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2011 Agency Annual Report

The Board of Directors received and filed the 2011 Annual Report during the May 2012 Board Meeting. During 2011, the Agency made progress towards implementing groundwater management strategies, and meeting the Basin Management Objectives (BMO) established in the 2007 Update Groundwater Management Plan. Overall, groundwater conditions and status relative to the BMOs are similar to that reported for 2010. Rainfall, evapotranspiration, groundwater extraction, net conservation credits earned, and the number of Irrigation Efficiency filings were about average. The total reported volume of groundwater extractions was 116,101 acre-feet (AF), which is below (95% of) the long-term average (1991-2011), 121,838 AF. The total groundwater volume extracted under the Irrigation Efficiency program was 36,798 AF. Many significant actions took place in 2011. For details, please view the 2011 Annual Report on the Agency Internet Web Site: <http://www.fcgma.org>.

Adoption of Resolution Nos. 2012-02 & 2012-03

In April and May of 2012, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) adopted Resolution Nos. 2012-02 and 2012-03. Resolution No 2012-02, adopted on April 25, 2012, authorizes the FCGMA to impose civil penalties against operators who are in violation of the flowmeter calibration requirements within the Ordinance Code. Resolution

No. 2012-03, adopted on May 23, 2012, authorizes the FCGMA to impose civil penalties against operators who are and have been in violation of the extraction reporting and payment requirements of the Ordinance Code. To learn more about these and other FCGMA Resolutions, please visit the Agency's website at: <http://www.fcgma.org>.

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- Lynn Maulhardt, Chair
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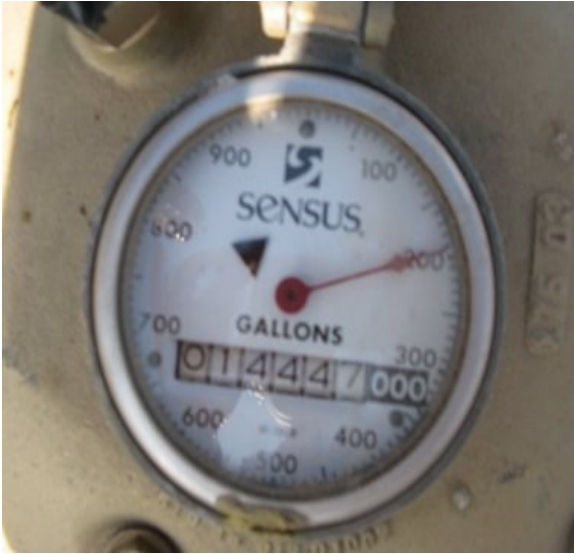
FCGMA Staff Members:

- Jeff Pratt, Executive Officer
- Alberto Boada, Agency Counsel
- Gerhardt Hubner, Deputy Director
- Rick Viergutz, Groundwater Manager
- Kathleen Riedel, Groundwater Specialist
- Sheila Lopez, Engineering Technician
- Jessica Rivera, Temporary Clerk of the Board

FCGMA Online Progress Update

Past newsletters informed you that the Agency was developing a new software system which would allow you, the well owner and/or operator, to manage your FCGMA account online. We are pleased to announce that the project is complete. "What's in it for me?" you ask. Convenience and efficiency. You can now logon to the secure website <https://www.fcgmaonline.org> and manage your account more efficiently than in the past. How? You can: (1) update your user information (keeping your contact information up to date), (2) review your account details such as payments, groundwater extraction and credit history, (3) file your semi-annual groundwater extraction statements, (4) complete and submit irrigation efficiency applications; and (5) make payments online. The new software application is essentially like any other secure online utility account. To view and work with this new tool, please contact Ms. Jessica Rivera at (805) 654-2014, or Ms. Kathleen Riedel at (805) 654-2954, and they will provide you with the user name and password required to login to the system. Stay tuned, as within the next 30 days we will be posting short training videos on our website demonstrating the login process, how to manage your account details and how to file your semi-annual extraction statement, as well as other key tools.

Meter Calibration Reminder



Flowmeters are to be checked for accuracy every three years. We are currently more than half-way through the second round of Agency-wide verifications of flowmeter calibrations. First Notices are being mailed in three phases. First and second phases were mailed in July 2011 and January 2012. The third and final phase will be mailed in July 2012. Meter calibration forms, and a list of approved vendors are included with these notices. Additional forms may be downloaded from the Agency Internet Web Site: (<http://www.fcgma.org/downloads/index.shtml>). The June 29, 2012 Meter Calibration deadline, for those mailed during the second phase (January 2012), has passed. Resolution No. 2012-02 authorizes financial penalties for late submittals. If you received notice to calibrate your meter and have not done so, please contact Ms. Jessica Rivera, FCGMA Temporary Clerk of the Board, at (805) 654-2014 with current status. Should you have technical questions regarding meter calibration, please contact Ms. Kathleen Riedel, Groundwater Specialist, at (805) 654-2954.

Irrigation Allowance Index

In an effort to make the Agency's Irrigation Efficiency (IE) allocation program more effective for current agricultural practices, and to better demonstrate that crops are grown efficiently, the Agency has updated the IE program. The FCGMA Board adopted the new approach (developed by the Irrigation Training and Research Center out of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo) following a great deal of technical work that was followed up with workshops for growers. The new Irrigation Allowance Index will start January 1, 2013, with the first year-end filing Jan-Mar 2014. To assist you in preparation for the change, the Agency will be providing additional outreach and posting "how to" videos on its FCGMA website in September 2012. The new program is similar to the existing program, but has more options for crop types and crop rotations. It also takes into account the percent of crop cover. We are no longer calculating an "efficiency," but instead calculating a simpler "index."



Agency Facebook Page

The FCGMA Board of Directors has approved the creation of an Agency Facebook page. Be on the lookout for notifications on our website as to when the Page has been published. Once the Page is available, please be sure to "like" us and/or "friend" us to get all the up-to-date FCGMA information, including current events, Board meetings, updates to our online database and irrigation allowance index progress, etc. For more information, please contact Ms. Jessica Rivera, at (805) 654-2014, or Ms. Sheila Lopez at (805) 645-1372.

