

## **WELL:**

The only attempted development of this property occurred in approximately 1981. The property owners at the time drilled a well without first seeking a permit to do so, and thus received a stop work order. The property owners then obtained a permit for a separate well that was drilled on the property. It is unclear which well is permitted.

In approximately February 2017, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Environmental Health (DEH) received a complaint regarding an “illegal well installation and hazardous open bore-hole, roughly 40’ deep by 4’ diameter.” The complaint stated that there were two (2) abandoned well casings near the bore-hole.

In approximately December 2017, DEH visited the property and could not locate the hole because of the overgrowth on the property. They left a message with the reporting party to obtain a more specific location. In March 2018, DEH returned to the property with the reporting party. The open hole was located, which was covered by mechanical equipment suspended over the hole across steel I-beams and wood. The hole was approximately 4-5’ in diameter with multiple casings installed. DEH believed it was a fall and entrapment hazard, with the mechanical equipment being an attractive nuisance.

In approximately May 2018, the then-property owner applied for a well destruction permit and a construction permit. Neither permit had been signed by the well driller, and the owner was informed that the applications needed to be signed by the driller. In October 2019, DEH contacted the well driller from the permit applications as DEH had not heard from the property owner.

The first notice of violation (NOV) was issued on February 16, 2021. The second NOV was sent out on March 18, 2021. DEH visited the property on March 24, 2021 and observed that the well had not been destroyed and was still a hazard.

The well was not closed until April 4, 2021 by Rich Well Drilling. Both casings were filled with bentonite chips to 20 feet. The well destruction was deemed complete by DEH and the hazard abated.

The listing for the property in June 2021, the property was advertised as having a well on site, despite the one known well being closed. Then, sometime after escrow was opened in approximately December 2021, another well was apparently discovered. This well has not been used — if it was ever used — since the early 1980s. Pursuant to California law and regulation, a well that is not in use for one (1) year is considered abandoned and must be closed unless other conditions are met. In accordance with Section 115700 of the California Health and Safety Code,

the well owner shall properly maintain an inactive well as evidence of intention for future use in such a way that the following requirements are met:

- (1) The well shall not allow impairment of the quality of water within the well and groundwater encountered by the well.
- (2) The top of the well or well casing shall be provided with a cover, that is secured by a lock or by other means to prevent its removal without the use of equipment or tools, to prevent unauthorized access, to prevent a safety hazard to humans and animals, and to prevent illegal disposal of wastes in the well. The cover shall be watertight where the top of the well casing or other surface openings to the well are below ground level, such as in a vault or below known levels of flooding. The cover shall be watertight if the well is inactive for more than five consecutive years. A pump or motor, angle drive, or other surface feature of a well, when in compliance with the above provisions, shall suffice as a cover.
- (3) The well shall be marked so as to be easily visible and located, and labeled so as to be easily identified as a well.
- (4) The area surrounding the well shall be kept clear of brush, debris, and waste materials.

These conditions were clearly not met. However, despite a complaint being submitted to DEH on or about December 28, 2021, nothing has ever been done regarding this well. Instead, the current property owner is apparently being allowed to use this well, despite the fact that it is a violation of state law. This is especially troublesome because state law requires the destruction of abandoned wells to protect the environment and public health. This raises many concerns regarding the safety of the aquifer, especially considering that neighboring parcels' wells are at similar depths. This well has apparently been wide open for forty years. Sediment, wildlife, and other contaminants could have easily — and very likely have already — contaminated the water supply. To allow the current property owner to use this well is not only a violation of law, but a threat to environmental and public health.

In addition, on an aesthetic level, the property owner is proposing to place a water tank directly in the line of sight of a neighboring house.

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Well Timeline
2. January 2022 Emails re: Abandoned Well
3. December 2021 Complaint of Possible Code Violation re: Failure to Close Well
4. March 2021 Letter to Owners re: Complaint of Non-approved Water Supply System
5. March 2021 Second and Final Notice of Violation re: Open Well
6. April 2021 Water Well Application re: Destruction
7. California Department of Water Resources – Destruction of Water Wells Regulations
8. December 2021 Email re: Water Well Permits

9. September 1981 Application to Construct, Repair, or Destruct a Water Well
10. December 2021 Humboldt County DEH Notes re: Well and Septic
11. May 2018 Water Well Application
12. April 2021 Complaint Investigation Form
13. March 2021 Email re: Phone Call from Homeowner
14. February 2021 Notice of Violation re: Open Well
15. October 2019 Email re: Lack of Contract for Well
16. December 2018 Emails re: Need for Well Destruction
17. May 2018 Authorization from Owner to Access Property
18. September 1981 Application to Construct, Repair, or Destruct a Water Well
19. August 1981 Letter re: Lack of Well Permit for Drilled Well on Property
20. July 1981 DEH File re: Well and Septic
21. November 1981 Proposed Plot Plan

Signed:  
Cyndy Day-Wilson  
John Wilson  
Chad Christensen

12 Hawks Hill Road, Loleta, CA  
APN 308—231-002

Water Well Timeline

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 7, 1981	Owner of property, Wittwer, issued violation for installation of well without a permit.  Exhibit 1.
September 10, 1981	Application for well permit by JR Wittmer (Elmer Dickey of Rich Drilling and Pump) Application was for ONE permit. Permit was never finalized.  Exhibit 2.
1984	Residents leave property. Structures are removed and <b>property remains vacant without any development.</b>
1991	Property is sold to two individuals who resided in Berkeley, California. No development is sought and the <b>property remained vacant and undeveloped.</b>
2016	Property is sold to Shery Whitehead and James Mabe. <b>No development.</b>
2016	Complaint is filed with County concerning an open and abandoned well on the property located by another driller while in the area.
2017	Complaint filed with County concerning an open and abandoned well on the property.  Exhibit 3.

