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FCGMA Mission Statement

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA), established by the State Legislature in 1982, is charged with the preservation and management of groundwater resources within the areas or lands overlying the Fox Canyon aquifer for the common benefit of the public and all agricultural, domestic, and municipal and industrial users.

California Water Stewards: *Innovative On-farm Management Practices*

As water becomes increasingly scarce in California, the role of agriculture has come under increasing scrutiny.

Reduced access to water has threatened the livelihoods of many California farmers and consequently, the state's \$36 Billion agricultural sector.

Notwithstanding this, California growers have been taking important leadership

roles with respect to improved agricultural water management.

Innovative water resource management efforts by farmers statewide, including Bus Gunderson, with the Limoneira Company in Santa Paula, CA, are documented in a report entitled, "*California Water Stewards, Innovative On-farm Water Management.*" The report was published by the Cali-

fornia Institute for Rural Studies and the California Agricultural Stewardship Initiative.

Case-studies of some of the leading agricultural water stewards in California which highlight innovative water-wise strategies are in the report, which can be accessed at: www.cirsinc.org or via the link on our website at www.fcgma.org.

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2010 FCGMA REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The FCGMA has scheduled regular Board meetings for calendar year 2010. Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month except as noted.

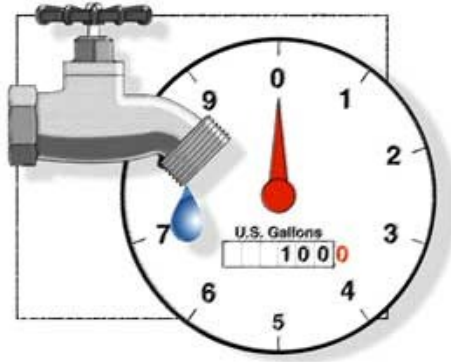
All meetings will be held at the Ventura County Government Center, Administration Building, in the County Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

Schedule

January 27th	July 28th
February 24th	August—Dark
March 24th	September 22nd
April 28th	October 27th
May 26th	November—Dark
June 23rd	December 1st

All Board meetings begin at 1:30 P.M.

Meter Calibration Program Results



As of December 31, 2009, a total of 712 out of 724 active wells within the Agency boundary have successfully met the meter calibration program standards adopted by the Board of Directors. *The Agency would like to thank everyone who complied in a timely manner.*

There are 564 confirmed meters that have been calibrated, plus 148 new meters that were installed during the calibration program, to total 712 “Active” wells within the Agency that would require metering under existing rules. Since only 12 meters (wells) remain un-accounted for (uncalibrated), that means only 1.68% remain to complete the process, or that 98.3% of all active wells have accurate meters.

Annual Request for Stakeholder Nominations for John K. Flynn Water Stewardship Award



In 2003, a Groundwater Steward Award was established to honor long time County Supervisor and former FCGMA Director John Flynn for his many accomplishments and contributions to the Fox Canyon GMA. The award was meant to recognize an indi-

vidual or entity that contributed the most to protecting groundwater, enhancing water quality, or assisting the FCGMA in efforts to manage the water resources in this area. The award shall be made to that individual or organization who, during the past year or years, has

made the greatest contribution to the preservation and improvement of quality and/or quantity of groundwater in the FCGMA. Please forward stakeholder nominations to Dave Panaro, FCGMA Staff Geologist by March 1, 2010 at dave.panaro@ventura.org.

Proposed Ordinance No. 8.2



At the January 27, 2010 Board meeting, the Board will consider adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 8.2, which will revise the FCGMA Ordinance Code.

The proposed revisions that will be presented are minor in scope, however, more changes are to come in 2010 so stay tuned!

The proposed revisions can be found on our website at www.fcgma.org.