



CARPINTERIA GSA
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

CGSA Listening Session #3
Well Registration and Metering Program Policy

April 28, 2025

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Executive Director

Agenda

- Background
 - Summary of Listening Session #1 – March 31st
 - Summary of Listening Session #2 – April 14th
- Topics & Questions for Policy Consideration
 - Policy and Implementation Timeline
 - Well Registration Requirements
 - Well Metering Requirements
 - Well Status and Location
 - Data Collection
 - Exemptions
 - **Fees and Billing**
 - **Non-Compliance & Enforcement**



Listening Session #1 Summary

Key Takeaways

- Goal to finalize and adopt a Policy by no later than end of June 2025.
- Give property owners until end of March 2026 to both **register their wells** and **install meters** per the Policy.
- Suggesting AMI (Automated Meter Infrastructure) system to save staff time associated with compliance and data collection.
- The goal: by March & April 2026, GSA will have installed all AMI endpoints on well meters.
- May 1, 2026– April 30, 2027, suggested as first billing period to be assessed for FY2027-2028 fees using meters.

Listening Session #1 Summary

Key Takeaways- Continued

- Registration will require CGSA form to be filled out by the well owner. CGSA may develop a custom form or add additional pages to accommodate shared well situations
- New wells will have **30 days** from well completion to register and install meters per the Policy
- CGSA will require one meter per well monitored by the CGSA with CGSA fees billed to the APN of the parcel the well resides on.
- Meter accuracy testing to $\pm 5\%$ every 3 years similar to Fox Canyon's GMA
- If a meter is not maintained within accuracy range or installed; crop-factor calculations will be applied for CGSA fees.

Listening Session #2 Summary

Key Takeaways

- Meter installations must be
 - AMI compatible
 - Not an insertion-style meter
 - Sized appropriately
 - All piping from well to meter must be above ground with no tees, outlets, or sampling ports ahead of the meter.
 - Installations must comply with all state and local requirements and be installed per manufacturer's specifications with adequate upstream and downstream piping along with meeting calibration requirements.
 - Some exceptions may be considered for meeting manufacturer's specifications if in-situ accuracy testing can demonstrate the meter meets calibration requirements.
- Well Flushing Estimation Forms must be completed and submitted for water pumped during well construction/flushing/rehabilitation. This will be added to pumped water total. Form to be provided in Policy and on website.

Listening Session #2 Summary

Key Takeaways- Continued

- State Well Number (SWN) will be the unique identifier used for the well. If SWN is not known or not officially assigned, then CGSA staff will work with DWR to confirm or obtain SWN.
- CGSA staff will not work on abandoned well compliance or report this information to Santa Barbara EHS or Ventura County, but would require well status (active/inactive) to be reported for the CGSA's database to be maintained and fees to be assessed in accordance with the Policy.
- Monthly private well metered data would be collected using a CGSA-owned and maintained AMI system.
- The CGSA proposes to use Badger meter's BEACON Advanced Metering Analytics (AMA) AMI system & software due to staff's familiarity with the software and equipment.
- The CGSA proposes that inactive well owners must fill out an Annual Flowmeter Exemption Form and pay a small annual processing fee to cover staff time. Additional proof such as photos or SCE bills may be required to be exempt/remain exempt.

Listening Session #2 Summary

Key Takeaways- Continued

- Exemptions for installing meters per the Policy are proposed to be limited to:
 - Inactive wells (where owners fill out an Annual Flowmeter Form/affidavit with additional proof of non-use)
 - SGMA de minimis wells: a groundwater well that pumps 2 acre-feet or less per year solely for domestic (non-ag) purposes
- Exemptions for installing AMI equipment are limited to:
 - Inactive & SGMA de minimis wells
 - The CGSA proposes that if a meter is required, then a CGSA-owned and maintained AMI endpoint would be required. **No exemptions proposed for active wells** other than SGMA de minimis wells.

Questions & Topics for Policy Consideration

Covered over 3 listening sessions

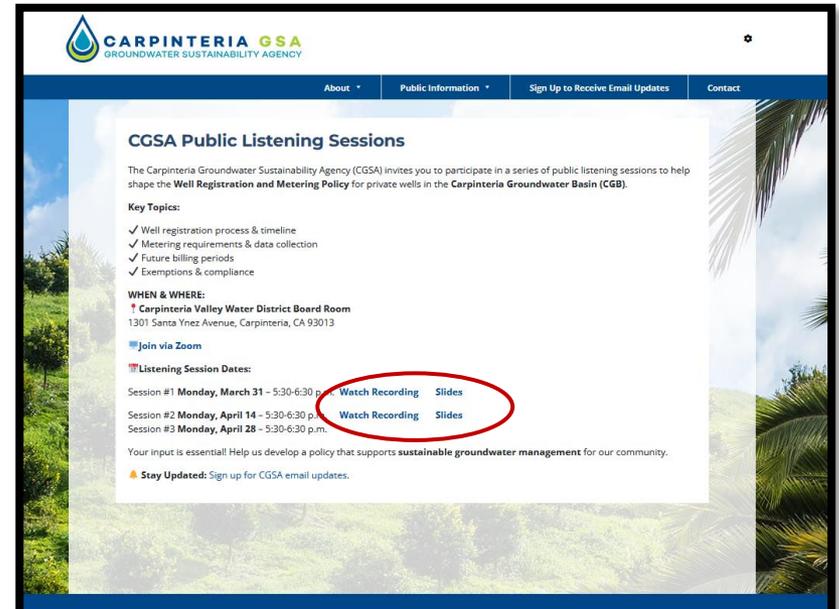
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Background

