

**askDWR: new well permit - Horseback at Stagecoach**

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Good afternoon,

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your inquiry regarding the availability of a well permit for a proposed consolidated lot within the Horseback at Stagecoach subdivision.

Unfortunately we cannot guarantee the issuance of any well permit. An application must be submitted for evaluation to determine if the well's requested use and pumping rate meets the requirements of state statute and policy.

Generally speaking, original lots and consolidated lots within Horseback may qualify for a well permit that allows for a well to operate without a plan for augmentation to offset the impact the well has on the local stream system as long as the following requirements are met:

- The well must be the only well on the parcel.
- The parcel, entirely or part, cannot be included in the description for an adjacent, valid, well permit (this is referred to as an overlap issue).
- If the parcel is located within the service area of a water provider such as a municipality or water and sanitation district or central system, the water provider must waive in writing any objection to the use of a private well within their service area.
- The use of the well must be limited to ordinary household purposes inside **one** single family dwelling – no outside uses such as large animal watering or lawn and garden irrigation would be allowed.
- The pumping rate cannot exceed 15 gallons per minute.
- The disposal system must be of a non-evaporative type such as a septic tank and leach field.

I believe Horseback is within the service area for the Morrison Creek Water and Sanitation District. It's my understanding that the District does not usually object to a well on a 5 acre parcel within their service area, but I strongly recommend that you contact the District to confirm this.

If any of the above requirements cannot be met, then in order to obtain a well permit, the well must be included in a court approved plan for augmentation to offset the impact of the well. Please, see the attached Beginner's Guide to Augmentation for additional information. As indicated in the guide, development of an augmentation plan is a complex process that typically requires the services of a water resources engineer and/or water rights attorney.

Regards,

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Note: I am currently working remotely. As I am checking voicemail infrequently, there will be a delay in responding to voice messages. Thank you for your patience and understanding.