

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**3.11**  
(MT 14890)

(1)

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from the Environmental Health regarding Introduction of Ordinance 682.5 Regulating the Construction, Reconstruction, Abandonment and Destruction of Wells. Find the adoption of Ordinance 682.5 to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), All Districts, is approved as recommended.

(2)

On Motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter be reconsidered.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on April 20, 2021 of Supervisors Minutes.



(seal)

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors  
Dated: April 20, 2021  
Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By: *[Signature]* Deputy

AGENDA NO.  
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xc: Environmental Health

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(3)

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from the Environmental Health regarding the Introduction of Ordinance 682.5 Regulating the Construction, Reconstruction, Abandonment and Destruction of Wells. Find the adoption of Ordinance 682.5 to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), all districts, is continued to Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on April 20, 2021 of Supervisors Minutes.



(seal)

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors  
Dated: April 20, 2020  
Kecia Harper, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By: *[Signature]* Deputy

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xc: Environmental Health, COB

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.11  
(ID # 14890)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

**FROM:** ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:

**SUBJECT:** ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Introduction of Ordinance 682.5 Regulating the Construction, Reconstruction, Abandonment and Destruction of Wells. Find the adoption of Ordinance 682.5 to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) All Districts. [\$0] (Set for Public Hearing April 27, 2021) (Clerk to Advertise)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of Ordinance 682.5 Regulating the Construction, Reconstruction, Abandonment and Destruction of Wells;
2. Find the adoption of Ordinance No. 682.5 to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
3. Set a Public Hearing for the adoption of Ordinance No. 682.5 for April 27, 2021 (Clerk to Advertise).

**ACTION:** Policy, Set for Hearing

  
Keith Jones, Director Environmental Health 3/30/2021

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	20/21

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In August 2020, the Supreme Court of the State of California rendered a decision in the case of Protecting Our Water and Environmental Resources v. County of Stanislaus on the question of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reviews in relation to the issuance of permits for well construction. The Supreme Court's decision stated that some but not all well construction permits are subject to CEQA review.

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has updated Ordinance 682 to clarify its process for issuing such permits and clearly delineate what actions and standards that may cause a project to require additional environmental review prior to consideration of a permit. Additional changes have been made to make the ordinance easier to understand and update language to current terminology.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Wells needing a review under CEQA will require additional time to review and approve. The permittee will bear the cost of any extra level of review by DEH and/or the creation of additional environmental reports needed to process and subsequently approve the permit. Costs will vary based on the complexity of each project.

**Attachment**

Ordinance 682.4

Ordinance 682.5 Redline

Ordinance 682.5



Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst

4/13/2021



Gregory F. Priarios, Director County Counsel

3/31/2021