Listening Session #1 Summary

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Addressing Community Concerns from Listening Session #2

Calibration Contractors – List from Fox Canyon

Approved Flowmeter Calibration Contractors

(for flowmeters within the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency)

ABT Applied Backflow Technologies

(Note: Non-invasive, in place, sonic device testing)

P.O. Box 4193

Ventura, CA 93007

Contact: Lori A. Frost, Owner

Office: (805) 647-5603

FAX: (805) 647-3872

CJ Precision Inc.

(Note: Non-invasive, in place, flow testing)

CJ Precision Inc.

Camarillo, CA 93010

Contact: Chad Carter, Owner

Cell: (805) 342-8844; email cjp805testing@gmail.com

Dick Munns Company

10572 Calle Lee, Suite 138

Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Contact: Rick Munns or Mike Schmidt

Office: (714) 827-1215

Henschel Pump Test LLC

(Note: Non-invasive, in place, pitot tube/manometer method, sonic device testing)

108 Panoramic Ct.

Aledo TX, 76008

Contact: Nicholas Henschel or Ryan Ayerle

Nicholas Henschel Cell: (817) 988-6835; email hpumpstesting@gmail.com

Ryan Ayerle Cell: (805) 421-3903

McCall's Meters

1498 Mesa View Street

Hemet, CA 92543-1896

Contact: Rick Bremer, Manager or Ric Parsons, Product Specialist

Office: (951) 654-5158

Rick Bremer Cell: (951) 830-7186

McCrometer

(Note: Tests McCrometer and Water Specialties Corporation Meters; bench testing only for Water Specialties brand name meters)

3255 West Stetson Avenue

Hemet, CA 92545

Contact: Customer Service

Office: (951) 652-6811

Toll Free: (800) 800-8804

Measurement Control Systems, Inc.

1331 South Lyon Street

Santa Ana, CA 92705

Contact: Milo Clark

Office: (714) 835-0995

Cell: (714) 936-4207

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Approved Flowmeter Calibration Contractors

(for flowmeters within the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency)

ProUsys

(Note: Non-invasive, in place, Mag Meter only, flow testing)

2793 Munson St.

Camarillo, CA 93010

Contact: Scott Rupert, Senior Project Engineer

Cell: (805) 231-6211; email srupert@prousys.com

Sparling Instruments, Inc.

(Note: Bench-testing only for Sparling brand meters of all sizes)