	<p>According to Complaint Investigation Form:  “Site is overgrown with dense shrubs and low-lying vegetation. Could not locate hole.”</p>
<p>May 22, 2018</p>	<p>Well permit application for destruction of well (17/18-1903)</p> <p>Neither permit was signed and the property owner was contacted to get permits signed.</p> <p>Exhibit 2</p>
<p>October 7, 2019</p>	<p>Driller contacted but no communication with property owner. NOV sent to property owner (Whitehead/Mabe)</p> <p>Exhibit 2</p>
<p>March 18, 2021</p>	<p>Second NOV sent to property owner.</p>
<p>March 24, 2021</p>	<p>Inspection confirms that well has not been destroyed. Pictures taken.</p> <p>Exhibit 2</p>
<p>April 4, 2021</p>	<p>County onsite to witness well destruction by Rich Well Drilling.</p> <p>Exhibit 2.</p>
<p>April 19, 2021</p>	<p>Water Well Application for destruction distribution date. (Rich Well Drilling)</p> <p>Exhibit</p>
<p>Spring of 2021</p>	<p>Whitehead/Mabe put property up for sale. <b>Property listing states that there are two wells on the property.</b></p> <p>Exhibit ____.</p>

December 4, 2021	Escrow is opened for the purchase of the property by Joel Gecko-Moeller
December 2021	Rich Well Drilling shows up on the property and begins work on abandoned well. Purchaser informs neighbors that there is another well on the property. <b>Rich Drilling is hired by purchaser Joel Gecko-Moeller not the property owner.</b>
January 4, 2022	<p>Complaint filed regarding abandoned well (for approximately 40 years) on property that remained open and didn't appear to be permitted as only one permit was issued for a well on the property and well previously destroyed in 2021.</p> <p>Complaint also notes Department of Water Resources requirements that abandoned wells be closed within one year of abandonment.</p> <p>County DEH staff is very vague in its response and will not engage in discussion of abandonment.</p> <p>Exhibit ____.</p>
January 4, 2022	<p>According to County the permit was finalized and received a WCR on 12/29/21.</p> <p><b>Neither property owner or purchaser informed County that the well had been abandoned for 40 years and that there is only ONE permit for a well and there were two wells on the property.</b></p>
March 1, 2022	Property is sold to Joel Gecko-Moeller

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**Gonzalez, Jose**

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**From:** Miller, Deborah  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 6, 2022 4:34 PM  
**To:** Kalson, Mario  
**Subject:** APN 308-231-002 Scanned  
**Attachments:** E3902\_20220106\_160955.pdf

Mario,

Per your request, I scanned APN 308-231-002, which is in the attachment. This took me 15 minutes to scan. The parcel file is in your in-box.

Deborah Miller  
DHHS, Public Health Branch  
Division of Environmental Health  
Land Use / Office Assistant  
100 H Street / Suite 100 / Eureka, CA 95501  
(707) 268-2231 (Desk) / (707) 445-6215 (Office) / (707) 441-5699 (Fax) dmiller@co.humboldt.ca.us Environmental Health | Humboldt County, CA - Official Website

-----Original Message-----

**From:** E3902@co.humboldt.ca.us <E3902@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 6, 2022 4:10 PM  
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**Subject:** Scanned image from MX-6070V

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A notice was added to this record on 2020-03-22.  
 Condition: Parcel Status : 308-231-002 LP 1:1 Severity: Notice  
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Record Creation Date: 01/04/2022

Application Status:

Assigned To: Joey Whittlesey

Description of Work: RP stated: Failure to close abandoned well (abandoned over 40 years ago). Performance of work on abandoned well without permits: One abandoned well was closed in 2021 after a t the property owner. (see attached supporting documentation). However, it appears that not all abandoned wells were closed by the property owner. The property owner is now attempti to a third party despite failing to close the abandoned well and is performing work on the well without permits. The property is in the coastal zone.

Application Detail: [Detail](#)

Application Type: Land Use Complaint

Documents:	File Name	Document Group	Category	Description	Type	Document Status	Docurr
	<a href="#">Code Complaint Form 20...</a>	EH_COMPLAINT	Correspondence		application/pdf	Uploaded	01/05/2
	<a href="#">20220104_Code Violatio...</a>	EH_COMPLAINT	Correspondence		application/pdf	Uploaded	01/05/2
	<a href="#">9E6D4444-21B7-4283-907...</a>	EH_COMPLAINT	Photo		image/jpeg	Uploaded	01/05/2
	<a href="#">96C45BE2-5E6C-45A3-8FE...</a>	EH_COMPLAINT	Photo		image/jpeg	Uploaded	01/05/2
	<a href="#">20211219_Map 1045 Hawk...</a>	EH_COMPLAINT	Photo		application/pdf	Uploaded	01/05/2
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	<a href="#">DF2CB09A-271D-4990-883...</a>	EH_COMPLAINT	Photo		image/jpeg	Uploaded	01/05/2
	<a href="#">IMG_1759</a>	EH_COMPLAINT	Photo		image/jpeg	Uploaded	01/05/2
	<a href="#">1/5/22 Site Observations</a>	EH_COMPLAINT	Photo		application/msword	Uploaded	01/06/2

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Address: 12 Hawks Hill Rd, Lolo, CA 95551

Owner Name: Whitehead Shery

Owner Address: 7250 Nunes Ln, Eureka, CA 95503

Name: Abandoned Well 01/04/22

Parcel No: 308-231-002-000

Contact Info:	Name	Organization Name	Contact Type	Status
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Complainant	Active

Licensed Professionals Info:	Primary	License Number	License Type	Name	Business Name	Business License #

Total Fee Assessed: \$0.00

Total Fee Involved: \$0.00

Balance: \$0.00

Custom Fields:	Agency Specific Information	Program Element
	Legacy ID Cross Reference	<u>LU Complaint Investigation</u>

**COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

Date of Incident	Complaint Subject	Complaint Is Against
	<u>Individual Water Supply</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
Complaint Description	Location Details	Complaint Disposition

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**COMPLAINT - OFFICE ENTRY**

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bandoned with driller, who stated they will comply. Stuart state property owner plans to begin some preliminary water production testing in near future. Phone call to RP, detailed findings. RP stated their primary concern is that resumed use of the well in APN 308-231-002 will effect the production of wells on neighboring properties. Discussed water production testing requirements for development in coastal zone with RP and relayed that testing for drawdown effects of neighboring wells is a factor. R commended RP hire a qualified consultant to observe any potential drawdown effects to their well if/when the property owner of APN 308-231-002 performs any drawdown testing. No public health concerns apparent. Recommend no further action. J Whittlesey

**Citation Information**  
Citation #

**Citation Comments**

Workflow Status:	Task	Assigned To	Status	Status Date	Action By
	<u>Incident Status</u>	Joey Whittlesey	Closed	01/06/2022	Joey Whittlesey

Condition Status:	Name	Short Comments	Status	Apply Date	Severity	Action By
	<u>Parcel Status</u>	308-231-002 LP 1:1	Applied	09/22/2020	Notice	
	<u>Open Enforcement Case</u>	The following Enforcem...	Applied	12/15/2021	Notice	Accela Administ...

