



## Tehama County Groundwater Sustainability Agency Well Registration Program Frequently Asked Questions

On [June 20, 2022](#) the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board of Directors adopted [Resolution No. 9-2022](#) setting the annual fee of \$0.29 per acre to be charged by the Tehama County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the administrative costs of the Tehama County Groundwater Sustainability Agency Well Registration Program.

### Well Registration Form and Process FAQs

#### **Why am I receiving this form if my well was permitted at the time of drilling?**

Tehama County does not have an accurate count of the number of wells (ag or domestic). Tehama County Environmental Health did not keep records with the necessary detail, nor were permits required, prior to 1985. State agencies involved in well installation have a similar lack of complete records; DWR estimates approximately 50% of all wells lack all or partial data.

#### **Who is being sent this form?**

This form is being sent to all property owners in Tehama County. Although many areas in the County are served by city water or a shared community well, there may be old wells still in existence on these properties.

#### **The name or address on the envelope is incorrect; where did the GSA get this information?**

The mailing list was exported from the Tehama County Assessor's Roll. If there is an issue to correct, please call Tehama County Assessor's Office at (530) 527-5931.

#### **I already filled out a form, why did I receive another?**

The most common reasons are:

- If you own more than one piece of property, your form may not have included all APNs.
- Information was missing from your form and we were not able to contact you for clarification.
- Your form may have been lost in the mail and never received by our office.

#### **I haven't heard anything about this process. How can I receive information in the future?**

The Tehama County GSA has an interested parties email list that is used to distribute Board and Commission agendas, newsletters, and public workshop announcements. You can sign up on our website at <https://tehamacountywater.org/gsa/> or by emailing [tehamagsa@tcpw.ca.gov](mailto:tehamagsa@tcpw.ca.gov).

#### **How can I get assistance with filling out the form?**

GSA staff are available to help with well registration forms in-person or by phone, Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 4 PM. You can call 530-690-0700 or stop by our office at 1509 Schwab Street, Red Bluff.

We are located between the TRAX office and the Greenwaste office, behind the blue gate. There is a Ring doorbell or you can call the number on the gate.



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## Well Registration Program Fee FAQs

### Who is being charged this fee?

The fee will be assessed to all landowners within the county with parcels large enough to cover the cost of placing the fee on the tax roll.

### How long will the \$0.29/per acre fee be charged?

On [March 31, 2022](#) the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Board of Directors) accepted the fee for 3 years. If, at any time, well data collection is deemed sufficient the fee will be suspended or reviewed for necessary modification by the Board.

On June 19, 2023 the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 3-2023 outlining the criteria under which the Groundwater Sustainability Executive may waive the fees for the well registration. For a property to be deemed compliant and eligible for a fee waiver, the property owner needs to provide the following:

- Well registration form must be submitted in person, by email through online registration, or postmarked by April 10 in the given year; and
- Well registration form must have the APN or address of the property that has a well or does not have a well, legibly defined so that there is no confusion as to where the well is located or what parcel claimed to have no well; and
- Well registration form must have identified the well use as either residential, agricultural, or other; and
- Parcels with well use identified as agricultural land must identify either well size and typical annual volume, or current crop type and acreage used for each crop identified; and
- Parcels with well use identified as other/combo must include a detailed description of what exactly the other/combo activity is.

### How will these fees be used?

Fees collected will be used to fund the creation, implementation, and administration of a county-wide well registration program.

### Will there be future fees after the well inventory is developed?

Yes. Data collected through the well registration program will be used to support the development of a well size/type based funding mechanism to provide long-term funding for the GSA. All properties that extract groundwater will be levied a fee. All future fees will be approved by the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board of Directors at public meetings, with opportunities for public comment.

### What if I do not submit a well registration form?

After the initial data collection period, a long-term funding mechanism will be established. Those properties that have not responded will be charged an assumptive fee. This fee may be higher than a landowner would be charged if the form had been submitted. Additionally, the information is used to implement protections to groundwater access. An unknown well cannot be protected in the same way as a registered well.