

**ATTACHMENT F**  
**TIMELINE - Well Permit #23-22W**

- December 6, 2022: YCEH includes review of temporary well permitting procedures to comply with EO N-7-22 as part of drought emergency report to the Board.
- December 20, 2022: YCEH implements temporary well permitting procedures to address the requirements under EO N-7-22.
- March 14, 2023: Eaton Drilling Co submitted well application 23-022W for a replacement agricultural well on behalf of Boundary Bend Olives. At that time, YCEH was reviewing well applications per the Temporary Well Permitting Procedures identified in the first version of the TM which required a replacement well to be located within 100 feet of the well it was replacing.
- March 21, 2023: YSGA provided YCEH with written verification for the well application pursuant to the supplemental verification for replacement wells in place at that time, concluding the proposed well ‘has no planned increase in pumping capacity from the existing well’ and that the well is “consistent with the adopted Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and will not decrease the likelihood of achieving the sustainability goals for the Subbasin.” (Attachment C)
- March 29, 2023: YCEH issued well permit #23-022W.
- May 18, 2023: YSGA received a complaint suggesting that permit #23-022W authorized work beyond installation of a true in-kind replacement well and emailed YCEH with the complaint information.
- May 23, 2023: YCEH staff re-reviewed the permit application and discovered that the site plan for the well permit showed the replacement well location was approximately 150 feet from the well it was replacing and the casing size on the application was bigger than the casing size of the existing well per the supplemental questionnaire the well driller submitted. (NOTE: On 11/15/2024, a field visit determined that the casing size of the existing well was 12”, the same as the proposed new well). For these two reasons, YCEH informed County Counsel that the permit was issued in error as it did not meet the replacement well definition. YCEH notified Eaton by email that the well permit had been placed on hold and would not be issued unless these two issues were corrected.
- May 31, 2023: YCEH notified YSGA by email that a temporary hold had been placed on the permit.
- July 17, 2023: Eaton notified YCEH that the property owner wanted to change the well permit category from replacement well to a new, additional well.

- August 9, 2023: Eaton submitted a revised application for a new well at the same location as the replacement well application. YCEH informed Eaton that the permit would now be reviewed as a new well and be routed to YSGA for their review.
- March-April 2024: YSGA adopts 2-Tier Procedures for the well applications within the YSGA-identified Focus Areas. Replacement wells are exempt from the 2-Tier review.
- April 9, 2024: Board approves revisions to YCEH's Temporary Well Permitting Procedures TM which revises the definition of a replacement well.
- April 24, 2024: YCEH received a call from Parks Water Resources (PWR) notifying YCEH that they are the new driller for the well and were replacing Eaton. PWR submitted a revised application showing they were the driller. The revised application form stated the well was an additional well.
- July 10, 2024: YCEH informed PWR that the well permit was still on hold and that a well setback map was required prior to the issuance of the permit as well as an updated verification letter from YSGA for a new well.
- July 17, 2024: YSGA received a voicemail complaint about drilling on the property without a proper well permit issued and emailed YCEH with the information.
- July 18, 2024: YCEH conducted an onsite visit and verified drilling activity was in progress. A Stop Work Order was issued onsite. YCEH issued a Stop Work Order Notice via email to PWR and Boundary Bend Olives.
- July 29, 2024: YCEH met with PWR, Conor Churchin, representative for Boundary Bend Olives, and Russel Frink, attorney for Boundary Bend Olives, to discuss the Stop Work Order Notice and status of permit #23-022W. YCEH informed all parties that a new revised application and associated documentation would need to be submitted if the applicant now wished to permit the well as a replacement well.
- August 22, 2024: YCEH received updated supporting documentation indicating the proposed well would be a replacement well. However, a revised application had not yet been submitted, so the permit application remained on hold.
- September 5, 2024: Governor Newsom issued EO N-3-24 terminating certain provisions of prior EOs related to drought, including the well permitting procedures required by EO N-3-23.
- October 22, 2024: Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved Urgency Ordinance No. 1569 extending the well permitting procedures enacted in response to EO N-7-22 and EO N-3-23. The replacement well streamlined review process was not included in the Urgency Ordinance. **Under the Urgency Ordinance, all new proposed agricultural well permits, even if they are replacement wells involving the abandonment of an existing well, are now subject to the same well separation distances. (Attachment A)**

Designating a proposed well as “new” or as a “replacement” is relevant for YCEH’s purposes only to ensure the existing well is destroyed and abandoned in accordance with the Yolo County Code requirements.

- November 15, 2024: YCEH received a revised well permit application designating the proposed well as a replacement well. A YCEH inspector conducted a site visit to confirm the proposed well location and, given questions that had arisen from the community regarding an apparent increase in the casing size from the old well to the new proposed well, verified the existing well casing to be 12-inches, which is the same casing size as the proposed replacement well. YCEH emailed YSGA this information: “[W]e measured the casing of the old well that will be destroyed and concluded that it is in fact a 12” casing instead of 10.” (Attachment C, pg. 4.)
- November 19, 2024: YSGA informed YCEH that no additional verification review is required and that YSGA's prior written verification was still valid. (Attachment C, pg. 4.)
- December 13, 2024: YCEH issued well permit #23-022W (Attachment B).
- January 13, 2025: Annie Main filed an appeal to the issuance of well permit #23-022W (Attachment D).