4097 North Temple City Blvd.

El Monte, CA 91731-1089

Contact: Justine Aldridge

Office: (626) 444-0571

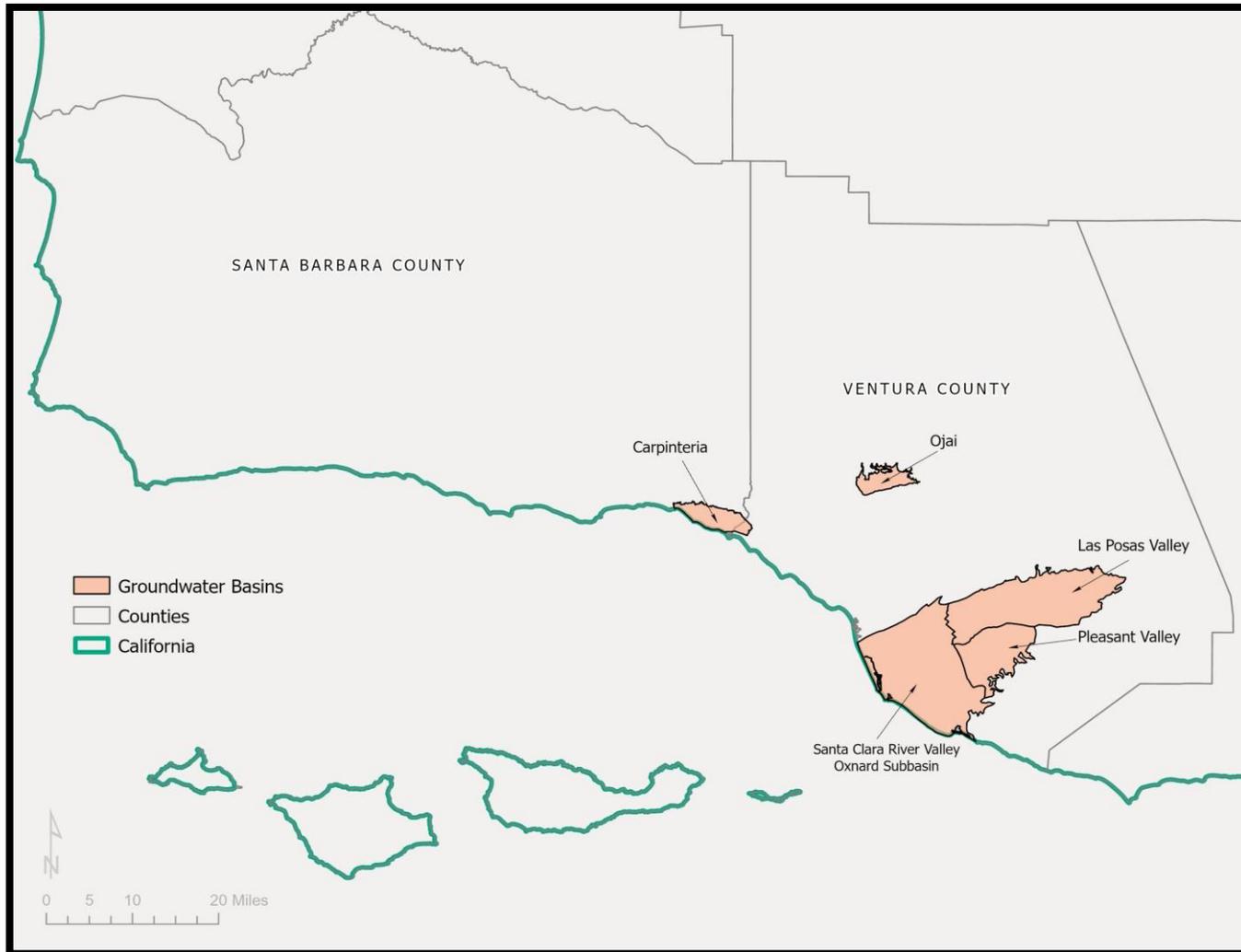
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Addressing Community Concerns from Listening Session #2

Calibration Contractors – Information from 3/9 on the list

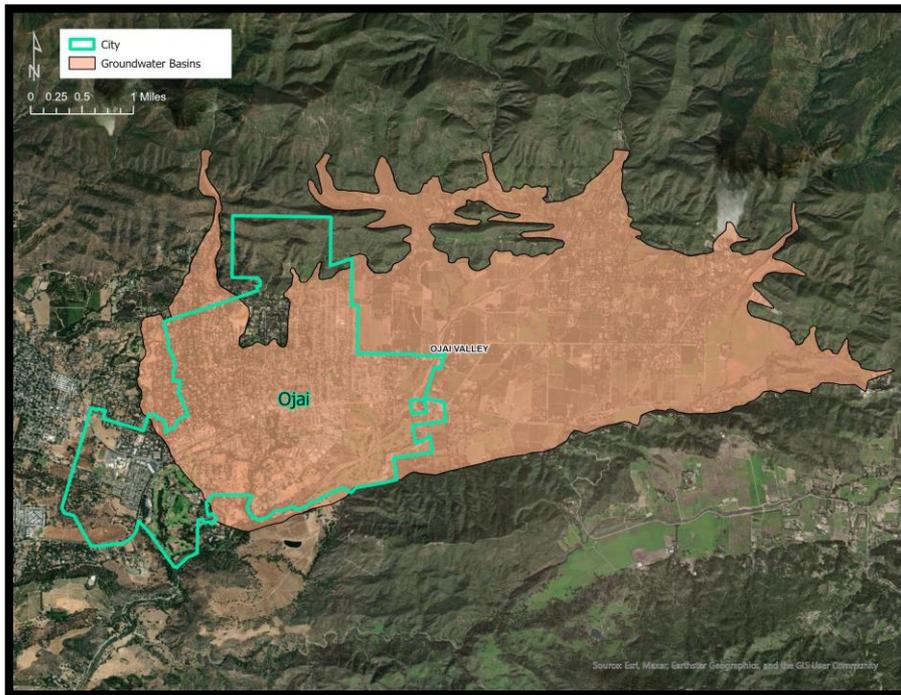
Contractor	Info (Yes/No)	Cost/test	Cost/year (every 3 years)	Scheduling turnaround time	Willing to test in Carpinteria
CJ Precision Inc.	Yes	\$350-400 (\$350 for multiple lined up)	\$117-133	1-2 weeks	Yes
Henshel Pump Test LLC	Yes	\$200	\$66	2-3 weeks	Yes
McCall's Meters	Yes	\$255-265	\$85-88	A few weeks lead time	Yes