Application Comments:	View ID	Comment	Date
	<u>CGRAEFF</u>	<u>See all supporting documentation attached.</u>	01/05/2022

Initiated by Product: AV360

Scheduled/Pending Inspections:	Inspection Type	Scheduled Date	Inspector	Status	Comments
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Resulted Inspections:	Inspection Type	Inspection Date	Inspector	Status	Comments
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

3015 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501  
Tel: (707) 445-7541 Fax: (707) 268-3792

COMPLAINT OF POSSIBLE CODE VIOLATION FORM

Please complete the form with as much detail as possible and return to the address above.  
Photos or a site drawing are helpful in determining the exact location and nature of the complaint.

1. Date Complaint First Observed:

December 28, 2021

2. Location (attach location map if necessary):

12 Hawks Hill Road, Loleta, Ca 95551

3. Assessor Parcel Number (if known):

APN 308-231-002

4. Name, Address, Phone Number of Property Owner (if known):

Sherry Whitehead

5. Description of Complaint (use additional sheets if necessary):

1. Failure to close abandoned well (abandoned over 40 years ago);

2. Performance of work on abandoned well without permits;

3. One abandoned well was closed in 2021 after a NOV was issued to the property owner. (see attached) However, it appears that not all abandoned wells were closed by the property owner. The property owner is now attempting to sell the property to a third party despite failing to close the abandoned well and is performing work on the well without permits. The property is in the coastal zone.

Complainant

The information below must be provided in order to process the complaint.  
This information will remain confidential and will not be disclosed unless directed by court order.

Name of Complainant

Cyndy Day-Wilson

Address, City, State, Zip

628 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Telephone

(707) 798-5048

Email cdaywilson@daywilsonlaw.com



**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
CODE ENFORCEMENT

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3015 H Street • Eureka CA 95501  
Phone: (707) 476-2429 • Fax: (707) 268-3792

March 30, 2021

SHERY WHITEHEAD  
7250 NUNES LANE  
EUREKA CA 95503

Dear Shery Whitehead,

This letter is to inform you that Humboldt County Code Enforcement has received a complaint regarding your property located at 12 Hawks Hill Road Loleta, CA APN 308-231-002. The complaint alleges the following violations of Humboldt County Code:

- Non-approved Water Supply System

If the above-referenced violations exist on the property, you should perform the following corrective actions to abate the issues and avoid any further enforcement:

- Apply for permits for system or removal

Please be advised that if you believe the complaint is not valid, physical inspection may be needed to verify the claim. If you choose to abate the issues existing on the property, you can contact our office to schedule an inspection to verify the abatement.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need assistance in resolving this complaint, you may contact Humboldt County Code Enforcement at 707-476-2429.

Sincerely,

County of Humboldt Code Enforcement





Environmental Health  
Melissa Martel, Director  
100 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501  
phone: (707) 445-6215 | fax: (707) 441-5699

## SECOND and FINAL NOTICE of VIOLATION



March 18, 2021

Shery Whitehead  
7250 Nunes Lane  
Eureka, CA 95503

Certified #: 7019-2970-0000-0821-8477

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is in existence on your premises at:**

**12 Hawks Hill Road, Loleta, CA 95551**

**APN 308-231-002**

A condition injurious to the public health, consisting of the following:

During March 2018, Division of Environmental Health (DEH) personnel observed:

**An open borehole from an abandoned well that was approximated 5 feet in diameter with multiple casings installed**

Permitting such a condition to exist constitutes a violation of California Health and Safety Code 115700 (a):

Every person owning land...who knowingly permits the existence on the premises of any abandoned mining shaft, pit, well, septic tank, cesspool or other abandoned excavation dangerous to persons legally on the premises, or to minors under the age of 12 years, who fails to cover, fill, or fence securely that dangerous abandoned excavation and keep it so protected, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The following item must be completed by **April 18<sup>nd</sup>, 2021:**

1. Apply for a well destruction permit with an approved well driller's signature.
2. Abandoned well shall be destroyed by a licensed well driller.


Unless you comply with this Notice, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will take all legal and necessary steps to abate the observed violation.



A Division of Public Health  
phone: (707) 445-6200  
fax: (707) 445-6097

DHHS Administration  
phone: (707) 441-5400  
fax: (707) 441-5412

Sincerely,



Adam Molofsky, REHS  
Land Use Program

AM:dm



CC: Code Enforcement Unit (CEU)  
APN file





RECEIVED

MAY 22 2018

1718-1903

HUMBOLDT CO. DIVISION HEALTH  
**WATER WELL APPLICATION**

**CONSTRUCTION - REPAIR - DESTRUCTION**

The Well Permit will be returned to the property owner when approved by Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health (DEH)

Instructions:

1. Complete both sides and submit the Water Well Application with required fee. Include Well Driller's signature and property owner's signature.
2. Work on a well shall not be started prior to approval of the Water Well Application by DEH.
3. Any changes made to the location of a new well shall be approved by DEH prior to commencement of drilling.
4. Well Driller shall notify DEH a minimum of 24 hours prior to sealing the annular space.

Site Address	<u>12 Hawks Lane</u>	APN	<u>308-231-02</u>
City/State/Zip	<u>Eureka Ca 95551</u>	CA	_____
Directions to Site	<u>OFF 101 on Eureka ext on Bel River drive Right on table BUFF LEFT on Hawks Hill Rd</u>		
Applicant	<u>7250 Nunes Lane</u>	Contact	_____
Mailing Address	<u>Eureka Ca 95503</u>	Work Phone	<u>707-534-4490</u>
City/State/Zip	_____	Cell Phone	_____
Property Owner	_____	Home Phone	_____
Mailing Address	<u>SAME AS ABOVE</u>	Work Phone	_____
City/State/Zip	_____	Cell Phone	_____
I hereby grant 'right-of-entry' for inspection purposes			
Drilling Contractor	<u>Rich Well Drilling</u>	C-57 License #	<u>902702</u>
I hereby agree to comply with all laws and regulations of the County of Humboldt and the State of California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 74 pertaining to water well construction. I will contact Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health (DEH) when I commence work. Within 30 days after completion of work, I will furnish DEH a report of the work performed.			
Well Driller Signature:			
Would driller like a copy of approved application? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail address: <u>1251 Railroad Drive, McKinleyville, CA 95519</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Email address: _____			
Type of Application:	Construction:	Intended Use:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	Estimated Depth (ft.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic - private	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Destruction	Diameter (in.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Supply	
<input type="checkbox"/> Repair/Modification	Depth of Seal (ft.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation	
	Sealing Material _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

