



State Water Resources Control Board

October 30, 2026

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<<City>>, <<CA>><<Zip>>

EXAMPLE

Action Required: Submit Groundwater Extraction Report for Water Year 2026 by February 1, 2027

You can contact us to request information in your language:
ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।
Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika.
联系我们，以您的语言获取信息。
Entre em contato conosco para solicitar informações no seu idioma.
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The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) designated the Tulare Lake Subbasin as "probationary" pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). State Water Board records indicate you own a groundwater well in the Tulare Lake Subbasin.

If you pump groundwater in this subbasin you must submit annual groundwater extraction reports and pay fees to the State Water Board unless you are exempt. The deadline to report for the period of October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, is **February 1, 2027**. To see how ongoing litigation affects the reporting requirement, please visit the [Tulare Lake Subbasin Updates page](#).

Submit all groundwater extraction reports through the Board's [Groundwater Extraction Annual Reporting System \(GEARS\)](#). If you have a GEARS account from the previous reporting period, you can use the same GEARS account. If you do not have a GEARS account, use the Correspondence ID above to create one.

After submitting your annual groundwater extraction report, you will receive a separate fee invoice in the mail.

Are you Exempt from These Requirements?

You are exempt from the reporting requirements if any of following apply:

- You do not own any groundwater wells in the Tulare Lake Subbasin.
- You do not own or have no legal responsibility for any property identified by an Assessor Parcel Number (APN) below.
- You cumulatively pump 20 acre-feet or less per year from all the wells you own in the Tulare Lake Subbasin, and do not export groundwater outside the Subbasin. Note that most families that use water for only domestic (household) purposes pump less than 2 acre-feet (approximately 650,000 gallons) a year.

If you are exempt from these reporting requirements, notify the Board by visiting [the GEARS reporting website](#) before the reporting deadline. You will be removed from the mailing list for this reporting cycle.

Report on time to avoid late fees

If you submit your groundwater extraction report more than 30 days after the reporting deadline, you will be charged a late fee. The late fee is 25% of the total fee for each month your report is late.¹ If you fail to submit your report, the State Water Board may engage in progressive enforcement to address any non-compliance.

Reporting resources

Visit the [GEARS Resources webpage](#) for resources including a user guide, instructional videos, and information about in-person office hours for one-on-one reporting support.

Need help or have questions?

- Email us at sgma@waterboards.ca.gov or call us at (916) 322-6508. You can also make an appointment to receive support from staff through a video call by visiting the [GEARS virtual appointments page](#).
- Visit the links below for more information:
- [Reporting, fees, and fee waivers](#).
- Background on SGMA: [State Water Board SGMA website](#).
 - [SGMA implementation in the Tulare Lake Subbasin](#).

This notice is regarding Assessor's Parcel Number(s) (APN):

Este aviso se refiere a los Número(s) de Parcela (APN) del Tasador:

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¹ Current annual groundwater extraction fees: \$300 per well, plus \$20 per acre-foot of groundwater pumped.