



# Semi-Annual Newsletter

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## Las Posas Basin-Specific Management Plan Development Update

The Las Posas Users Group (LPUG) will be working to finalize the Las Posas Basin-Specific Groundwater Management Plan (LPBSMP) during the second half of 2011. The LPBSMP is being developed by LPUG (an open group consisting of local well owners/operators) to address declining groundwater levels and water quality concerns in the Las Posas Basin. Since the necessary solutions will undoubtedly require an investment by most local pumpers and

possible adjustments to groundwater pumping operations, your participation in the planning process is encouraged. We anticipate LPUG approval of the LPBSMP by September 2011 and the FCGMA Board is currently scheduled to consider adopting the plan in December 2011. For more information about the LPBSMP, please visit <http://www.calleguas.com/LPB/LPBMP.htm> or contact Bryan Bondy, United Water Conservation District, at (805) 525-4431 or [bryanb@unitedwater.org](mailto:bryanb@unitedwater.org).

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## Agency Software

By the time the next Semi-Annual Newsletter reaches you in January 2012, we will be looking for more well operators to use the new online program for extraction reporting and payment. It has some advantages over the paper system and will allow you to manage much of your operator account online. Stay tuned for more details.



## Irrigation Efficiency Program changes to the Irrigation Allowance Index in 2012

Last year a technical study of the Agency's Irrigation Efficiency Program was completed at the Agency's request. The study was done by the Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC) to determine how the Irrigation Efficiency Program would best be improved. In January this year, the Board approved moving forward with the recommendations of the ITRC and the new

program will be in place starting in the 2012 reporting year. We will hold two workshops: **August 24 at the Camarillo Airport, and September 8 at Calleguas Municipal Water District.** The purpose of the workshops is to provide information and training on the new program. Essentially, we are moving away from the term "irrigation efficiency filing" and "allowed water" and using some more correct terminology and

crop water values. Filing will still be done at the end of the year, but instead growers will use a simple table to look up the irrigation allowance for the crop based on that year's rainfall amount and whether or not the crop is located in a coastal, mid, or inland area. Additional information on the revised approach can be found on the Agency website, described as Option No. 1 in the ITRC Task 2.2 report.

## Meter Calibration

It's time to start recalibrating flowmeters for some well operators. As of July 1, 2011, the three-year cycle to verify that a well's flowmeter is properly calibrated will close for approximately 120 well operators. So for those flowmeters that were calibrated more than three years ago, we are requiring the flowmeter be recalibrated this calendar year.



## Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Work Plan and Budget Adopted

During the June 22, 2011 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 31 discrete major work tasks (25 Core and 6 Additional Services), each task contains functional descriptors, proposed level of effort, projected deliverables and estimated costs. The Agency's \$1.3 Million adopted budget is balanced, with no change in the Agency's \$4.00 per acre-foot groundwater pump charge.