DISTRIBUTED  
4-19-21

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4-19-21

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Estimated Work Dates:	Casing:	Type of Sewage System:
Start _____	Diameter (in.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Sewer
Completion _____	Material _____	<input type="checkbox"/> OWTS (Septic)
		Distance from well site to OWTS _____

Special Requirements/Comments:

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PLOT PLAN

Coastal Zone:  Yes  No

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee: <u>4149.00</u>	Site Approved by: <u>A. M. [Signature]</u>
Date: <u>5/22/18</u>	Site Approved Date: <u>4/14/21</u>
Receipt: <u>706557</u>	Sealed to Depth of: <u>20'</u>
Project #: _____	Seal observed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Paid by: <u>Sherry Whitehead</u>	Final Approved Date: <u>4/14/21</u>



4/11/12 - Onsite w/ Rich Well Drilling for well destruction. A.M. AP# 308-231-003.



# Part III. Destruction of Water Wells

## **Section 20. Purpose of Destruction**

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#### **Section 20. Purpose of Destruction**

A well that is no longer useful (See Note 1) (including exploration and test holes) must be destroyed in order to:

- 1. Assure that the groundwater supply is protected and preserved for further use.
- 2. Eliminate the potential physical hazard.

## **Section 20 Notes:**

1. Very often wells are prematurely abandoned and destroyed. However, proper maintenance will ensure that they will continue to produce for many years. The maintenance program should include regular measurement of the water level (depth to water from ground surface), determination of water quality, pump tests (for determination of pump and well efficiency) and cleaning.

## **Section 21. Definition of Abandoned Well**

### **Section 21. Definition of "Abandoned" Well**

A well is considered 'abandoned' or permanently inactive if it has not been used for one year, unless the owner demonstrates intention to use the well again. In accordance with Section 115700 of the California Health and Safety Code, the well owner shall properly maintain an inactive well as evidence of intention for future use in such a way that the following requirements are met:

- (1) The well shall not allow impairment of the quality of water within the

well and groundwater encountered by the well.

- (2) The top of the well or well casing shall be provided with a cover, that is secured by a lock or by other means to prevent its removal without the use of equipment or tools, to prevent unauthorized access, to prevent a safety hazard to humans and animals, and to prevent illegal disposal of wastes in the well. The cover shall be watertight where the top of the well casing or other surface openings to the well are below ground level, such as in a vault or below known levels of flooding. The cover shall be watertight if the well is inactive for more than five consecutive years. A pump or motor, angle drive, or other surface feature of a well, when in compliance with the above provisions, shall suffice as a cover.

*Not followed*

- (3) The well shall be marked so as to be easily visible and located, and labeled so as to be easily identified as a well.

*Not followed*

- (4) The area surrounding the well shall be kept clear of brush, debris, and waste materials.

*Not followed*

If a pump has been temporarily removed for repair or replacement, the well shall not be considered 'abandoned' if the above conditions are met. The well shall be adequately covered to prevent injury to people and animals and to prevent the

*not followed*

entrance of foreign material, surface water, pollutants, or contaminants into the well during the pump repair period.

## **Section 22. General Requirement**

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All "abandoned" wells and exploration, or test holes shall be destroyed. The objective of destruction is to restore as nearly as possible those subsurface conditions which existed before the well was constructed taking into account also changes, if any, which have occurred since the time of construction. (For example, an aquifer which may have produced good quality water at one time, but which now produces water of inferior quality, such as a coastal aquifer that has been invaded by seawater.)

Destruction of a well shall consist of the complete filling of the well in accordance with the procedures described in Section 23 (following).

**Subject:** Well Permit 20/21-0526 and . . . .  
**Date:** Friday, December 17, 2021 at 3:29:57 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Miller, Deborah  
**To:** stuart  
**Attachments:** Well Permits.pdf, image003.jpg, image002.jpg, image001.jpg

Stuart,

Here are the Water Well Permits you asked for. There are two in APN 308-231-002, so I sent them both. I also asked Adam to provide you with a list of the Water Wells that haven't been signed off on yet because we haven't received Well Completion Reports yet. Have a nice weekend and Merry Christmas season!

Deborah Miller  
DHHS, Public Health Branch  
Division of Environmental Health  
Land Use / Office Assistant  
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**From:** Gonzalez, Jose <JGonzalez@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 2021 3:20 PM  
**To:** Miller, Deborah <DMiller@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Hi

Jose A. Gonzalez  
Hazardous Materials Unit | Office Assistant

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

529 "I" Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Phone: 445-7613

*pd \$20.00 cash  
9/2/81*

APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT, REPAIR OR DESTROY A WATER WELL

OWNER J R Withers ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT Elmer Dickey ADDRESS 1251 R.R. McKinleyville  
(if other than owner)  
SITE LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ A.P.# 308-231-02  
DIRECTIONS Hawkes Hill Rd. PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
DRILLING CONTRACTOR Rich Drilling & Pump LICENSE # 246499

ATTACH PLOT PLAN TO THIS APPLICATION

DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS: Construction  Repair  Destruction

Intended Use Distance From Well Site To: Type of Well  
Domestic, private  Septic Tank Systems (ft.) Rotary   
Domestic, public  not in Cable   
Irrigation  Sewer (ft.) \_\_\_\_\_ Dug   
Industrial  Casing \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Other  Single  Double   
Construction Estimated Work Dates  
Depth (ft.) 550' Material Kinzwell Start \_\_\_\_\_  
Diameter (in.) 8 Type of Joint welded. Completion \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth of Seal (ft.) 20 Gravel Pack  Dec-81

I hereby agree to comply with all laws and regulations of the County of Humboldt and State of California pertaining to water well construction. I will contact the County Health Department when I commence the work. Within fifteen days after completion of work I will furnish the Humboldt County Health Department a report of the work performed and notify them before putting the well into use. All well work will be completed in accordance with Department of Water Resources Bulletin 74.

