

2010 Monterey County General Plan Policies PS-3.3 and PS-3.4

PS-3.3 Specific criteria shall be developed by ordinance for use in the evaluation and approval of adequacy of all new domestic wells. The following factors shall be used in developing criteria for both water quality and quantity including but not limited to:

- a. Water quality.
- b. Production capability.
- c. Recovery rates.
- d. Effect on wells in the immediate vicinity as required by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency or Environmental Health Bureau.
- e. Existing groundwater conditions.
- f. Technical, managerial, and financial capability of the water purveyor of a water system.
- g. Effects of additional extractions or diversion of water on in-stream flows necessary to support riparian vegetation, wetlands, fish, and other aquatic life including migration potential for steelhead, for the purpose of minimizing impacts to those resources and species.

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PS-3.4 The County shall request an assessment of impacts on adjacent wells and in-stream flows for new high-capacity wells, including high-capacity urban and agricultural production wells, where there may be a potential to affect existing adjacent domestic or water system wells adversely or in-stream flows, as determined by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. In the case of new high-capacity wells for which an assessment shows the potential for significant adverse well interference, the County shall require that the proposed well site be relocated or otherwise mitigated to avoid significant interference. The following factors shall be used in developing criteria by ordinance for use in the evaluation and approval of adequacy of all such high-capacity wells, including but not limited to:

- a. Effect on wells in the immediate vicinity as required by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency or Environmental Health Bureau.
- b. Effects of additional extractions or diversion of water on in-stream flows necessary to support riparian vegetation, wetlands, fish, and other aquatic life including migration potential for steelhead, for the purpose of minimizing impacts to those resources and species.

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