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FCGMA Administrative Policies and Business Practices Manual

At the October 27, 2010 Board meeting, staff presented a draft FCGMA Administrative Policies and Business Practices Manual (Manual). Staff intends to present the final revised version of the Manual at the March 23, 2011 Board meeting. Agency staff values its stakeholders' feedback and welcomes comments regarding the draft Manual. A copy of the draft Manual can be found on the Agency's website at www.fcgma.org. The deadline to submit comments to Miranda Nobriga, FCGMA Clerk of the Board, is February 16, 2011 at miranda.nobriga@ventura.org.

New Database/Online Statements

The Agency is conducting testing of its new FCGMA Online software application that will allow Well Operators and Well Owners to manage their FCGMA account. We will shortly begin pilot testing with some Well Operators and Well Owners. There are a number of advantages to this new system that include you being able to manage much of your account by logging on to a

secure website like any other online utility account you may have set up (such as electric, gas, telephone, etc.). Specifically, once you set up your FCGMA account you can arrange how you want to be contacted by the Agency (mail, email, etc.). You will be able to input your well's groundwater extractions directly into an online form, and even pay online if you choose. Well permits,

applications for baseline extraction allocations, and other options will be available online too. Use of the new system is optional. For the 2011-1 Semi Annual reporting period, all Well Operators will be able to login, report groundwater extractions, and pay online if desired. The Agency will offer training on the new system in the spring.

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Board Meeting Agenda Item Requests

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) strives to accommodate its stakeholders' requests for Board agenda items. In order to meet our agenda packet print deadline, we respectfully request submissions for agenda items be directed to Ms. Miranda Nobriga, FCGMA Clerk of the Board, for consideration no later than three weeks prior to scheduled Board meetings.

You can email Ms. Nobriga directly at miranda.nobriga@ventura.org or mail your request to Ms. Miranda Nobriga, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Clerk of the Board, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1610.

Irrigation Training and Research Center's Evaluation of the Agency's Irrigation Efficiency Program

During the December 2010 Board meeting, Dr. Stuart Styles from the Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC) presented his second and final evaluation (Task No. 2.2) of the Agency's irrigation efficiency extraction allocation program. He made specific recommendations to improve the program including an increase in crop-type categories from the five that are currently available (which we knew were too few) to 24 categories. He also recommended that simplifying approaches be used moving forward where we move away

from an annually calculated "allowed water" for a crop, to an irrigation index for a crop that is a function of the year's precipitation and whether the crop is near the coast or inland. He also recommended that the current terminology of FCGMA "irrigation efficiency" be replaced with an "irrigation index" for a crop, this, since strictly speaking, the current Agency irrigation efficiency program is not a true measure of irrigation efficiency. His study also included important input, study and approval

from our local University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Farm Advisor Dr. Ben Faber, and from the UCCE Irrigation Specialist, Dr. Larry Schwankl. At the January 26, 2011 Board meeting we will present an approach to begin making the recommended changes and the timeframe for those changes. If you would like to learn more about the ITRC reports (Task No. 2.1 and the final Task No. 2.2 report) they are available for download from the FCGMA website at www.fcgma.org.

John K. Flynn Water Stewardship Award

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 individual 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, 2011 at dave.panaro@ventura.org.

2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE



The FCGMA has scheduled regular Board meetings for calendar year 2011. 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 26th	July 27th
February 23rd	August—Dark
March 23rd	September 28th
April 27th	October 26th
May 25th	November—Dark
June 22nd	December 7th

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