

Permit Sonoma. Well Ordinance Public Trust Policy Development Process

Agenda: Policy Working Group 3

Wednesday, 01/11/2023, (Virtual Only)

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Materials

00 Agenda

01 Meeting in Brief PWG 2

02 Recommended Principles for Well Ordinance (Nov 3, 2022)

AGENDA

3:00

Welcome, Chair Mike Martini

Review Agenda, Gina Bartlett, CBI Mediator

Request for Policy Working Group members to be on video

Visitors – off video

We have extended meetings to 2 hours at the request of a number of members

3:10

Process – Developing options for Board of Supervisors – good outcome

Given the complexity of the topic, the timeline for the work, and the best available science, one possibility for the Policy Working Group is to develop recommendations that include several options for the Board of Supervisors to consider.

3:15

Developing policy for well requirements

Goal: **Refine requirements for well categories, including water use efficiency and monitoring, that could be used for permits.**

Ground Rule: Use “low water use parcel” for today; PWG can circle back to whether to use 2 AFY or 0.5 AFY after TWG or staff develop pros and cons. AND, PWG may develop different categories depending on outcome of technical discussions.

4:00

Public Trust Review Area Map

Goal: **Begin to understand one approach to defining the public trust review area that the TWG has been exploring**

How do we deliver a well ordinance that allows users to extract water reasonably and conservatively while protecting public trust resources?

4:00 Context, TWG work to date and application as envisioned

4:05 Presentation – Robert Pennington, Permit Sonoma, and Jeremy Kobor, O’Connor Environmental

4:20 Questions and Discussion

4:50

Closing Observations – Chair Rue Furch

Wrap up and Next Steps – Gina

Next Meeting 1/25, 3:00-5:00 – Note, Gina will be absent