

#### Well Permit Process Anticipated Timeline:

1. 8/26/2025 – Board of Supervisors adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1576, imposing temporary 45-day moratorium pursuant to Government Code section 65858 on new agricultural well permits in the Focus Areas.
2. 10/7/2025 – Board of Supervisors:
  - a. Board holds public hearing regarding extension of moratorium on new agricultural wells within the Focus Areas through August 25, 2026 (extension of Urgency Ordinance No. 1576), with the option to rescind at any time and subject to the exemptions (including the hardship exemption) described in the Urgency Ordinance.
    - Option of requiring 60-90 day reports back to Board on progress towards lifting moratorium.
  - b. Provides feedback to staff on Working Group formation and charter
  - c. Provides further direction to staff regarding permanent well permit changes that may be implemented for all new agricultural well permits (both within and outside of the Focus Areas).
3. 10/21/2025 – Board of Supervisors
  - a. Introduce ordinance to amend well permit ordinance to incorporate procedures implemented with Urgency Ordinance No. 1569 for all agricultural well permits.
  - b. Adopt accompanying urgency ordinance to extend Urgency Ordinance No. 1569, which expires on 10/31/2025, pending effective date of new permanent ordinance.
4. 11/4/2025 – Second reading/adoption of new permanent ordinance
5. Nov. 2025 - County staff finalize establishment of well permit moratorium Working Group (non-Brown Act body), hold first Working Group meeting, and continue to collect input on other well permit and related crop/land use examples from other agencies
6. Dec. 2025-March 2026 – Working Group meets and determines areas for consideration of well permits and potential changes that may be particular to the Focus Areas where groundwater is of particular concern
7. April/May 2026 – Hungry Hollow White Paper expected from YSGA regarding groundwater budgets that is intended to serve as a guide to implement the top ranked project management actions and advance sustainability in Hungry Hollow, and that may, in turn, provide guidance for County well permitting procedures as we work to better connect agricultural land use planning with water availability data.
8. May/June 2026 – Working Group works to finalize recommended changes, if any, for well permitting procedures for staff to utilize in formulating recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

9. July/Aug 2026 – Board of Supervisors considers implementation of any recommended changes (regular Board meetings are currently scheduled for July 7 and 21 and August 25, 2026).
  
10. August 25, 2026 – Well permit moratorium expires if not earlier rescinded; Board may consider one further one-year extension of the moratorium through August 25, 2027.