Signed: Elmer Dickey

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Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved By James W. Clark Inspections: JWC 8-4-81  
Date 9-10-81 (initial) (date)  
Final: \_\_\_\_\_  
(initial) (date)



*in file folder -*

J. R. Wittwer

Applicant's Name

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WELL PERMIT

Approval is granted to:

- 
- 
- 

construct a well on  
 repair  
 destroy

308-231-02

Assessor's parcel number

pursuant to a permit application received by the Humboldt County Department of Health. The well shall be constructed, repaired, or destroyed in conformance with the "Design Specifications" listed on the permit application and approved by the Health Department. A new well shall be constructed in the location approved by the Humboldt County Health Department.

James W. Clark

Area Sanitarian

Sept 10, 1981

Date

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
FIELD NOTES

308-231-002

A.P. FILE

DATE

12/6/21

Spoke w/ JOEL (707) 273-0528 re: SEPTIC AND  
WELL PERMITS IN PARCEL FILE. INFORMED HIM THAT  
WELL WOULD NEED A WCR FILED IN ORDER TO BE  
FINISHED

12/27/21

IN OFFICE MEETING W/ JOEL. KATHY MACEY IS IN CONSULTATION.  
INFORMED JOEL THAT THE WENZLER-KILLY DATA FROM 1981 WOULD  
BE USABLE AS LONG AS SEPTIC SYSTEM IS WITHIN 50 FEET  
OF TESTING. (2)



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HUMBOLDT CO. DIVISION  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**WATER WELL APPLICATION**

**CONSTRUCTION – REPAIR – DESTRUCTION**

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4. Well Driller shall notify DEH a minimum of 24 hours prior to sealing the annular space.

Site Address	<u>12 Hawks Lane</u>	APN	<u>308-231-02</u>
City/State/Zip	<u>Colusa Ca 95551</u>	CA	<u>                    </u>
Directions to Site	<u>OFF 1st on Colusa ext on Bel River drive Right on table bluff left on Hawks Hill Rd.</u>		

Applicant	<u>7250 Nunes Lane</u>	Contact	<u>                    </u>
Mailing Address	<u>Eureka Ca 95503</u>	Work Phone	<u>707-834-4490</u>
City/State/Zip	<u>                    </u>	Cell Phone	<u>                    </u>

Property Owner	<u>                    </u>	Home Phone	<u>                    </u>
Mailing Address	<u>SAME AS ABOVE</u>	Work Phone	<u>                    </u>
City/State/Zip	<u>                    </u>	Cell Phone	<u>                    </u>

I hereby grant 'right-of-entry' for inspection purposes

*[Signature]*

Drilling Contractor	<u>Rich Well Drilling</u>	C-57	<u>                    </u>
		License #	<u>902702</u>

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Well Driller Signature: *[Signature]*

Would driller like a copy of approved application?  Yes  No

U.S. Mail address: 1251 Railroad Drive, McKinleyville, CA 95519

Email address:                     

<b>Type of Application:</b>	<b>Construction:</b>	<b>Intended Use:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	Estimated Depth (ft.) <u>                    </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic - private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Destruction	Diameter (in.) <u>                    </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Supply
<input type="checkbox"/> Repair/Modification	Depth of Seal (ft.) <u>                    </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation
	Sealing Material <u>                    </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>                    </u>

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Estimated Work Dates:

Casing:

Type of Sewage System:

Start \_\_\_\_\_

Diameter (in.) \_\_\_\_\_

Community Sewer

Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Material \_\_\_\_\_

OWTS (Septic)

Distance from well site to OWTS \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requirements/Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PLOT PLAN

Coastal Zone:  Yes  No

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee: \$149.00

Site Approved by: A. M. Lopez

Date: 5/22/18

Site Approved Date: 4/14/21

Receipt: 706557

Sealed to Depth of: 20'

Project #: \_\_\_\_\_

Seal observed:  Yes  No

Paid by: Sherry Whithead

Final Approved Date: 4/14/21



41191a1- Onsite w/ Rich Well Drilling for well destruction. A.M. AP# 308-231-02



Complaint Investigation Form

Run by :  
Date run: 4/14/21 2:05 pm

COMPLAINT ID: CO0019754

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Site Address: Shery Whitehead  
7250 Nunes Ln  
Eureka, CA 95503

Site Address: Property Name not Specified  
12 Hawks Hill RD  
Loleta, CA 95551

Phone: Hm: Number Not Specified

Phone: 1st: Number Not Specified

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION NUMBER: CO0019754

APN: 308-231-002

Complaint Status - Senior:

Received by: EE0000063 - MILLER, DEBORAH  
Assigned to: EE0000071 - DOLF, BENJAMIN  
Investigation Status - Inspector: Investigated  
Resolved by: EE0000029

Received Date: 2/15/2017  
Assigned Date: 2/15/2017  
Investigation Date: 12/1/2017  
Resolved Date: 4/14/2021

Assigned Time: 16:36:21  
District: No District Code  
In City Limits

DIRECTIONS  
TO SITE:

COMPLAINT SUBJECT: LU - Abandoned/Dangerous Well

NATURE OF COMPLAINT :

RP states there is illegal well installation and hazardous open bore-hole, roughly 40' deep by 4' diameter on the site. RP says there are two abandoned well casings near the bore-hole.

COMPLAINT DISPOSITION:

File Completed Complaint in: APN File:  Facility File: Complaint Binder:

12/1/17 BDolf: Visited site. Searched parcel for open hole. Site is overgrown with dense shrubs and low-lying vegetation. Could not locate hole. Left message with RP to obtain more detailed location for future visit.

March, 2018: Returned to site with RP. Located the open hole, which was covered by mechanical equipment suspended over the hole across steel I-beams and wood. Hole was approximately 4-5 feet in diameter with multiple casings installed. Potential fall and entrapment hazard, with the mechanical equipment being an attractive nuisance. BDolf.

5/22/2018, BDolf: Owner applied for well destruction permit and a construction permit in the office. Neither permit was signed by the driller. Owner was told the permits needed to be signed and to have the driller come in to sign or contact us.

10/7/2019, BDolf: Contacted the driller from the above-referenced permits. They had not heard from the owner since initial discussion of the work in 2018. Will send NOV to the Owner.

