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Reminder! New Irrigation Allowance Index

The time has come! The new Irrigation Allowance Index is now in effect. Growers who wish to file efficiency for 2013 will need to do so using the new Irrigation Allowance Index (IAI) application. An IAI Newsletter was sent out in early July 2013 detailing how to file using the new IAI. In addition, video tutorials and documents have been made available on our website at www.fcgma.org. The 2013 year type for all CIMIS stations (Oxnard, Camarillo and Santa Paula) is **DRY**. If you have any questions or require assistance with completing the form, please contact us at (805) 654-2014, or stop by our office!

Board Adopted Resolution No. 2013-03

At the October 23, 2013 FCGMA Board meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2013-03 increasing its Tiered Surcharge Rates. The new surcharge rates will be effective January 1, 2014 and are as follows: Tier I—A surcharge rate of \$1,315.00 per acre-foot shall be imposed on all groundwater extractions that exceed the combined allocation for all water wells within the Agency by 25 acre-feet or less; Tier II—An additional surcharge of \$250.00 per acre-foot shall be imposed on all groundwater extractions that exceed the combined allocation by more than 25 acre-feet but less than 100 acre-feet; and Tier III—An additional surcharge of \$500.00 per acre-foot shall be imposed on all groundwater extractions that exceed the combined allocation by 100 acre-feet or more. This Resolution is available for download at www.fcgma.org, or you may contact the FCGMA Clerk of the Board at (805) 654-2014 to request a copy.

Fox Canyon GMA Request for Proposal

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on October 15, 2013, to conduct the initial phase of a field inspection program for the purpose of checking on the status of wells and flowmeters. This initial phase is to be conducted in the Las Posas basins. A consultant is to visit each well and note well status, record meter information (similar to that on the Flowmeter Calibration Test Report form), and photograph the meter installation, meter face, and meter serial number. For those who wish to review the RFP, it is available on our website at www.fcgma.org (link is located on the right-side of the Home Page under the News column). Proposals were received on November 8, 2013, and the review and interview process is underway. Agency staff anticipates the final selection of a consultant will go before the FCGMA Board of Directors at the January 22, 2014 FCGMA Board meeting. Once the selection process is completed, letters will be sent to those who own or operate a well(s) within the Las Posas basins informing them of the name and contact information of the consultant. In addition, the letter will request that the owner/operator contact the consulting firm to schedule a convenient time for the consulting firm to visit their site(s) to note well status and meter information. If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Riedel at (805) 654-2954. Thank you!

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Meter Calibration Program Update

Flowmeter calibrations should be current (less than three years old), unless you have applied for and have been granted a waiver (per Resolution No. 2008-04, Section 1.1.A.). Flowmeters that had accuracy tests performed at the beginning of the Second Agency-Wide effort to verify flowmeter accuracy (late 2010 and early 2011), are due for calibration. Our records indicate there are approximately 70 flowmeters due for calibration. Calibration notices will be sent out in January 2014 with flowmeter accuracy test reports due in May 2014. If you would like to know when your meter is due for calibration, you may do so by logging into your account at www.fcgmaonline.org, or by contacting Kathleen Riedel at (805) 654-2954 for assistance.

As a reminder, if you repair or replace your flowmeter, proof of flowmeter accuracy along with a Flowmeter Repair/Replacement form and photographs are required to be submitted to the Agency within 30 days of the repair/replacement to update your account. Forms can be downloaded from the Agency’s website at www.fcgma.org/download/forms. For those who also report extractions to United Water Conservation District (UWCD), please provide a copy of your flowmeter accuracy reports to UWCD as well. For questions or comments regarding the Meter Calibration Program, please contact Kathleen Riedel at (805) 654-2954.

Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) Update Schedule

In September 2013 Agency staff presented to the Board, and the Board approved, a proposed GMP Update schedule to be completed as outlined below:

- Spring 2014—Draft Work Plan/Scope of Work for Plan update and funding identified in Budget Fiscal Year 2014-15. Board approves GMP Update plan of action.
- July 1, 2014—Initiate GMP Update Work
- January 1, 2015—Draft Plan available
- Winter/Spring 2015—Public Workshops on Draft Plan throughout the County
- Summer 2015—Board Hearing and Adoption of GMP Update.

For questions, comments or suggestions, please contact the FCGMA Clerk of the Board at (805) 654-2014.

Reminder—We’re On Facebook!



Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency is on Facebook! For up-to-date information regarding Board Meetings, Committee Meetings, cancellations or other events, be sure to “like” us. Also, feel free to contact the FCGMA Clerk of the Board at (805) 654-2014 if you would like to provide comments and suggestions regarding the Agency’s Facebook Page.

2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE



The FCGMA has scheduled regular Board meetings for calendar year 2014. 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 22nd	July 23rd
February 26th	August—Dark
March 26th	September 24th
April 23rd	October 22nd
May 28th	November—Dark
June 25th	December 10th

All Board meetings begin at 1:30 p.m.