

State Water Resources Control Board

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NOTICE OF EXCLUSION FROM EXTRACTION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

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Entre em contato conosco para solicitar informações no seu idioma.

Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika.

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This letter is to notify you that you do not need to report groundwater extractions and pay associated fees to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for groundwater extracted from the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency or the Kern-Tulare Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency if you meet the criteria described in this letter. This notice explains the State Water Board's September 17, 2024, decision to exclude your extractions from reporting and fee requirements.

The Purpose of This Notice

This notice is to inform you that you do not need to report or pay fees to the State Water Board for extractions made within the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (DEID GSA) or the Kern-Tulare Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Kern-Tulare GSA) if your extractions are subject to and in compliance with those GSAs' groundwater management actions.

Background

The State Water Board designated the Tule Subbasin as probationary under SGMA on September 17, 2024. The State Water Board does this only when local efforts to sustainably manage groundwater are failing. With some exceptions, people who pump groundwater in a probationary subbasin must track their monthly groundwater

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extractions, submit reports, and pay fees to the State Water Board each year while the subbasin is in probation.

DEID GSA and Kern-Tulare GSA Reporting and Fees Exclusion

SGMA allows, but does not require, the State Water Board to exclude extractions from the reporting and fee requirements if the Board finds that extractions are adequately managed. The State Water Board found that the DEID GSA and the Kern-Tulare GSA are adequately managing groundwater in their portions of the Tule Subbasin, so it excluded reporting and fee requirements for extractions from those areas that comply with those GSAs' management actions.

Therefore, if your groundwater extractions are:

- (1) within the DEID GSA or the Kern-Tulare GSA,
 - (2) subject to the management actions of the DEID GSA or the Kern-Tulare GSA,
- and
- (3) comply with those management actions,

you do not need to report or pay fees to the State Water Board these extractions.

This exclusion could change, and it is possible that you may be required to report groundwater extractions and pay associated fees in the future. If the State Water Board becomes aware that you are required to report extractions and pay fees in the future, you will be notified in advance by mail.

Please contact the DEID GSA or Kern-Tulare GSA if you need to confirm whether you are subject to their management actions and in compliance with those actions. You can find contact information for these GSAs here: bit.ly/my-gsa.

For more information on the State Water Board's finding of adequate groundwater management for the DEID GSA and the Kern-Tulare GSA, please see the Final Tule Staff Report available at: bit.ly/tule-final-report.

Additional Information

This exclusion only applies to groundwater extraction reports and associated fees resulting from the State Water Board's probationary designation of the Tule Subbasin. It does not exclude you from applicable GSA reporting and fee requirements. If you fail to comply with applicable management actions of the DEID GSA or the Kern-Tulare GSA, including requirements to report water use or pay extraction fees to those GSAs, you will not qualify for the State Water Board reporting and fees exclusion.

For more information about whether you are required to report groundwater extractions or pay associated fees to your local GSA, please contact your local GSA. You can find contact information for your local GSA here: bit.ly/my-gsa.

For more information about SGMA and the State Water Board's role, please visit our SGMA website at <https://waterboards.ca.gov/sgma> or refer to the "Groundwater Pumpers and State Intervention under SGMA FAQ" bit.ly/SGMA-pumper-FAQ. More information regarding the current fee schedule and fee waivers that will be applicable for other portions of the Tule Subbasin can be found on the State Water Board's website: bit.ly/sgma-reporting.

If you received this notice and do not have a well in the Tule Subbasin, please contact us at sgma@waterboards.ca.gov to be removed from our mailing list.

If you have questions regarding any of the information in this notice, please contact State Water Board staff by email at sgma@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at **(916) 322-6508**.

Sign up for SGMA groundwater extraction reporting and fee email reminders and updates at bit.ly/SWRCB-email-subscriptions (under State Water Board General Interests).

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