2/3/21 Called/left message to owner Shery concerning the well destruction complaint. AMolofsky

2/16/21 NOV written out to destroy abandoned well. AMolofsky

3/18/21 Second NOV sent out. AMolofsky

3/24/21 Onsite- I observed open hole with two open casings with a metal grate over them. The well has not been destroyed and is a hazard. I took pictures. AMolofsky

4/4/21 Onsite- with Rich Well Drilling for well destruction. Both casings were filled with bentonite chips to 20 feet. Well destruction completed. Hazard abated. AMolofsky

**From:** [Arnold, Andrea](#)  
**To:** [Kalsen, Mario](#); [Whittlesey, Joseph](#)  
**Subject:** APN 308-231-002 - Second notice of violation  
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021 3:00:02 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
[image002.jpg](#)

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Called regarding:  
Second Notice of Violation  
Dated 3/18/21  
#12 Hawks Lane Loleta  
APN 308-231-002

Caller:  
Shery Whitehead  
707-834-4490

Message: Last week Shery left a message informing someone here that the well was filled in several years ago – believes that action was communicated to us when it occurred – She has not heard back from whoever she left the message for.

**Andrea Arnold**  
**Office Services Supervisor**  
DHHS Public Health  
Division of Environmental Health  
100 H Street, Suite 100  
Eureka, CA 95501  
(707)268-2219  
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Environmental Health  
Melissa Martel, Director  
100 H Street, Eureka, CA 95501  
phone: (707) 445-6215 | fax: (707) 441-5699

## SECOND and FINAL NOTICE of VIOLATION

COPY

March 18, 2021

Shery Whitehead  
7250 Nunes Lane  
Eureka, CA 95503

Certified #: 7019-2970-0000-0821-8477

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is in existence on your premises at:**

**12 Hawks Hill Road, Loleta, CA 95551**

**APN 308-231-002**

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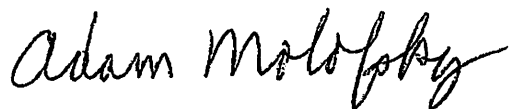


A Division of Public Health  
phone: (707) 445-6200  
fax: (707) 445-6097

DHHS Administration  
phone: (707) 441-5400  
fax: (707) 441-5412



Sincerely,



Adam Molofsky, REHS  
Land Use Program

AM:dm

CC: Code Enforcement Unit (CEU)  
APN file



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Sent To Shery Whitehead

Street and Apt. No., or PO Box No.  
7250 Nunes Lane

City, State, ZIP+4®  
Eureka, CA 95503

PS Form 3800, April 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9047 See Reverse for Instructions

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Shery Whitehead  
 7250 Nunes Lane  
 Eureka, CA 95503



2. Article Number (Transfer from carrier label)  
 7019 2970 0000 0821 8477

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Signature  
 X [Signature]  Agent  
 Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)  
Shery Whitehead

C. Date of Delivery  
 MAR 22 2021

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  Yes  
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 3108 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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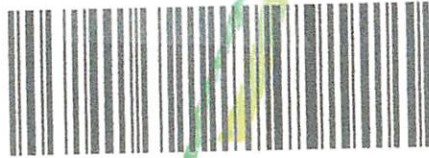
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Jim Mabe 498-7167

HUMBOLDT COUNTY  
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
 485 Division of Environmental Health  
 100 H Street, Suite 100  
 Eureka, CA 95501-0480

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<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p>Shery Whitehead          7250 Numes Lane          Eureka, CA 95503</p>	<p>3. Service Type</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Priority Mail Express®</span>  <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature Restricted Delivery <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mail™</span>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail® <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mail Restricted Delivery</span>  <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail Restricted Delivery <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise</span>  <input type="checkbox"/> Collect on Delivery <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Signature Confirmation™</span>  <input type="checkbox"/> Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery</span></p>
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## NOTICE of VIOLATION

February 18, 2021

Shery Whitehead  
7250 Nunes Lane  
Eureka, CA 95503

Certified #: 7019-2970-0000-0821-8422

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<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature Restricted Delivery	\$ _____
Postage	\$
Total Postage and Fees	\$

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City, State, ZIP+4® Eureka, CA 95503

PS Form 3800, April 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9047

See Reverse for Instructions

7019 2970 0000 0821 8422

## Gonzalez, Jose

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**From:** lacy@fischdrilling.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** Dolf, Benjamin  
**Subject:** RE: 12 Hawks Hill Road APN 308-231-002

Ben,

Sherry Whitehead has not reached out to us since the initial panic back in December 2018. There is no paperwork generated on our end except for the call log.

Thanks,

Lacy  
Fisch Drilling  
3150 Johnson Road  
Hydesville, CA 95547  
Office: 707-768-9800  
Fax: 707-768-9801  
9am-5pm Monday – Friday



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**From:** Dolf, Benjamin <BDolf@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2019 8:18 AM  
**To:** lacy@fischdrilling.com  
**Subject:** 12 Hawks Hill Road APN 308-231-002

Good morning Lacy,

I'm checking in on a project that may or may not have ever come to fruition. It's for Sherry Whitehead, 12 Hawks Hill Rd. in Loleta. Her parcel has an existing well that is in violation and needs to be destroyed. At one point she said she was working with you guys, and she came in to submit a destruction permit I think over a year ago, but the permit wasn't signed.

Are you familiar with this and is there any status?

Thanks!



**Benjamin W. Dolf, R.E.H.S.**

**Senior Environmental Health Specialist**

DHHS Division of Environmental Health, Land Use Program :: 100 H St. Eureka, CA 95501 :: (707) 268-2235

## Gonzalez, Jose

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**From:** Dolf, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:07 AM  
**To:** lacy@fischdrilling.com  
**Subject:** RE: Lingered weird permit

Thanks – given that she submitted the permit application independently, and it doesn't have your guys' signature, you might not have any real paperwork. I do recall when she was in the office she was kind of rushed and wasn't too interested in hearing about standard procedures and stuff... **The main reason I'm asking is that the well that needs to be destroyed is a safety hazard** and if there's no action she might need a friendly Notice of Violation to remind her to take care of it... ☺

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**From:** lacy@fischdrilling.com [mailto:lacy@fischdrilling.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 9:04 AM  
**To:** Dolf, Benjamin <BDolf@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Lingered weird permit

Ben,

I do remember a phone conversation with her but I am unable to locate the paperwork to accompany this APN, name, address. I am going to dig more in the am and get back to you. But for now you may have to let them linger. lol

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Thanks,

Lacy  
Fisch Drilling  
3150 Johnson Road  
Hydesville, CA 95547  
Office: 707-768-9800  
Fax: 707-768-9801  
9am-5pm Monday – Friday



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**From:** Dolf, Benjamin <BDolf@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 4:42 PM



To: [lacy@fischdrilling.com](mailto:lacy@fischdrilling.com)

Subject: Lingered weird permit

Hi Lacy – I'm following up on an outstanding permit, but the permit was honestly never issued. It was for Sherry Whitehead, 302-231-002, 12 Hawks Hill Road in Loleta. She had dropped off two permit applications with Fisch's name on them (for a destruction) but neither had your signature on it.