Other Local Groundwater Agencies With Metering Programs



Other Local Groundwater Agencies With Metering Programs

Ojai Basin GMA

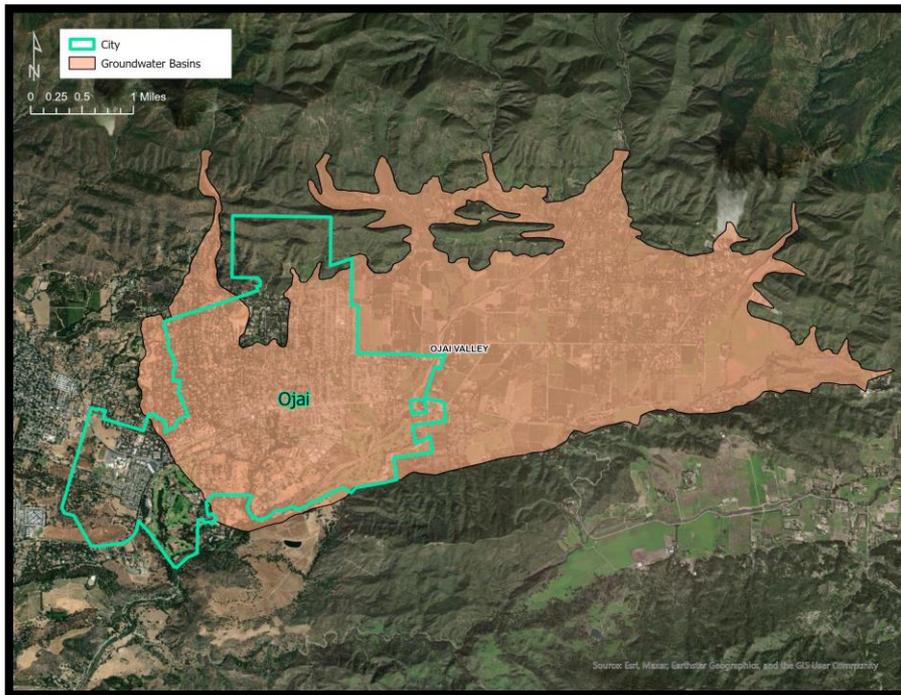


Fox Canyon GMA



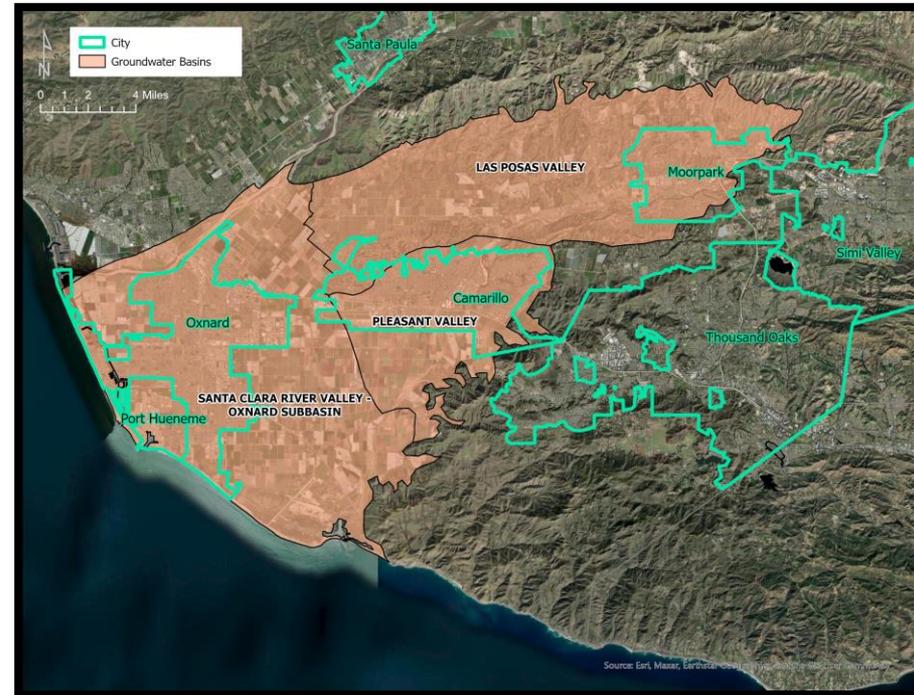
Other Local Groundwater Agencies With Metering Programs

Ojai Basin GMA



150 wells total

Fox Canyon GMA



977 wells total
(of which 258 send exemption forms annually)
719 active

Fees and Billing

Proposed Questions

- How often should metered extraction fees be collected/due to the CGSA?
- What should the billing periods be and when would fees be due?
- Should inactive wells have to pay a fee? What should the annual requirements be for inactive well owners?
- Through what system should the extraction fees be collected?

Fees and Billing

Other Agencies (for context)

- How often should metered extraction fees be collected/due to the CGSA?

Ojai: Quarterly

Fox Canyon: Semi-Annually

- What should the billing periods be and when would fees be due?

