
State Water Resources Control Board

TO: Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies; Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Users

FROM: Eric Oppenheimer
Executive Director

DATE: October 31, 2025

SUBJECT: Extension of Deadline for Reporting Groundwater Extractions in the Tulare Lake Groundwater Subbasin

Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and Groundwater Users:

This letter is to inform you that the first reporting period and deadline for the first reports of groundwater extractions required under the Tulare Lake Subbasin probationary basin designation are extended as follows:

- New extended reporting period for first reports: July 15, 2024, through September 30, 2025.
- New extended deadline for first reports: May 1, 2026.
- Reporting deadline for subsequent reports: February 1 of each year (beginning in 2027).

Following the extraction reporting deadline, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will send fee invoices. Fees for first reports will be due 30 days after the invoice date; extraction fees for subsequent reporting periods will be due by April 1 of each year, or 30 days after the invoice date, whichever is later.

On April 16, 2024, the State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-0012, which designated the Tulare Lake Subbasin as probationary pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Pursuant to SGMA and Resolution No. 2024-0012, most groundwater extractors in the Tulare Lake Subbasin are required to submit annual reports of groundwater extractions to the State Water Board. A temporary suspension of enforcement of the reporting requirement for the Tulare Lake Subbasin was reversed by a decision of the Fifth District Court of Appeal on October 29, 2025.

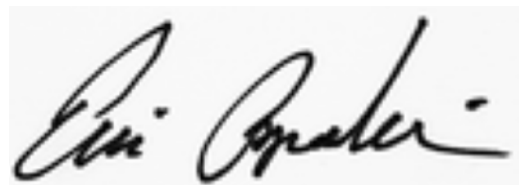
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Under Resolution No. 2024-0012 the first reporting period covered the period of July 15, 2024, through September 30, 2024, and the first reports of groundwater extraction were due on December 1, 2024. The second reporting period covered the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and reports would be due on December 1, 2025.

SGMA authorizes the State Water Board to modify the water year or reporting date for reports of groundwater extraction. Resolution No. 2024-0012 delegates the authority to amend the reporting and metering requirements of the Tulare Lake Subbasin probationary designation to the State Water Board's Executive Director. Resolution No. 2024-0012 requires 30 days' public notice before such an amendment becomes effective.

By this letter, I extend the reporting period for the first reports of groundwater extraction to cover the period of July 15, 2024, through September 30, 2025. In addition, I extend the first deadline to report groundwater extractions in the Tulare Lake Subbasin to May 1, 2026. Finally, I change the deadline for reports in subsequent years to February 1 of each year. Reports for subsequent years will be based on the water year (October 1 of each year through September 30 of the following year).

These changes take effect 30 days after the date of this letter, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-0012. After these changes take effect, State Water Board staff will provide confirmation of the new reporting date and reporting period to Tulare Lake Subbasin GSAs via electronic mail, known groundwater extractors via U.S. Mail, and will post confirmation of the changes on the State Water Board's website for the Tulare Lake Subbasin. State Water Board staff will provide additional information regarding how to file groundwater extraction reports to GSAs and pumpers in the Subbasin prior to the May 1, 2026, reporting deadline. GSAs and pumpers in the Subbasin should check the Board's website for the Tulare Lake Subbasin frequently for updates and can receive email updates by signing up for the SGMA groundwater extraction reporting and fee email reminders and updates at bit.ly/SWRCB-email-subscriptions (under State Water Board General Interests).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Oppenheimer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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