

DNRC WATER RIGHT INQUIRY INSTRUCTIONS

Is your project subject to DEQ sanitation or subdivision review? If so, how do you intend each structure to obtain both potable water and water for lawn and garden irrigation? Before the DEQ approval can be finalized (allowing you to move forward with your project), you must first obtain a water right or have a plan approved by DNRC indicating that your usage does not require a beneficial water use permit. This process is required under ARM 17.36.103(s).

****If you submitted an application and required fees to DEQ or local reviewing authority (in accordance with § 76-4-125 or § 76-3-604(1)(a), respectively) on or before October 17, 2014, provide documentation of such with your request.***

Please send a written request for a determination by DNRC regarding water right requirements for your proposed project. Your request should include the following information:

- A map of the land parcels in question (including quarter section(s), section, township, and range.) *If any parcels are 20 or more acres, they will not be reviewed as part of the DEQ subdivision and henceforth will not be reviewed by DNRC for this pre-determination request.*
- Flow rate required
- Purposes required—include everything you've projected in your plan
 - Domestic (include how many residences or units)
 - Lawn & Garden Irrigation (include possible irrigated areas)
 - Be sure this matches any information provided in the subdivision CC&Rs
 - If the CC&Rs say the residents must maintain a lawn and you say no irrigated areas in the subdivision, DEQ will restrict your approval to include no irrigation.
 - Include any irrigated parks / common areas
 - Any other purposes projected such as commercial, industrial, etc.
- Volume required for each purpose. If you don't know the volume required, feel free to use DNRC standards listed on the Form 615 available on the web.
 - The DEQ domestic standard is .28 AF per household. If you believe a use of less than .28 AF per household is acceptable, you must request a deviation from DEQ. If your deviation request is approved, include a copy with your submittal to DNRC. DNRC will not accept a request to use less than .28 AF per household without DEQ approval.

IMPORTANT VOLUME MESSAGE: *All subdivisions using exempt wells will be required to allocate the full 10 AF of volume across the subdivision for planning purposes (though lot owners will not be required to perfect the full volume allocated as part of the review). If there is unallocated water, DNRC will split the unallocated portion evenly amongst the lots. DNRC will outline volumes requested by the applicant for each purpose in the pre-determination letter. **All future Notices of Completion filed within the subdivision will be limited to the total volume per lot identified in the pre-determination notice.***

- If more than one well is proposed, be sure to indicate which uses (# connections, # acres, etc.) will be attributed to each well.
- Well log(s) if the well(s) has been drilled

Please note: If you do not provide sufficient information in your request, DNRC will contact you for the additional information required. If, after attempting to contact you, the request is still deficient, DNRC will send a response indicating that. The response from DNRC will be forwarded to DEQ for its use in determining if your Certificate of Subdivision Approval is able to move forward. DNRC will respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request.

Send your request to:

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