

Comparison of Current Well Permit/Inspection Fees with those Proposed for Use Beginning in FY2026

Permit Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Bay Area Agencies Average fee
Well Construction	\$500 per well	\$1000 per well	\$1047.46
Well Destruction	\$410 per well	\$885 per well	\$799.92
Well Reconstruction	\$230 per well	\$550 per well	\$814.75
Closed Loop Geothermal Heat Exchange Well System	See Below	See Below	\$1207.64 per GHEW
Exploratory Boring¹	\$375 per site/event	\$475 up to 5 borings +\$85 per each additional boring	Varied approach with different agencies.
Standby Well Permit	\$375 initial \$275 extension	\$495 initial \$395 extension	N/A
Permit Fee Refund	70% of permit fee after permit issuance	70% of permit fee after permit issuance	No refunds after permit issuance
Additional Weekday Inspection Surcharge	N/A	\$600 construction/destruction \$400 reconstruction	\$251.60 per hour
Weekend Inspection Surcharge	N/A	\$3,300 construction/destruction \$2,260 reconstruction	\$251.60 per hour
Holiday Inspection Surcharge	N/A	\$1200 construction/destruction \$800 reconstruction	N/A

Closed Loop Geothermal Heat Exchange Well Permit Fee Schedule²

Number of Wells in Proposed System	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
1 to 5	\$700	\$1,765
6 to 10	\$930	\$3,235
11 to 20	\$1,300	\$4,710
21 to 50	\$2,125	\$6,180
51 to 100	\$2,800	\$7,655
101 to 200	\$5,625	\$10,110
201 to 300	\$8,435	\$12,560
More than 300 ³	\$11,250	\$15,015

Notes:

- Exploratory Borings – For borings proposed on multiple assessor parcels, a separate boring permit is required for each assessor parcel number.
- The fees apply to both construction and destruction of Geothermal Heat Exchange Wells
- If the number of Closed Loop Geothermal Heat Exchange Wells exceeds 30 inspections, Valley Water would bill additional Geothermal Heat Exchange Wells at a rate of \$780 per inspection day.

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