Ojai: Feb 1 (for Oct 1 – Dec 31)
May 1 (for Jan 1 – Mar 31)
Aug 1 (for Apr 1 – Jun 30)
Nov 1 (for Jul 1 – Sep 30)

Fox Canyon: March 31 (for Oct 1 – Mar 31)
Sept 30 (for Apr 1 – Sept 30)

- Should inactive wells have to pay a fee? What should the annual requirements be for inactive well owners?

Ojai: every well must pay the quarterly wellhead recordation fee and wellhead fixed fee regardless of usage. There is a minimum use fee. GSP fee is not required if use was <0.5 af Extraction fee form has a section to note whether well was used less than 8 hours

Fox Canyon: Annually, inactive well owners/operators must submit a Flowmeter exemption form to ensure continued meter exemption. They are still required to report metered or estimated extraction to the Agency and pay associated extraction fees. If <8 hours in 12-month period, this can be estimated.

- Through what system should the extraction fees be collected?

Ojai: Independent billing system

Fox Canyon: Independent billing system

Fees and Billing Other Agencies

(For Context) - Ojai

- Active wells fill out form accordingly and pay fixed fees
- Inactive well-fixed fees

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY					
P.O. BOX 1779	OJAI CA 93024	805.640.1207	WWW.OBGMA.COM	OBGMA@AOL.COM	
This form must be completed by each Well Operator within OBGMA jurisdiction					
Reporting Period: JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 2024		Reporting Deadline: May 1, 2024		State Well No.:	
OwnerOp ID: :	Well Operator: :		Telephone No.:	Well Recordation No.:	
Mailing Address: :	City, State, Zip: :		Email: :	APN:	Well Address:
Well Use: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic/Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Mutual Water Co.			Contact: :	Well Name:	
STEP 1 - WELL RECORDATION FEE				If Well Recordation No. appears above, \$5.00 fee applies:	\$0.00 (1)
STEP 2 - WELLHEAD FEE				Every well must pay the quarterly Wellhead Fee, regardless of usage:	\$65.00 (2)
STEP 3 - INACTIVE					
Was well pumped at least eight hours during the past year?					
Yes ___ No ___					
If no, please explain or your well will be presumed to be abandoned by Ventura County					
Explanation:					
STEP 4 - METERED WATER USE					
CURRENT Meter Reading	PREVIOUS Meter Reading	USAGE This Quarter	METER MULTIPLIER (Shown on Meter)	ACRE-FOOT CONVERSION (ABOVE)	AC-FT EXTRACTION
minus	equals	times	divide by	equals	= C
IF C IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.5 ACRE-FEET, GO TO STEP 5 IF C IS GREATER THAN 0.5 ACRE-FEET, GO TO STEP 6					
STEP 5 - MINIMUM USE (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.5 ACRE-FEET)					
If C is less than or equal to 0.5 acre-feet:					
Minimum extraction fee is based on 0.5 acre-foot.					
EXTRACTION FEE (PER ACRE-FOOT)				times	equals
				0.5	\$25
				X	=
					\$ (3)
STEP 6 - EXTRACTION CHARGES (GREATER THAN 0.5 ACRE-FEET)					
If C is more than 0.5 acre-foot:					
EXTRACTION FEE (PER ACRE-FOOT)					
ENTER C		times	equals		
		X	=	\$	= D
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FEE (PER ACRE-FOOT)					
ENTER C		times	equals		
		X	=	\$	= E
* Effective January 1, 2024					
				\$100	= E
TOTAL D+E				\$	(4)
STEP 7 - LATE CHARGE				IF SUBMITTING AFTER REPORTING DEADLINE (10% of D)	10% of D \$ (5)
STEP 8 - TOTAL DUE				TOTAL DUE (1+2+3+4+5)	\$
STEP 9 - SIGNATURE AND DATE					
I declare under penalties of perjury that this groundwater extraction statement has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct, and complete statement.					
DATE:			SIGNATURE:		
This statement is not complete unless all questions are answered and signature is provided					
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Fees and Billing Other Agencies

(For Context) – Fox Canyon

- Active wells pay accordingly
- Price for not installing a meter and complying with metering/calibration requirements: per acre-foot charge is **double** and is calculated using alternate method approved by Executive Director.
- Inactive wells **do not pay a fee** they just submit Annual Flowmeter Exemption Form

Fees & Penalties

Fees and Penalties Related to SAES Reporting

Charge/Penalty Type	Amount	Unit	Resolution or Ordinance	Notes
Extraction Charge	\$6.00	Per acre-foot (AF) extracted	Resolution 2014-2	
Sustainability Fee *	\$29.00	Per AF extracted	Resolution 2022-05	* This fee is not imposed on any person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two (2) acre-feet per year or less.
Reserve Fee *	\$20.00	Per AF extracted	Resolution 2020-05	* This fee is not imposed on any person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two (2) acre-feet per year or less.
Civil Penalties	\$50.00	Per day Late Violation exists	Resolution 2019-1	
Non-Metered Water Use Fee	\$12.00	Per AF extracted	Ordinance 3.5.1	See pg. 8 of linked PDF
Surcharges – Tier I	\$1,929.00	Per AF that exceeds allocation by 25 AF or less	Resolution 2024-03	
Surcharges – Tier II	\$2,179.00	Per AF that exceeds allocation by more than 25 AF but less than 100 AF	Resolution 2024-03	
Surcharges – Tier III	\$2,429.00	Per AF that exceeds allocation by more than 100 AF	Resolution 2024-03	

Fees and Billing

Staff Suggestions

- How often should metered extraction fees be collected/due to the CGSA? Submit June/July and collect in November & February on Fall & Spring taxes.

