



April 20, 2026

Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency
PO Box 225
Carpinteria, CA 93014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
To Property Owners of Real Property About
Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Agency Fees

When: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
Where: Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA 93013

The Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CGSA) will hold a **Public Hearing** on June 10, 2026 to consider changes to GSA fees for fiscal year 2027. The CGSA determined the GSA pumping fee using methods outlined in the 2027 Cost of Service Study which is incorporated into this notice by reference and can be found on the CGSA website at <https://carpgsa.org/>.

Current fee fiscal year 2026	Proposed fee fiscal year 2027
\$79.00 /acre-foot	\$120.00/acre-foot

The GSA fee supports the sustainability of the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin. The fee is based on estimated pumping for parcels using groundwater. Charges were developed using crop-based estimates for each parcel. Estimates were sent out to each parcel in fall of 2025 for verification.

Protesting the Increase

If you are responsible to pay this fee for an affected property, and you oppose the change shown in the table above, you may submit a written protest that includes (at a minimum) the following information:

- (1) The assessor’s parcel number(s) or street address(es) of the affected property(ies);
- (2) A clear statement protesting the fee change discussed in this notice;
- (3) Your status as to the affected property(ies) that makes you responsible to pay this fee (e.g., property owner, tenant); and
- (4) Your printed name *and* original signature.

CGSA will only accept one protest per affected property. Protests may be mailed to the PO box listed at the top of this letter, delivered in person to 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013, or submitted at the hearing on June 10, 2026. In any event, written protests must be received prior to or during the June 10 hearing. **Any protest received after that hearing concludes will not be counted.** If valid written protests against the proposed fee are presented by a majority of parcels served by the CGSA, the CGSA shall not impose the fee change. Finally, while CGSA will accept oral testimony and comments at the hearing, only written protests will be counted toward a majority protest.

Legal Objections

If you claim the proposed rate change is unlawful, you may file a legal objection with CGSA. Any such objection must include the following information to be valid:

- (1) Your printed name, original signature, and either the assessor’s parcel number or street address of your property that is subject to CGSA’s fee.



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- (2) The specific rate or charge that you claim is unlawful.
- (3) The grounds for your claim that the rate or charge at issue is unlawful. Please note that these grounds must be sufficiently detailed to allow CGSA to determine whether alterations to the proposed fee are needed. A general statement such as, "This violates Proposition 218," is insufficient. As noted above, the written basis for the proposed rate change can be found on the CGSA website at <https://carpgsa.org/>.

Legal objections may be mailed to the PO box listed at the top of this letter or delivered in person to 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013. Faxed or emailed objections will not be accepted. **In any event, objections must be received no later than Monday, June 8, 2026.** Please note that this deadline is prior to the hearing on June 10, 2026, so CGSA may review objections and provide a response at that hearing.

Failure to submit a timely objection will bar the right to challenge this rate increase in court, and any such action will be limited to the issues identified in that objection. Finally, California Government Code section 53759 provides a 120-day statute of limitations for judicially challenging these rates.

Please call Kelley Dyer, Executive Director, at (805) 600-4871 if you have any questions about the Public Hearing process or the proposed changes to GSA fees.

La CGSA es bilingüe, para obtener información sobre las tarifas de extracción, llame a la oficina al 805-684-2816.