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NOTICE OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION REPORTING REQUIRED UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

AVISO DE ENVIAR REPORTE(S) SOBRE EXTRACCIÓN DE AGUA SUBTERRÁNEA REQUERIDO POR LA LEY DE GESTIÓN SUSTENTABLE DEL AGUA SUBTERRÁNEA (SGMA)

This notice is to inform you that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) believes you own property or properties not covered by the management authority of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) as required under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The State Water Board considers areas within high-priority or medium-priority groundwater basins that are not within the jurisdiction of a GSA to be unmanaged under SGMA.

Pursuant to SGMA, groundwater extractors in unmanaged areas are required to file groundwater extraction reports with the State Water Board and pay associated reporting fees. **If you are pumping groundwater within an unmanaged area, this notice is intended to provide you with early notification so you may take appropriate steps necessary to meet your reporting responsibilities. Actual groundwater pumping reports are not due to the State Water Board until February 1, 2023.**

The following detailed information is intended to help you understand the reporting requirements for groundwater extractions in unmanaged areas under SGMA, and what you may need to do to satisfy the requirement to report.

Para obtener información en español, nos puede llamar al (916) 322-6508 o enviar un mensaje a: groundwater_management@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Subbasin and Unmanaged Areas.

SGMA allows local governmental agencies with water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities within a groundwater basin subject to SGMA to form one or more GSAs that then must develop and implement plans to manage the groundwater basin sustainably. Importantly, each local agency participating in a GSA can only impose fees or regulatory requirements on persons within the agency's own jurisdictional boundaries.

On June 21, 2017, the Pauma Valley Community Services District, Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District, Yuima Municipal Water District, and the County of San Diego established the Pauma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Pauma Valley GSA). Subsequently, there have been several changes to the member agencies of the Pauma Valley GSA, including that the County of San Diego withdrew its membership on November 18, 2018. As a result, some areas within the Upper San Luis Rey Subbasin are no longer within the jurisdictional boundaries of a Pauma Valley GSA member. The State Water Board considers these areas to be unmanaged for purposes of SGMA.

Why you are receiving this informational letter.

This informational letter is being sent to persons who may own property or operate a public water supply system in an unmanaged area where groundwater is extracted.

Data indicate that you own or are responsible for the parcel(s) or public water supply system(s) listed at the end of this notice. The State Water Board has identified this parcel(s) or water supply system(s) as located within an unmanaged area. If you extract groundwater from an unmanaged area and you are not a small domestic user,¹ SGMA requires that you file an annual groundwater extraction report for extractions made during the previous water year.

A map of unmanaged areas within basins subject to SGMA is available on our SGMA Status Map (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma/sgma_status.html).

Groundwater Extraction Reporting.

Landowners whose property is within an unmanaged area and contains an operating groundwater extraction well must report the volume of groundwater extracted from the well. The groundwater extraction volume must be reported as a monthly total. In addition to pumping volumes, reports must include the location of the well and the place and purpose of use of the groundwater.

Groundwater extraction reports are not due to the State Water Board until February 1, 2023. However, if you are required to report, the report must include pumping volumes for each month between the date of receipt of this letter and September 30, 2022.

The State Water Board encourages landowners with a groundwater extraction well to begin collecting and recording the volume of groundwater pumped in a manner that will allow accurate reporting of monthly volumes.

A subsequent Notice of Groundwater Extraction Reporting Under SGMA will be mailed in late 2022. The online system you will be expected to use to report will also be released in 2022, and will be accessible from our reporting website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma/reporting_and_fees.html).

Report Filing Fees.

Any person who must file a groundwater extraction report with the State Water Board must pay the filing fee(s). The filing fee includes a base fee and a fee per acre-foot of groundwater extracted. The fees are as follows:

Fee Category	Fee Amount	Applicable Parties
Base Filing Fee	\$300 per well	All extractors required to report.
Unmanaged Area Rate	\$10 per acre-foot, if metered	Extractors in unmanaged areas.
Unmanaged Area Rate	\$25 per acre-foot, if unmetered	Extractors in unmanaged areas.
Late Fee	25% of total fee amount per month late	Extractors that do not file reports by the due date.

In unmanaged areas, groundwater extractions measured and reported using a groundwater flow meter qualify for a reduced fee. For metered wells, the pumping fee is \$10 per acre-foot.

How to notify the State Water Board if you believe you are not subject to SGMA reporting requirements.

You can file an online form through our reporting website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma/reporting_and_fees.html) to notify the State Water Board that you meet any one of the following conditions:

- You do not own any of the parcels identified at the end of this notice and you do not operate a well on any of the parcels identified at the end of this notice.
- You own one or more of the parcels identified at the end of this notice, but you do not own or operate a well there.
- You are a small domestic well user using less than two acre-feet for domestic purposes.

There is no fee to report that you are not subject to SGMA reporting requirements.

Resources to assist in preparing to complete the online Groundwater Extraction Report.

Groundwater measurement methods

Please see Options for Measuring Extraction Volumes (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/sgma/docs/reporting/measuring_gw.pdf) for measurement alternatives to a totalizing flow meter.

Groundwater Extraction Annual Reporting System (GEARS)

User guides and frequently asked questions will be available when GEARS is released in late 2022. These resources will be available on our reporting website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sgma/reporting_and_fees.html).

If you have questions regarding this notice or need assistance completing the online groundwater extraction report, please contact State Water Board staff by email at SGMA@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at 916-322-6508.

The following Assessor's Parcel Number(s) (APN) or Water Supply Facility Number(s) prompted this letter: