

**APPLICATION FOR NEW DE MINIMIS PUMPING
IN THE BORREGO SPRINGS SUBBASIN**

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The adjudication of groundwater pumping rights in the Borrego Springs Subbasin 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 in the Subbasin after April 8, 2021 (*i.e.*, pumping of two acre-feet per year or less for use on real property overlying the Subbasin) must first obtain approval from the Watermaster prior to obtaining a well permit from the County of San Diego. Follow the instructions below to seek Watermaster approval:

1. Complete a **Water Well Permit Application** which is available on the San Diego County, Department of Environmental Health & Quality (DEHQ) [website](#). [Do not send the application to the DEHQ until you have received a signed copy of this application for New De Minimis Pumping from the Borrego Springs Watermaster]
2. Complete and sign this application.
3. Submit both applications to the Borrego Springs Watermaster at the mailing or email address above.

Applicant Name: _____ APN for Well Location: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I hereby commit to the following as a new De Minimis Pumper in the Borrego Springs Subbasin:

- The pumping rate from the well will always be equal to or less than two (2) acre-feet per year.
- The new well will be constructed by a California-licensed well drilling contractor.
- I will install and maintain a calibrated totalizing in-line flow meter on the well's discharge piping pursuant to Watermaster's well metering regulations.
- I will submit the following information to Watermaster upon well and flow-meter installation:
 - a. The Well Driller's Log with the as-built well construction information.
 - b. Flow-meter information, including: manufacturer; meter name, model number, serial number; units of measurement; and a photograph of the flow meter face and meter reading prior to well startup.
 - c. Other information and data associated with well construction including but not limited to: well development data (e.g. pumping rates, depth-to-water measurements); water-quality test results; the final pumping rate.
- I will provide Watermaster access to the well for meter reading in April and October each year.
- I will self-report meter reads to Watermaster in January and July each year.
- I agree to be invoiced, and pay to Watermaster, the following fees:
 - a. A one-time fee to cover the Watermaster's costs for application processing and the evaluation for Undesirable Results.
 - b. An annual fee to cover the Watermaster's costs for semi-annual meter reading.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____ Chairperson of the Watermaster Board _____ Date _____

This *Application for New De Minimis Pumping in the Borrego Springs Subbasin* will be approved and signed under the following conditions: (i) Watermaster determination that the new De Minimis Pumping **will not** contribute to or threaten to contribute to Undesirable Results or other interest related to the Subbasin; (ii) your payment of the one-time fee to cover the Watermaster's costs for application processing and the evaluation for Undesirable Results (you will receive a separate invoice for the fee); and (iii) your future compliance with the commitments listed above. Non-compliance with any commitment on this application is grounds to revoke Watermaster approval.

You must submit a final approved copy of this application, signed by the Chairman of the Watermaster Board, to the San Diego County DEHQ to obtain approval of your **Water Well Permit Application**.