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New Water Well Permitting Requirements - Borrego Springs Subbasin

DEHQ requires approval from the Borrego Watermaster prior to issuance of water well permits within the Borrego Springs Subbasin. This requirement is due to the adjudication of groundwater pumping rights in the Borrego Springs Subbasin, which was filed in the Superior Court of California on April 8, 2021: *Borrego Water District v. All Persons Who Claim a Right To Extract Groundwater in the Borrego Valley Groundwater Subbasin No. 7.024 Whether Based on Appropriation, Overlying Right, or Other Basis of Right, and/or Who Claim a Right to Use of Storage Space in the Subbasin; et al.* (Case No. 37-2020-00005776).

All persons who desire to become new De Minimis Pumpers of groundwater (pump two acre-feet per year or less) or desire to construct a new or replacement non-de minimis well (pump greater than two acre-feet per year) in the Subbasin must submit approval from the Borrego Springs Watermaster with their water well permit application. Applications for Borrego Springs Watermaster approval are located on their [website](#) or through the following links:

[New De Minimis Pumping Application](#)

[Construction of a New or Replacement Non-De Minimis Well Application](#)

For questions regarding the Borrego Springs Watermaster application and approval process, contact the Borrego Springs Watermaster at 949-420-3030 or BorregoSpringsWM@westyost.com.