The CGSA proposes to continue to use the County tax roll system to submit direct assessments of CGSA fees. This would prevent many compliance issues and save staff time.

- What should the billing periods be and when would fees be due?

The CGSA proposes to use a billing period of May 1 – April 30 each year. This provides adequate time in the months of May and June for staff to prepare and format data for submission to Ventura and Santa Barbara County's Assessor's Offices in June/July. Fees would be due early Nov. and early Feb.

- Should inactive wells have to pay a fee? What should the annual requirements be for inactive well owners?

The CGSA is proposing an Annual Flowmeter Exemption Form and a **\$35** processing fee per well for inactive well owners. The Annual Flowmeter Exemption Form would be similar to the one provided by Fox Canyon & may require photos or SCE bills to be submitted to prove non-use or other evidence. Fee is designed to cover staff time processing/scanning data and updating database.

- Through what system should the extraction fees be collected?

The CGSA proposes to continue to use the county tax roll systems. This would save money and time associated with developing an independent system and save staff time on compliance.

Fees & Billing (continued)

Proposed Questions

- Should there be a past-due fee for late/non-submittal of Annual Flowmeter Exemption Forms for inactive wells?
- Should there be tampering fees for cutting or removing connection to CGGSA-owned equipment (endpoints/data transmitters)?
- Should there be fees assessed when access is denied to a well site and the CGSA is unable to work on their equipment or verify well status or meter presence?

Fees & Billing (continued)

Other Agencies (for context)

- Should there be a past-due fee for late/non-submittal of Annual Flowmeter Exemption Forms for inactive wells?

Ojai: Inactive wells must submit Quarterly Extraction Statement & pay fixed fees quarterly. No exemptions for inactive wells at this time. Late charge of 10% of extraction fee.

Fox Canyon: Subject to civil penalties if in violation

- Should there be tampering fees for cutting or removing connection to CGGSA-owned equipment (endpoints/data transmitters)?

Ojai: No AMI system, not applicable.

Fox Canyon: Not applicable, AMI system is not owned by Fox Canyon. Fees if they do not comply with AMI Ordinance of \$1,000 per day

- Should there be fees assessed when access is denied to a well site and the CGSA is unable to work on their equipment or verify well status or meter presence?

Both Agencies: Not applicable, no Agency-owned equipment.

Fees & Billing (continued)

Staff Suggestions

- Should there be a past-due fee for late and non-submittal of Annual Flowmeter Exemption Forms for inactive wells?

The CGSA is proposing a **\$120** fee for past-due Annual Flowmeter Exemption Forms. This is designed to cover 2 hours of staff time sending out past-due letters, making calls, and sending e-mails. The CGSA is proposing a **\$360** fee if the Annual Flowmeter Exemption Form is completely ignored and not turned in prior to the end of the billing period. This is designed to cover 2 hours of office staff time associated with potential calls/emails/letters and then 4 hours of field staff time, potentially visiting the inactive well quarterly to ensure it remains inactive while continuing to try to get the owner to submit paperwork.

- Should there be tampering fees for cutting or removing connection to CGGSA-owned equipment (endpoints/data transmitters)?

The CGSA is proposing a **\$300** tampering fee, which is designed to cover the cost of a new endpoint/data transmitter in the event that it be required and one hour of staff time. If the wires on the meter become damaged then it is the owner's responsibility to replace wires or meter if the CGSA is unable to connect their equipment to the meter's wires.

- Should there be fees assessed when access is denied to a well site and the CGSA is unable to work on their equipment or verify well status or meter presence?

The CGSA is proposing a **\$200** Failure to Provide Access Penalty Fee if staff attempt to contact the owner and site contact more than 5 times via phone and email with no responses to regain access to a well site. After a No Access Letter is sent via certified mail and no response has been received for two weeks, the Failure to Provide Access Penalty Fee of \$200 may be assessed to the property to cover staff time spent both in the field and in the office trying to regain access. If expenses exceed **\$200** standard fee, then CGSA may assess additional fees to cover costs, such as law enforcement.

Non-Compliance & Enforcement

Proposed Questions

- What should happen if fees are not paid in a timely manner?
- What are the fines, if any, for not registering wells or installing meters per the Policy?
- What if access is denied onto a property where there is record of a well?
- How would CGSA fees be calculated if a meter is installed after the billing period has begun?

