DRAINAGE PERMIT TIMELINE

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026

Application Submitted

Completeness Check
15 Days

DWR Statewide/Interdistrict Significance Determination
May Include A Comment Period; DWR Verifies Watershed Area
90 Days

Non Statewide/Interdistrict Significance Applications

WRD Review & Decision Process
No Mandated Time Frame;
Process Determined At Local Level

Statewide/Interdistrict Significance Applications

WRD Review & Decision Process
No Mandated Time Frame;
Process Determined At Local Level

DWR Information Gathering Meeting
30 Day Notice

DWR 8-Factor Review Process
Must Review WRD Information; Must Review Information From Information Meeting; May Use Any Information Contained In DWR Files; May Do Further DWR Investigation; May Request Information From Applicant, Such As O&M Manual, Engineering Analysis
90 Days

90 DAY CYCLE

If DWR Requests Further Information Or Materials, Applicant Has
90 Days To Address.
This Cycle May Repeat Several Times.
Both DWR & Applicant's Timelines Can Be Extended If Both Parties Agree.

DWR Decision
Hearing & Appeals Process
Consistent With Other DWR Decisions