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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Christine M. Secheli for Lederer, Steven - Director
Environmental Management
REPORT BY: Christine M. Secheli, Assistant Director, 253-4471
SUBJECT: Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Groundwater Permitting Procedures

RECOMMENDATION

Second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 13.15 (Groundwater Conservation) of the Napa County Code.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The second reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance is scheduled for today. This ordinance amends several key definitions, clarifies when a groundwater permit is required, modifies requirements for ministerial permits and establishes a process to modify or cancel an existing groundwater permit. Additionally, new language has been added to further discourage wasteful water use practices by potential groundwater permit applicants when establishing their existing water use levels.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Environmental Management
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Allows a process whereby a property owner can change or cancel an existing permit.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes

Future fiscal impact: Minimal based on the small number of applications actually received.

Consequences if not approved: Owners will not be able to amend or modify a permits and will have to apply for a whole new permit through the existing application process.

Additional Information:

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On July 31, 2007, the Board opened the public hearing and introduced the ordinance, read the title, waived reading the balance of the ordinance and declared its intention to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance is now before the Board for formal adoption.

Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance.

On July 31, 2007 the Board also adopted a resolution establishing and increasing fees for services provided by the Department of Environmental Management relating to groundwater permits and such fees become effective on September 30, 2007 (sixty-one days from the date of adoption of the resolution).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Ordinance (tracked)

B . Ordinance (clean)

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi