



Well & Charco Existing Use Application Instructions

For Tohono O'odham Nation (TON) programs to assist any community members, Livestock Associations or Districts with repairing charcos and wells, they must first obtain a permit from the TON Water Resources Department (WRD). The WRD will assist any person/entity in applying for a permit. Members of the TON have the right to put water to beneficial use, and these instructions outline the process set forth in the TON Water Code to achieve that goal.

Each application needs to include:

- Completed application which can be obtained from the Water Resources Department
- A copy of the community letter of support and/or District Resolution of support that identifies the applicant to use water in the manner as requested in the application. (Applicant listed can be an association, district, individual, community, or other entity)

Once the WRD receives both a completed application and letter/resolution of support, the WRD will then process the application. If additional information is needed the WRD will work with the applicant to acquire the needed documentation. Once an application is determined to be complete, a public notice will be sent out and there will be 30 days for the public to provide comment (known as the public notice period). After the public notice period is complete and no objections are received by the WRD, then an Existing Use Permit will be issued.

For each well or charco to be permitted, a separate Existing Use Application along with supporting documentation will be needed to begin the application process. Example, if you are permitting 4 charcos and 2 wells, you will have to submit 6 separate applications.

*There is a **Different application** for the installation of a **new charco or well**, please contact the WRD for additional information.*

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