevent spreading of contaminants or mixing of water between water-bearing zones. As the Administering Agency for Eastern Alameda County, Zone 7 is planning to formalize the designation of several special requirement areas, and their requirements, at the Zone 7 Board of Directors meeting on October 21, 2015. The special requirement areas include areas where a permit is required for any soil boring deeper than 10 feet, and areas of known solvent contamination where surface or intermediate casings must be set before advancing the borehole to a lower water-bearing zone.

There will be an informational meeting held at the Zone 7 office, at 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore on **Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** specifically for drilling contractors and consultants.

Questions and comments concerning this notification should be directed to Wyman Hong at (925) 454-5056 or by email to whong@zone7water.com, or to Matt Katen at (925) 454-5071 or by email to mkaten@zone7water.com.

Information on upcoming and past Zone 7 Board Meetings can be accessed at:
www.zone7water.com.

The Alameda County Water Wells Ordinance can be found on-line at:
https://www.municode.com/library/ca/alameda_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT6HESA_CH6.88WAVE.