



## Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

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## EMERGENCY ORDINANCE E

Emergency Ordinance E was adopted on April 11, 2014. Here are three (3) things you will need to know:

**First, you can determine how it affects your account's extraction allocation** - Identify your account's primary use type (M&I, agriculture, or domestic) and see the appropriate heading below. Primary use type is listed on the top left of your Semi-Annual Extraction Statement.

### Municipal and Industrial (M&I)

- ◆ The extraction allocation for the first six months of 2014 will be listed on your 2014-1 semi-annual extraction statement as half of the previous twelve month allocation.
- ◆ Starting July 1, 2014, the Temporary Extraction Allocation (TEA) will be used. It is based on reported extractions (except over pumping) for Calendar Years 2003 - 2012.
- ◆ For planning purposes, the 2014-1 SAES will also show the 2014-2 and beyond extraction allocations, taking into account the TEA.
- ◆ TEA shall be reduced in steps (10%, 15%, 20%) beginning July 1, 2014.

### Agriculture

- ◆ Starting August 1, 2014, all agricultural operators are required to use the Irrigation Allowance Index for the new crop year- August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015. This shift from a calendar year, to a crop year better matches agricultural operations, but will require a change in reporting dates.
- ◆ Under the new crop year calendar (starting August 1, 2014), growers will file for the Irrigation Allowance Index (IAI) following July 31, 2015.
- ◆ Irrigation allowances per crop type have been reduced with possible future reductions.
- ◆ Because of the August 1 start date, it was necessary to have the usual six-month 2014-1 SAES period extended to July 31— a seven-month period. The extraction allocation for the first seven months of 2014 will be listed on your 2014-1 SAES as seven-twelfths of the previous twelve-month allocation. Filing the paperwork closes out the semi-annual period.
- ◆ The [FCGMA.org](http://FCGMA.org) website has additional technical and training information on its "Irrigation Allowance Index" tab.

### Domestic

- ◆ No change to adjusted historical allocation and baseline allocation.

**Note— during the duration of the emergency ordinance, conservation credits cannot be earned or used to avoid paying surcharges.**

**Second, "Can I Drill a Well?"** - There is a prohibition on new extraction facilities, other than replacement and backup facilities which do not allow for the initiation of any new or increased use.

**Third, "When will it End?"** - The Ordinance shall remain in effect from the date of adoption and be reviewed in eighteen (18) months unless superseded or rescinded by action of the Board, or a finding by the Board that the drought or emergency condition no longer exists.

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## Irrigation Allowance Index

Starting August 1, 2014 (through July 31, 2015) in accordance with Emergency Ordinance E, **all** agricultural well operators are required to calculate their Irrigation Allowance Index at the end of each crop year. The index is the ratio between the Water Applied to the crop and the Irrigation Allowance. We recommend growers estimate their Irrigation Allowance for planning purposes at the beginning of each year. Surcharges can be assessed by the Agency for exceeding the Irrigation Allowance Index. Agricultural well operators will be unable to use their credits and/or allocations while Emergency Ordinance E is in effect. For some growers this reporting process is new, so training is being made available through workshops and presentations hosted by the Agency.

**A workshop was held on July 10, 2014 from 9:00 AM—11:00 AM at the Ventura County Government Center.**

The next workshop will be held in August. (Note: The August date was still “To Be Determined” as of the date the newsletter went to print.) If you would like to attend a workshop, please check the website ([www.fcgma.org](http://www.fcgma.org)) for future dates.

Supplemental information regarding the reporting process is also available on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Case Examples page (under the Irrigation Allowance Index tab on the website). Additional training materials, such as videos and user guides, will be made available online as well.

## Meter Calibration Program Update

The third Agency-wide verification of flowmeter accuracy is now underway. The FCGMA Online software and database are being used to generate notices. If you would like to know when to expect a notice, you can check your account and meter calibration data on file at <https://www.fcgmaonline.org>.

At **minimum**, flowmeter calibration tests are required every **three (3) years**. Some stakeholders choose to have their meters tested more frequently; you are welcome to submit meter calibration test reports more frequently than once every three years.

Reminder, if you repair or replace your flowmeter, the following items are to be submitted to the Agency within **thirty (30) days** of the repair/replacement:

1. Proof of Flowmeter Accuracy (Manufacturer’s Certificate of Calibration from an approved meter calibration contractor.)
2. Completed Flowmeter Repair/Replacement Form (Download from <http://www.fcgma.org/public-documents/forms>.)
3. Photographs of the meter face, meter serial number, and installation.

For questions or comments regarding the Meter Calibration Program, please contact **Kathleen Riedel** at **(805) 654-2954**.

### Online Database

Access your account information by visiting  
<https://www.fcgmaonline.org>!

To create a username and password, contact **Mandi Freitas** at **(805) 645-1372**.

You will be able to:

1. Review your well(s) extraction history.
2. Submit your Semi-Annual Extraction Statements (SAES).
3. Submit Irrigation Allowance Index Application and map(s) (for agricultural wells only).
4. Submit payments.
5. View your balance.
6. View flowmeter calibration test history.

### Resolution No. 2014-01

At the March 26, 2014 FCGMA Board meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2014-01. This resolution established the Conejo Creek Water Pumping Program involving Camrosa Water District and Pleasant Valley County Water District using the Conejo Creek Diversion.

Read Resolution No. 2014-01 at <http://fcgma.org/public-documents/resolutions>.