I do believe she had been talking to you guys, but is there any status on your end? Does this sound familiar at all?

Thanks!

**Benjamin W. Dolf, R.E.H.S**

DHHS Public Health, Div. of Env. Health

Ph: (707) 268-2235



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17/18-1904

**WATER WELL APPLICATION**

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City/State/Zip	Loleta Ca 95551	CA	
Directions to Site	off 101 on Loleta Drive, on Eel River Dr, Right on Jane blvd Ca, left on Hawks Hill Rd		
Applicant	7250 Unes Lane	Contact	
Mailing Address	Eureka Ca 95551	Work Phone	707-834-4490
City/State/Zip		Cell Phone	
Property Owner		Home Phone	
Mailing Address	Same as Above	Work Phone	707-834-4490
City/State/Zip		Cell Phone	
I hereby grant right-of-entry for inspection purposes			
Drilling Contractor	[Redacted]	C-57 License #	[Redacted]
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Well Driller Signature: _____			
Would driller like a copy of approved application? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail address: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Email address: _____			
<b>Type of Application:</b>	<b>Construction:</b>	<b>Intended Use:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction	Estimated Depth (ft.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic - private	
<input type="checkbox"/> Destruction	Diameter (in.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Supply	
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	Sealing Material	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

<u>Estimated Work Dates:</u>	<u>Casing:</u>	<u>Type of Sewage System:</u>
Start _____	Diameter (in.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Sewer
Completion _____	Material _____	<input type="checkbox"/> OWTS (Septic)
		Distance from well site to OWTS _____

**Special Requirements/Comments:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLOT PLAN**

(This area is currently blank for the plot plan.)

**Coastal Zone:**  Yes  No

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Fee: <u>373.00</u>	Site Approved by: _____
Date: <u>5/22/18</u>	Site Approved Date: _____
Receipt: <u>706557</u>	Sealed to Depth of: _____
Project #: _____	Seal observed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Paid by: <u>Sherry Whitehead</u>	Final Approved Date: _____



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HUMBOLDT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Phone: 445-7613

pd #20.00 cash  
9/2/81

APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT, REPAIR OR DESTROY A WATER WELL

OWNER J R Withers ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT Elmer Dickey ADDRESS 1251 R.R. McKinleyville  
(if other than owner)  
SITE LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ A.P. # 308-231-02  
DIRECTIONS Hawkes Hill Rd. PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
DRILLING CONTRACTOR Rich Drilling & Pump LICENSE # 246499

ATTACH PLOT PLAN TO THIS APPLICATION

DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS: Construction  Repair  Destruction

Intended Use \_\_\_\_\_ Distance From Well Site To: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Well \_\_\_\_\_  
Domestic, private  Septic Tank Systems (ft.) \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary   
Domestic, public  \_\_\_\_\_ Cable   
Irrigation  Sewer (ft.) \_\_\_\_\_ Dug   
Industrial  Casing \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Other  Single  Double   
Construction \_\_\_\_\_ Material Kiswell Estimated Work Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth (ft.) 550' Type of Joint welded Start \_\_\_\_\_  
Diameter (in.) 8 Gravel Pack  Completion Dec 81  
Depth of Seal (ft.) 20

I hereby agree to comply with all laws and regulations of the County of Humboldt and State of California pertaining to water well construction. I will contact the County Health Department when I commence the work. Within fifteen days after completion of work I will furnish the Humboldt County Health Department a report of the work performed and notify them before putting the well into use. All well work will be completed in accordance with Department of Water Resources Bulletin 74.

Signed: Elmer Dickey

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Permit # \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved By James W. Clark  
Date 9-20-81

Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspections: JMK 8-4-81  
(initial) (date)  
Final: JW 1/4/82  
(initial) (date)

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Domestic, public <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>not any</u>	Cable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irrigation <input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer (ft.) _____	Dug <input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Casing</u>	Other _____
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Double <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Estimated Work Dates</u>
<u>Construction</u>	Material <u>Kirwell</u>	Start _____
Depth (ft.) <u>550'</u>	Type of Joint <u>welded</u>	Completion <u>Dec 81</u>
Diameter (in.) <u>8</u>	Gravel Pack <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Approved By Jane M. Clark  
Date 9-19-81

Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspections: JMC 8-4-81  
(initial) (date)  
Final: JW 1/4/82  
(initial) (date)

*in file folder*

J. R. Wittwer  
Applicant's Name

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WELL PERMIT

Approval is granted to:  construct a well on 308-231-02  
 repair Assessor's parcel number  
 destroy

pursuant to a permit application received by the Humboldt County Department of Health. The well shall be constructed, repaired, or destroyed in conformance with the "Design Specifications" listed on the permit application and approved by the Health Department. A new well shall be constructed in the location approved by the Humboldt County Health Department.

James W. Clark  
Area Sanitarian

Sept 10 1981  
Date

HUMBOLDT-DEL NORTE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

727 CEDAR STREET  
GARBERVILLE, CA. 95440  
923-2779

MAIN OFFICE  
529 I STREET  
EUREKA, CA. 95501  
445-7584

909 HWY. 101, NORTH  
CRESCENT CITY, CA. 95531  
464-7478

August 7, 1981

Mr. J.R. Wittwer  
2440 Frank Avenue  
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: A.P. 308-231-02, Conditional Use Permit

Dear Mr. Wittwer,

During the on-site investigation for your project it was discovered that recent well development has occurred on the subject parcel without permit. Humboldt County Ordinance requires a valid permit from this Department for all new well construction, re-development and major alteration.

