



Why Did I Get
This Confusing
Form?

AND WHAT DO I
DO WITH IT?

The Background

- Well Registration has always been a part of SGMA. Water Code 10725.6 gives this authority specifically to GSAs. It also gives the authority to require meter installation.
- Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District adopted a Resolution requiring all wells in the County to be registered, and all qualified APNs to pay \$0.29/acre/year in order to cover the cost of the registration program.
- Both the Groundwater Commission and the Board of Directors reviewed multiple methodologies to fund SGMA and nearly all required well registration.

Comparing Methods and Fee Estimates

	Method of Funding	General GSA/GSP Implementation Cost for Three Years	Create Well Registration Program	Create Well Idle or Abandonment Program	Field Verification and Enforcement Annual Cost	Program Administration Annual Cost	Initial Three Year Cost to County	Annual Cost to County for First Three Years	Initial Cost to Land/Well Owner Estimates		Per	Scale Example
1	Well Count/Size	\$1,900,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$2,475,000	\$825,000	\$258		Well/year	\$50-\$1,000 per well
2	Land use/Irrigated Acre	\$1,900,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$2,900,000	\$966,667	\$7.67		Irrigated Acre/year	\$5-\$15 per Irrigated acre
3	Measured Flow	\$1,900,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$3,225,000	\$1,075,000	\$2.99		Acre-foot	
4	Flat Fee per Acre	\$1,900,000				\$30,000	\$2,005,000	\$668,333	\$0.95		Acre/year	
5	Flat Fee/acre + well type	\$1,900,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$2,475,000	\$825,000	\$193.36	\$0.29	Well/year Acre/Year	\$50-\$1,000 per well

Assumptions:

Well count is an estimate and assumes 10% of domestic wells will not be de minimis (number used is 3200 wells actually per well fee will vary based on type)

Land use is an estimate and will be on a scale based on use type (used 126,000 acres for estimate)

Measured flow is based on an estimate of total AC feet used as flow data does not exist (estimated total AC feet used is 360,000)

State Intervention Fee Schedule

(Pathway we want to avoid!)

Fee Category	Fee Amount	Applicable Parties
Base Filing Fee	\$300 per well	All extractors required to report (excludes de minimis extractors).
Unmanaged Area Rate	\$10 per AF (metered)	Extractors in unmanaged areas (excludes de minimis extractors).
	\$25 per AF (unmetered)	
Probationary Rate	\$40 per AF	Extractors in probationary basins (excludes de minimis extractors).
Interim Plan Rate	\$55 per AF	Extractors in probationary basins where the State Water Board determines an interim plan is required (excludes de minimis extractors).
De minimis Fee	\$100 per well	De minimis extractors in probationary basins.
Automatic Late Fee	25% per month	Extractors that do not file reports by the due date.

Administrative Fee On A Per Acre Basis

- A small countywide fee that is placed on the tax roll
- The fee will be assessed to all APNs large enough to cover the cost of billing
- This fee is assessed regardless of property use
- This fee will initially be used to set-up a well registration program

Well Registration Program

- We really don't know how many wells we have in the County
- Of the wells we do know about, less than half have a known size
- Without adequate information a reasonably proportional fee is not possible

Future Fees Will Be Based On Well Size

- Once a well registration program is sufficiently established APNs will begin receiving fees on tax roll
- These fees will be based on size and number of wells on the APN
- Those that do not register by the date required to process for the 2024 tax roll will receive an assumptive fee
- There will be programs to idle or abandon wells
- There will be a process to appeal to the District

How Does This Benefit Me?

- There will be countywide well monitoring, allowing action if water tables get too low.
- There will be projects to recharge aquifers using surface and recycled water.
- The fees associated with groundwater will be much lower than the state intervention fees.
- We will continue to seek community input and local officials will be the administrators of the programs.
- We will work to incentivize surface water storage and use for irrigation.

What's Next? Questions?

- ◆ Upcoming meeting dates:

Groundwater Commission: Wednesday, February 22, 8:30 AM

Flood Control Board of Directors: Monday, February 27, 11:00 AM

- ◆ Connect with us:

Join the Interested Parties email list at <https://tehamacountywater.org/gsa/> or by emailing TehamaGSA@tcpw.ca.gov

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Transition to Assistance Stations

- Well Registration Form Assistance
- Groundwater Management Information
- Outreach & Getting Involved

Need Help? Look for the Name Tags:

- Tehama County GSA Staff: Justin Jenson and Nichole Bethurem [Red Name Tags]
- Additional County Staff [Black Name Tags; Two Bilingual]
- Facilitation Support: Stephanie Horii and Sophie Carrillo-Mandel [Purple Name Tags]

Reminder: The plenary meeting recording and materials will be posted to the website: TehamaCountyWater.org