

**Wilson Grove Formation Groundwater Management Program
Voluntary Groundwater Monitoring Program
Informational Letter**

On behalf of the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (Gold Ridge RCD), the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), and the County of Sonoma we would like to thank you for your interest in the Wilson Grove Formation Highlands voluntary groundwater-level monitoring program. The objective of this voluntary program is to monitor groundwater-level elevations to better understand the groundwater resources of west Sonoma County. The groundwater-level monitoring program is being developed to meet requirements of the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program administered by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). For more information on the statewide CASGEM program visit DWR's website www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem/.

All of the existing wells currently monitored for a number of years by DWR will be incorporated into the CASGEM monitoring program. However, in order to more fully assess Wilson Grove groundwater conditions and water level elevation trends, additional wells are needed to be added to the monitoring network.

Many individuals have expressed a desire to have their well included in the groundwater level monitoring program. Several factors, such as well location, depth, well construction information, access, and usage will be used to screen the wells to be selected for the program. In order to evaluate your well for inclusion in the program, please consider reviewing and filling out the attached well information form, and return to the contact listed below. All information provided on the form will be maintained confidentially unless you sign the form authorizing its release.

If your well is selected, a representative from the Gold Ridge RCD will contact you to collect any additional pertinent information and may at that time schedule an appointment with you to inspect your well.

Water levels in wells in the program will be measured twice a year, once in the fall and then again in the spring. You will receive, on an annual basis, a graph of the groundwater-level measurements collected from your well. In addition to providing the information to you, groundwater-level data will also be submitted to DWR and will be made available to the public via DWR's CASGEM website. Information such as the property owners name and address will not be submitted to DWR and will not be made available to the public.

As you are probably aware, SCWA, which is assisting the County of Sonoma in implementing the CASGEM program, has contracted with the Gold Ridge RCD to coordinate the monitoring and data collection activities. For a monitor to enter your property, a "Permit to Enter" agreement needs to be completed by the property owner. This will be mailed to you if your well is chosen for monitoring.

Your efforts in helping with this planned groundwater level monitoring program are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the monitoring program please contact Noelle Johnson at (707) 874-2907 or Noelle@GoldRidgeRCD.org.

Please send forms to:

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Conservation Planner
Gold Ridge RCD
P.O. Box 1064
Occidental, CA 95465

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Well Information

1. Date: _____
2. Well Owner's Name: _____
3. Mailing Address of Owner: _____

4. Well Physical Address: _____

5. Well use (please check all that apply)
 - Residential (inside home)
 - Residential irrigation
 - Agricultural irrigation
 - Commercial/Institutional or industrial areas
6. Do you have a copy of the Water Well Drillers' Report. *If yes please attach a copy and skip questions 8 through 11.* yes no
7. Date well was drilled. Please estimate date if unknown and check estimated box.
_____ estimated
8. Total well depth _____ feet Don't know
9. Location of perforations/well screen (holes to let water in the well)

10. Well Diameter _____ inches Don't know
11. Well Usage Daily Seasonal Irrigation Not in use Other (please explain)

12. Pump Flow Rate (please check one) “gpm - gallons per minute” 1 - 5 gpm 5 - 25 gpm 25 - 100 gpm 100- 400 gpm greater than 400 gpm don't know

13. Depth of pump: _____ feet below ground surface don't know

14. Do you have any water level information for the well? (If yes, please attach copy of water level data): yes no

15. Please add any additional information that you think may be helpful in the monitoring well program (attach additional sheet if necessary).

17. The California Department of Water Resources maintains the water well drillers report required by state law. These records may be very important to the groundwater level monitoring as they contain useful information about the geology, groundwater level, and water well construction. This information cannot be released without your approval. Please consider signing this release form so that information specific to the geology, groundwater level and well construction information can used strictly for this program. All owner identification information including name, address etc., will be maintained confidentially.

Well Owner's Signature* _____ Date _____

*Please return the form even if you decide not to provide a signature of release of well information.

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Permit to Enter**

_____ (Property Owner), herein called "Grantor", permits the, herein called "", its agents, contractors or assigns, to enter upon that property located at _____ (property address) and identified by the Sonoma County Assessor as parcel number(s) _____ (APN).

Entry to the above-referenced parcel will be for the purpose of performing non-disturbing well water elevation measurements on Grantor's property. All wells selected for the program will be measured twice a year, once in the fall and then again in the spring. During the term of this Permit to Enter, Grantor shall notify Agency of any pending transfer of this property within a reasonable time period prior to said transfer.

Agency shall indemnify and defend (with counsel reasonable acceptable to Grantor) and hold Grantor harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, costs, liabilities, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any entry by Agency or its agents or contractors; provided, however, that Agency shall have no obligation hereunder to the extent the claim, liability, or expense arises from the negligence or willful misconduct of Grantor.

Agency shall notify Grantor 48 hours prior to entering Grantor's property.

This Permit to Enter shall terminate on December 30, 2012.

LANDOWNER'S APPROVAL:

By:

Who by his/her signature herein above represents that he/she has been duly vested with authority to sign this instrument on behalf of all owners of record for the subject property.

DATE:

PRINT NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):

GOLD RIDGE RCD:

Date: _____

Noelle Johnson
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