



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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WATER SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Requirements - All new Public Water Systems (PWS) applying for a water supply permit in accordance with Section 116525 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) must possess some elements of TMF Capacity at the time the permit application is filed with the Department. These elements are labeled "Capacity Elements Required at the Time of Application". Forms can be viewed at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/TMF.aspx>

The completion of these forms is a required part of the permit process. *Failure to complete and return the forms to the Department/LPA will prevent the Department/LPA from assessing the TMF Capacity of that PWS, and effectively prohibit the Department/LPA from issuing a water supply permit to the water system.* (The CHSC, Section 116525 expressly prohibits a person from operating a PWS unless he or she first receives a permit to do so from the Department/LPA.)

Please contact any of our Drinking Water Program staff for your specific water system classification.

2. Drinking Water Source Assessment Program (DWSAP) - *All PWSs applying for a permit for a new source must submit a DWSAP assessment as part of the permit application.* The DWSAP contains many of the same elements that the Department considers in the evaluation of a permit for a new drinking water source. To provide a consistent and thorough approach to collecting source information, the Department has determined that a DWSAP assessment should be included in the Technical Report referred to in the CHSC, Section 116530, which states that a PWS "*shall submit a technical report to the department as part of the permit application or when otherwise required by the department. This report may include, but not be limited to, detailed plans and specifications, water quality information, and physical descriptions of the existing or proposed system, and financial assurance information.*" DWSAP requirements can be view at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/DWSAP.aspx>

3. Water Works Standards - All proposed new water systems (as well as some revisions to existing water systems) must demonstrate that the proposed project conform to (or will conform with) all applicable design standards and other requirements set forth in the Water Works Standards. *On March 9, 2008, a set of revised Waterworks Standards became effective.* The new regulations can be view at:

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Documents/Lawbook/DWRegBook2008_03_09a.pdf, under Chapter 16 of Title 22. See Enclosures.

4. **Consolidation of Water Systems** - For new systems, the possibility of physically consolidating with an adjacent community water system should be considered during the process of issuing a permit, and *is required* for systems serving less than 10,000 persons. Consolidation feasibility varies with each situation. *The permit application needs to address possible consolidation.*

5. **Permit Application forms** –The water system permit **application form** and **update of information form** must be completed and submitted to this office together with applicable fees. Please contact any of our Drinking Water Program staff for applicable fees specific to your water system classification.

6. **Water Quality Reports** - Please contact any of our Drinking Water Program for applicable water quality monitoring schedule for your specific water system classification.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 559-675-7823.