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DATE: November 17, 2014

TO: Butte County Well Drillers and Stakeholders

FROM: Brad 

RE: Well Driller Advisory Group Meeting Announcement

Our next Well Driller Advisory Group meeting has been scheduled for December 4 at 4:00 pm in the Tahoe Room here at 202 Mira Loma Drive in Oroville.

An agenda is attached. If you would like to suggest any additional agenda items, please contact Kristen McKillop at (530) 538-7283 or send her an email at kmckillop@buttecounty.net.

Well Driller Meeting

December 4, 2014

4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Tahoe Room, 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville

- I. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda and Meeting Notes Review
Brad Banner, Environmental Health
- II. Drought Response: Groundwater Management, Emergency Orders, and State Water Bond
Vickie Newlin, Water Resources Conservation Department
- III. Drought-Related Well Application Report
Kristen McKillop, Environmental Health
- IV. Extended Pump Tests for Public Water Systems
Elaine McSpadden, Environmental Health
- V.  **Burning Issues**
Roundtable Discussion
- VI. Adjourn



September 15, 2014

CSLB #14-13

CSLB Expediting Well Drilling and Machinery/Pump Licensing During California Drought

SACRAMENTO – In addition to expediting [C-57 Well Drilling](#) contractor applications during California’s drought, the Contractors State License Board ([CSLB](#)) is quickly processing applications for [C-61/D-21 Limited Specialty Machinery and Pumps](#) contractors while the [State of Emergency](#) that was declared by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. is in effect.

These steps are being taken to help reduce public health and safety issues caused by drinking water shortages and safety concerns for families who rely on well water. State researchers have identified several pockets of concern in the central valley and some southern California regions.

CSLB has encouraged currently licensed [“A” General Engineering](#) contractors to consider adding the C-57 classification to their license. “A’s” are authorized to perform water supply projects but not well drilling unless they hold the C-57 classification. To get that classification, “A” licensees need to have four years of verifiable journey-level C-57 experience, take the C-57 exam, and pass a criminal background check (unless previously completed with CSLB), but don’t have to re-take the business and law examination. Questions about this licensure effort can be directed to CSLB’s Classifications Deputy at 916.255.4118 or waterwellinfo@cslb.ca.gov.

CSLB has a reciprocity agreement in place for well drillers who are licensed in Nevada, which will further accelerate the California licensing process.

Anyone currently performing well drilling services in California must have a CSLB license; CSLB encourages unlicensed individuals to complete their CSLB application process and become properly licensed. The California Employment Training Panel (CETP) funds job training for “emergency needs related to drinking water” in eligible counties.

Employers interested in accessing this fund to train and hire additional employees under the [new pilot program](#) are encouraged to visit the CETP website.

CSLB and partner agencies – the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services ([OES](#)), California Air Resources Board ([ARB](#)), Department of Water Resources ([DWR](#)), and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research ([OPR](#)) – are taking steps to identify and reduce bottlenecks in the regulatory processes that would enable well drillers to perform their trade, or for qualified out-of-state well drillers to assist during California’s drought.

ARB has identified an existing process to allow drilling rigs that do not meet current air standards to operate in the state for [emergency operations](#); the ARB [fact sheet](#) explains air quality standards during a state emergency.

To legally contract for water well drilling or work on pumps and machinery in California, companies must be licensed by CSLB, and all employees must be covered by workers’ compensation insurance.

C-57 Well Drilling

California Code of Regulations

Title 16, Division 8, Article 3. Classifications, 832.57

A well drilling contractor installs and repairs water wells and pumps by boring, drilling, excavating, casing, cementing and cleaning to provide a supply of uncontaminated water.

Authority cited: Sections 7008 and 7059, Reference: Sections 7058 and 7059 (Business and Professions Code)

C-61/D-21 - Machinery and Pumps Contractor

California Code of Regulations

Title 16, Division 8, Article 3. Classifications, 832.61/D-21

A machinery and pumps contractor installs, removes, modifies or repairs:

- (a)** Pumps, conveyors, cranes, dock levelers, various hoisting and material handling equipment, and meters;
- (b)** Dumb waiters, handicap lifting and assistance equipment, automated speed rail trolley systems for garment hanging; or
- (c)** Automatic car washing racks and auto body paint finishing booth equipment.

NOTE: Construction of buildings and/or roof structures for this equipment is not included.

Currently licensees who work on water well projects or water well machinery can only subcontract to California-licensed C-57 and/or C-61/D-21 contractors; C-61/D-21 contractors can only work on pump maintenance and/or replacement, not the actual water well drilling. Water well drillers and machinery/pump contractors who want to work in California must follow these steps to apply for a license:

- ✓ Submit an “[Application for Original License](#)” to CSLB.
- ✓ Document four (4) years of journey-level experience in the classification within the 10 years immediately preceding the application submission.
- ✓ Take and pass the trade and law examinations (CSLB has a reciprocity agreement with Nevada; some examinations may be waived for individuals who are licensed contractors in Nevada.).

How to apply for reciprocity: <http://cslb.ca.gov/Applicants/Reciprocity/>

- ✓ Undergo a criminal background check.
- ✓ Submit a contractor bond of \$12,500.
- ✓ Provide proof of a workers’ compensation insurance policy for employees.

(Bond and insurance requirements may differ for various types of business entities and qualifying individuals.)

Pertinent California contractor licensing fees:

- Original application: \$300
- Initial license fee (2 years): \$180
- Adding a classification: \$ 75

Drillers who are out of compliance with licensing or other regulatory violations can be reported to CSLB using its [Consumer Complaint form](#).

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