Non-Compliance & Enforcement

Other Agencies (for context)

- What should happen if fees are not paid in a timely manner?

Ojai: If their payment is past due, they charge 10% on the extraction fee portion of the bill.

Fox Canyon: They charge interest on the extraction charge section of their bill at 1.5% x the number of month(s) overdue.

- What are the fines, if any, for not registering wells or installing meters per the Policy?

Ojai: They are currently charging parcels for non-compliance.

Fox Canyon: Their rate increases to Non-Metered Water Use Fee which is 2x regular amount (3.5 & 3.5.1 Ordinance Code). Also subject to civil penalties.

- What if access is denied onto a property where there is record of a well?

Ojai & Fox Canyon: Access not necessarily needed regularly, but staff is authorized to inspect equipment as needed with advance notice. No OBGMA or FCGMA-owned equipment on site, but photos required regularly of property owner's equipment.

- How would CGSA fees be calculated if a meter is installed after the billing period has begun?

Ojai: Had allowed owner to calculate fees using crop factors. No longer allowing.

Fox Canyon: Had allowed owner to use alternate calculation at higher rate. They are focusing on compliance moving forward and will be assessing fees for non-compliance.

Non-Compliance & Enforcement

Staff Suggestions

- What should happen if fees are not paid in a timely manner?

The CGSA proposes to continue using the county tax roll system because most issues with delinquent CGSA fees/payments would be handled by the County rather than CGSA staff.

- What are the fines, if any, for not registering wells or installing meters per the Policy?

The CGSA proposes to use the highest crop factor from a pre-established 10-year period to continue to access CGSA fees using crop acreages until a meter is installed. The goal of using the highest crop factor calculated over the 10-year period is to incentivize meter installations. Non-registration of wells may be subject to a **\$120** fee to cover staff time mailing letters and/or hanging tags notifying the property that it has not met the requirements of the Policy. The CGSA may exempt these fees the first year.

- What if access is denied onto a property where there is record of a well?

The Policy will give access rights to the wellhead and will be enforced by law enforcement if necessary. Owner responsible for any additional costs associated with law enforcement.

- How would CGSA fees be calculated if a meter is installed after the March 2026 deadline or after the 30-day requirement on a new well?

The CGSA proposes that if the meter is not installed for the full billing period, then the CGSA fees for the unknown months will be calculated at highest monthly crop factor.

Non-Compliance & Enforcement (continued)

Proposed Questions

- How long should property owners have to test the accuracy of their meter and report the results to the CGSA?
- How long should property owners have to replace or recalibrate an inaccurate meter?
- How would the CGSA fees be calculated if a meter is not replaced or recalibrated within its calibration period?

Non-Compliance & Enforcement (continued)

Other Agencies (for context)

- How long should property owners have to test the accuracy of their meter and report the results to the CGSA?

Ojai: Resolution 2015-2 → 60 days
Calibration noncompliance fees \$250 to cover enforcement

Fox Canyon: Resolution 2019-2 owner must submit test results showing compliance within 120 days of written notification by the Agency.

- How long should property owners have to replace or recalibrate an inaccurate meter?

Ojai: within 30 days. Then, if owner receives a "Notice of Non-Compliance" letter they must repair the meter if necessary, certify its accuracy, and send the testing results to OBGMA within 60 days or subject to \$250 enforcement fees.

Fox Canyon: Resolution 2019-2 → 30 days after failed accuracy test
After 120 days subject to civil penalties

- How would the CGSA fees be calculated if a meter is not replaced or recalibrated within its calibration period?

Ojai: Previously allowed for crop factors to be used as a back-up method. No longer allowing.

Fox Canyon: Ordinance code does not specify. According to staff must be calculated using alternate method & owner/operator is subject to civil penalties

Non-Compliance & Enforcement (continued)

Staff Suggestions

- How long should property owners have to test the accuracy of their meter and report the results to the CGSA?

The CGSA proposes that owners have 30 days to test the accuracy of their meter and report the results to the CGSA. The CGSA plans on setting up wells with a set “test month” that the owner would be responsible for testing the meter within every 3 years. Letters would be mailed to the owner prior.

- How long should property owners have to replace or recalibrate an inaccurate meter?

The CGSA proposes that owners have 30 days to replace or recalibrate an inaccurate meter after it fails a meter accuracy test.

- How would the CGSA fees be calculated if a meter is not replaced or recalibrated within its calibration period?

The CGSA proposes that, if an owner takes longer than 30 days to replace or recalibrate an inaccurate meter after it fails a meter accuracy test, the CGSA fees based on meter data will be adjusted based on the most recent meter accuracy test and an additional **\$500** fee will be charged to the property. If the meter remains out of calibration into the next billing period, their CGSA fees will be calculated using the highest crop factor method.

Non-Compliance & Enforcement (continued)

Proposed Questions

- How would the CGSA handle properties that fail to install a meter per the Policy?

Non-Compliance & Enforcement (continued)

Other Agencies (for context)

- How would the CGSA handle properties that fail to install a meter per the Policy?