This Department cannot proceed with your application until a well permit is applied for and approved.

Please call me at 445-7613 between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

*James W. Clark, R.S.*

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Area Sanitarian

JWC/jf

cc: Planning



TABLE

BLUFF RD.

RD.

CLOUGH

WELL DEVELOPMENT  
ACTIVITY U.O. PERMIT



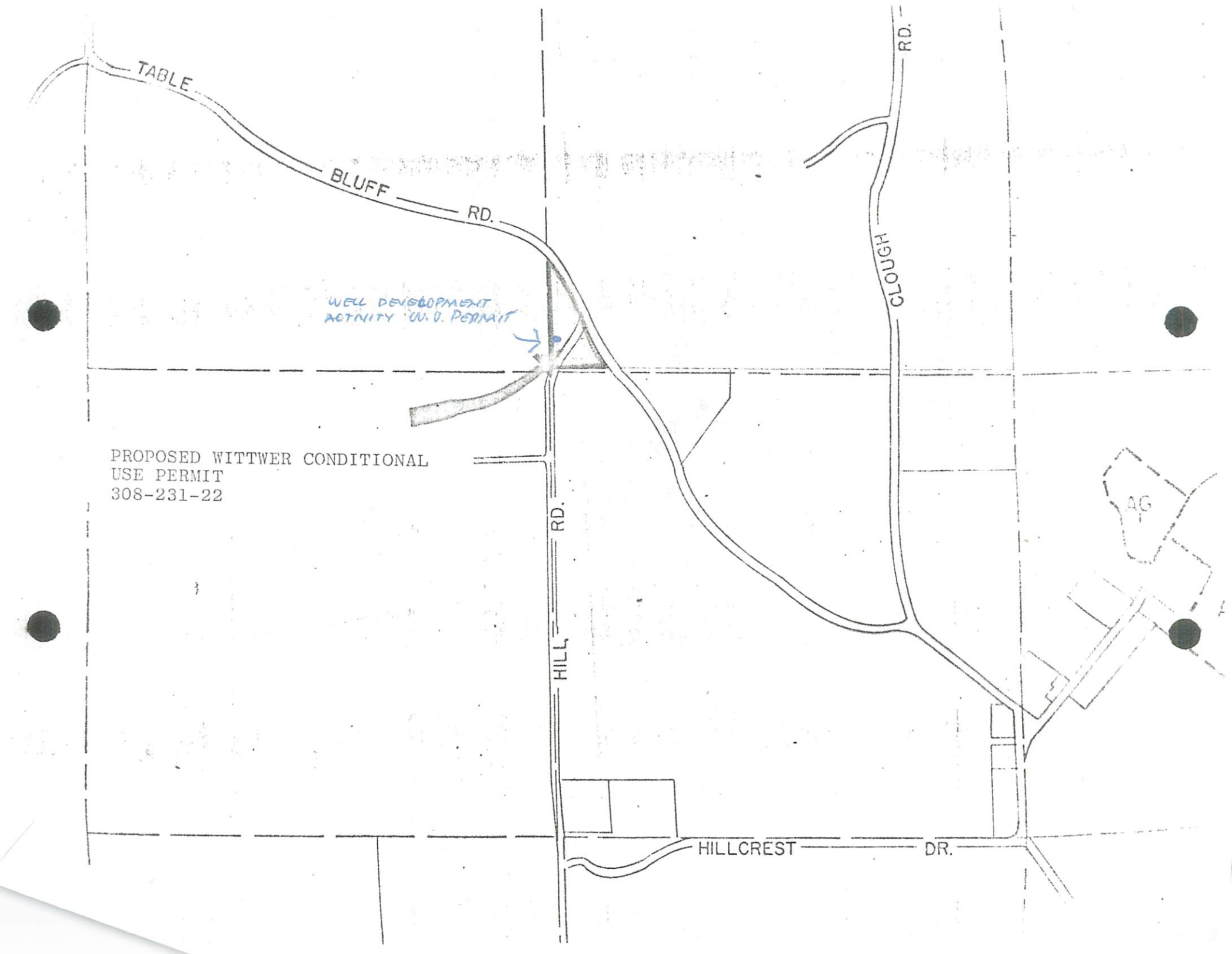
PROPOSED WITTWER CONDITIONAL  
USE PERMIT  
308-231-22

RD.

HILL

AG

HILLCREST DR.



## INSTRUCTION SHEET

1. TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, REPAIR OR DESTROY A WELL COMPLETE THE TOP PORTIONS OF PAGE 1 AND 2. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER AND THE PLOT PLAN.
2. WORK ON THE WELL IS NOT TO BE STARTED PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE WELL PERMIT APPLICATION BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
3. THE WELL PERMIT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU BY RETURN MAIL WHEN APPROVED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. ATTACHED TO THE WELL PERMIT WILL BE THE "WELL DRILLERS NOTICE OF COMPLETED WORK". THIS NOTICE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE WELL DRILLER AND RETURNED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK ON THE WELL.
4. SUBMIT THE REQUIRED \$20.00 APPLICATION FEE WITH YOUR WELL PERMIT APPLICATION.

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sanitarian J. Clark  
Date 7-24-81

To: A.P. File # 308-231-02

Subject: CUP

Name: Wittman

SDS Permit Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing \_\_\_\_\_ New

Site Inspection: Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Land Use Type AC

Data Base: (Soil type, water table level, documented failures, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Water Supply: (source, condition) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: 8-4-81 ILLEGAL WELL DEVELOPMENT ON SITE OF W&K

8-5-81 - TWO 8" DIA CASINGS IN HOLE - PERMIT

FOR WELL SHOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE EVALUATION PROCEEDS

11-17-81 RECEIVED FILE FROM J.D. [unclear] & CALLED FOR CONSULT.

- HE WAS NOT IN. J.W.C.

11/25/81 Discussed with Reed of W&K. Owner is in disperate  
need to start construction of greenhouse. due to financial  
situation - they have completed soil probes and test.

analysis - soils are in zone 4 - will have them delivered  
to the health dept. I advised that I would consider  
a waiver to the wet weather test requirements

11/25/81 Results brought into office by Royal McCarthy  
I advised McCarthy that I would waive the Jan 1 test date  
provided that holes were saturated 24 hours continuously  
and - the test was done within the next week - jwr

