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New Web-Based FCGMA Groundwater Extraction Management Accounting and Reporting Software Application

First Phase Complete in August of 2010

In September of 2009, the Agency's Board of Directors approved plans to update our groundwater extraction management software systems to make our operations more efficient and give you the ability to manage your accounts online. *The first phase of this work will be complete by the end of August, 2010.*

Existing Manual System Needed Improvements

For years, we have collected groundwater extraction and payment information from you on paper semi-annual statement forms that you fill out and mail to us. Processing these forms required us to print approximately 1,100 statements each year; mail them to you; wait for you to receive, complete and return them with payment. *All of this took a lot of time, effort and paper.*

Also, final approval actions on well permit applications, transfer allocation requests, or updates of owner and/or operator information, were dependent on slower means.

On-Line Reporting and Payment Options for Well Owners and Operators

Our new software application will enable you to create an online account (either as a well owner or operator), "self-report" your groundwater extractions, view the status of your allocations and credit balances, request transfers, fill-out required forms, and *eventually, pay pump charges conveniently online.*

Our new application provides a highly-secure online account reporting system similar to other online banking accounts you may have. Online payment (ePay) options *should be fully available to you by year end 2010.*



What's Next? How to Learn More and Sign-Up

Pilot testing is currently underway with the help of some volunteer FCGMA well owners and operators.

So what is next? Use of the new online application currently is not mandatory, but we encourage you to try it on a voluntary basis.

We plan on *offering training workshops later this year*, so that you will be able to fully use all the functionality contained in the new system *by January of 2011*, in time for the next Semi-Annual Extraction Statement (2010-2).

If you have any questions, or would like more information on creating your very own online account as a well owner or operator, please call **Sheila Lopez, FCGMA Engineering Technician** directly at **805.645.1372** or by e-mail: sheila.lopez@ventura.org



Agency Groundwater Credits Workshop: July 28, 2010 Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will hold a Study Session Workshop on Agency Groundwater Credits during the **July 28, 2010 Board of Directors Regular Meeting** which begins at **1:30 p.m.** The purpose of the workshop is to give the Board of Directors, groundwater stakeholders and the public an overview of groundwater credit accumulation, usage trends and possible impacts on the future health of the groundwater basins managed by the FCGMA.

This time-certain workshop will begin at **3:00 p.m.** The workshop will be held in the **Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Hall of Administration, County Government Center, 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA. 93009.** All Agency groundwater stakeholders, including well owners, operators, cities, special districts, mutual water companies, agricultural, municipal and domestic pumpers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information please contact: **Jeff Pratt, Agency Executive Officer at 805.654-2703 or by e-mail at jeff.pratt@ventura.org.**

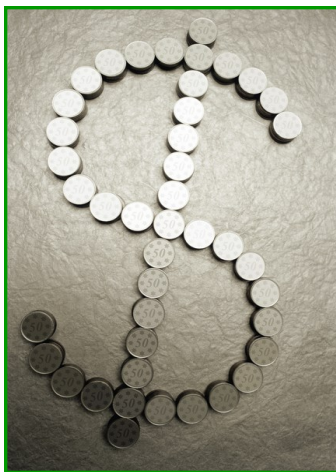


Ordinance No. 8.3: Minor Changes to the FCGMA Ordinance Code Regarding Extraction Reporting and Flowmetering Proposed for Adoption at July 28th Meeting

Proposed Ordinance No. 8.3 represents the *second round* of ordinance updates being conducted as part of the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Ordinance Update Project. It includes *minor changes* to those portions of the Ordinance Code containing requirements for reporting extractions and flowmetering. Dur-

ing the May 2010 Board meeting, the Agency's Board of Directors conducted a *first reading in title only* of Ordinance No. 8.3. A *public hearing* was held during the June 23, 2010 regular meeting, which included stakeholder comments. Following that, the Board of Directors gave Agency staff policy direction

and *scheduled further consideration and final adoption* of Ordinance No. 8.3 *during the July 28, 2010 meeting.* The proposed revisions can be found on our website at www.fcgma.org. For further information please contact **Bryan Bondy, UWCD/FCGMA Assoc. Hydrogeologist** at 805.658.4373.



FY 11 Annual Work Plan and Budget Adopted

During the June 23, 2010 regular meeting, the Agency's Board of Directors adopted an Annual Work Plan and Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011. The Annual Work Plan contained **37 discrete major work tasks** (24 Core and 13 Additional Services), each containing functional descriptors, proposed level of effort, projected deliverables and costs. The Agency's **\$1.8 Million** adopted budget is **structurally balanced and fiscally sound**, with **no change** in the Agency's \$4.00 per acre-foot groundwater pump charge.

New in this year's budget is the **Groundwater Supply Enhancement Assistance Program (GSEAP)**. As currently envisioned, under GSEAP, using Surcharge Revenues received from overpumpers, the Agency would work cooperatively with local water agencies **to provide technical assistance and/or potential funding** for components of eligible water projects which promote increased groundwater supply within the FCGMA. The Agency's Annual