Ojai: Previously were allowing crop factors to be used as a back-up method. They are no longer allowing this and are enforcing fines for noncompliance with their Metering Policy.

- a. Consider the imposition of a one-time fine not to exceed \$500 to be assessed against the owner/operator of State Well No. _____, located at property address _____ (APN _____), for the intentional failure of the owner/operator to equip the well with a water flow measuring device prior to the compliance deadline established by the Board of Directors of January 30, 2025
- b. Consider the imposition of an additional daily civil penalty in the range of \$20 to \$50 per day to be assessed against the owner/operator of State Well No. _____, located at property address _____ (APN _____) for the continuing failure of the owner/operator to equip the well with a water flow measuring device from the established compliance deadline of January 30, 2025, through the Board hearing date of March 27, 2025 (a total of 56 days)
- c. Approve Resolution No. 2025-01
Finch motioned to approve Resolution No. 2025-1 requiring a one-time fine of \$500 and a civil penalty of \$2,800 equivalent to \$50 per day for 56 days. Whitman seconded.
Roll Call vote:
Ayes: Daddi, Whitman, Finch and Hajas
Noes: None

Non-Compliance & Enforcement (continued)

Other Agencies (for context)

- How would the CGSA handle properties that fail to install a meter per the Policy?

Fox Canyon has language for noncompliance outlining various civil penalties.

6. Non-Compliance

Pursuant to the statutory authority granted by the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Act, Sections 405 and 807, and its Ordinance Code, a Notice of Violation shall be sent to any operator and/or owner who fails to provide the Agency with proof of accurate flowmeter calibration within the allotted 120-day time period. Also, any flowmeter for which the required proof of accuracy is not submitted within 120 days shall be deemed a non-operating flowmeter for purposes of Section 3.5 of the Agency Ordinance Code.

In addition, any operator and/or owner who fails to provide the Agency with proof of accurate flowmeter calibration within:

- a) 120 days after a Notice of Violation is sent shall be liable to the Agency for a civil penalty in the amount of **\$1,100.00;**
- b) 150 days after the Notice of Violation is sent shall be liable to the Agency for an additional civil penalty in the amount of an \$600.00, for a total penalty of **\$1,700.00;**
- c) 210 days after the Notice of Violation is sent shall be liable to the Agency for an additional civil penalty in the amount of \$600.00, for a total penalty of **\$2,300.00.**

Non-compliance at the end of 210 days shall subject the owner to enforcement action and additional fines, penalties, fees or liens as authorized by the Agency Ordinance Code or state law.

Non-Compliance & Enforcement (continued)

Staff Suggestions

- How would the CGSA handle properties that fail to install a meter per the Policy?
The CGSA will consider civil penalties if all other remedies are exhausted.

Well Registration and Metering Policy

Questions/ Comments?

Please state your name before your question/comment both from online and in-person.

Updated CGSA Implementation Timeline

Currently Proposed



Proposed Implementation Timeline:
(through first two tentative billing periods of metered CGSA fees)

Timeframe	Proposed Private Well Metering Program and Well Registration Policy Step
December 2024	Policy Framework Board Meeting Presentation and Staff Memo.
March 31, 2025	First Listening Session
April 14, 2025	Second Listening Session
April 28, 2025	Third Listening Session
June TBD, 2025	Adopt final Policy at second Board meeting of the month. Require private well meters and registration paperwork to be submitted by end of March 2026 (+12 months) - 9 months
July 1, 2025 – March 2026	Private well owners begin installing meters and registering their wells. CGSA staff to begin to install ERTs/"endpoint" radio transmitters.
March 2026	By end of month, all active wells require meters and all active and inactive wells must have registration paperwork submitted. Wells exempt from installing meters would also be required to submit their first annual exemption form/potential affidavit.
March & April 2026	CGSA staff finish installing ERTs/"endpoint" radio transmitters at all private wells and finish all data entry for upload to AMI system. All wells entered into a separate system for work order or service order tracking.
May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027	AMI system collects reads for 12-month billing period.
May and June 2027	CGSA staff download and format data and prepare for direct charge submissions.
July 2027	CGSA staff submit Ventura County Direct Assessment information for tax roll.
July 2027	CGSA staff submit Santa Barbara County Direct Assessment information for tax roll.
November 2027 - Feb 2028	FY 2027-2028 CGSA fees collected through tax rolls in both counties based on May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027 groundwater extraction.
May 1, 2027 – April 30, 2028	AMI system collects reads for 12-month billing period.
May and June 2028	CGSA staff download and format data and prepare for direct charge submissions.
July 2028	CGSA staff submit Ventura County Direct Assessment information for tax roll.
July 2028	CGSA staff submit Santa Barbara County Direct Assessment information for tax roll.
November 2027 - Feb 2029	FY 2028-2029 CGSA fees collected through tax rolls in both counties based on May 1, 2027 - April 30, 2028 groundwater extraction.