

SJCC 8.06.140 Certificate of Water Availability - Building Permits

A. Applicants for building permits for construction of new structures that contain plumbing fixtures dependent on potable water for their operation must obtain a Certificate of Water Availability (CWA). Applications for “After the Fact” building permits shall be treated as a “new structure” for the purpose of requiring a CWA.

B. Applicants for a building permit to remodel or expand an existing structure shall obtain a Certificate of Water Availability (CWA) when any of the following conditions exist:

1. When the remodel/addition results in a change of use from a residence to a commercial structure or conversion of an accessory structure to a residential use.
2. When the remodel/addition results in the creation of an accessory dwelling unit

Documentation requirements:

If there is not an approved Certificate of Water Availability (CWA) **from within the last 12 months** on file at the time of building permit **submittal**, the applicant should initiate the CWA review process by submitting the application to Health & Community Services and ask for a ‘received’ stamped copy of the CWA application so that the applicant may submit with the building permit application. The building permit application should be considered incomplete if a receipted CWA application is not submitted for permit applications that require a CWA.