

# TEHAMA COUNTY GROUNDWATER COMMISSION



Tehama County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
727 Oak Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080  
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## AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

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### Special Meeting

**8:30 AM**

Commissioners: Martin Spannaus, City of Corning; Jeff Godwin, City of Red Bluff; Hal Crain, City of Tehama; Kris Lamkin, El Camino Irrigation District; Todd Hamer, Los Molinos Community Services District; Martha Slack, Rio Alto Water District; Liz Merry District 1; Adam Englehardt, District 2; Seth Lawrence, District 3; Michael Ward, District 4; David Lester, District 5;

Justin Jenson, Flood Control/Water Resources Manager; Lena Sequeira, Administration

This meeting conforms to the Brown Act Open Meeting Requirements, in that actions and deliberations of the Groundwater Commission, created to conduct the people's business are taken openly; and that the people remain fully informed about the conduct of its business. Any written materials related to an open session item on this agenda that are submitted to the Clerk less than 72 hours prior to this meeting, and that are not exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, will promptly be made available for public inspection at Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 1509 Schwab Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080 during normal business hours.

### Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions

### Public Comment

This time is set aside for citizens to address this Board on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of this Board provided the matter is not on the agenda or pending before this Board. Each agenda item will have an opportunity for public comment at the time the item is called. Persons wishing to provide public comment are asked to address the Board from the podium. The Chair reserves the right to limit each speaker to three (3) minutes. Disclosure of the speaker's identity is purely voluntary during the public comment period.

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(530) 212-8376, conference code 142001. Press 5\* on your phone keypad to raise your hand to comment.

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**1. Potential GSA Fee Structure Presentation**

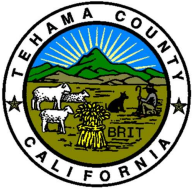
**[25-1804](#)**

Provide direction and make recommendations on the preferred methodologies for legal review.

**Commission Matters**

**Adjourn**

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# Tehama County

## Agenda Request Form

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**File #:** 25-1804

**Agenda Date:** 10/15/2025

**Agenda #:** 1.

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### Potential GSA Fee Structure Presentation

**Requested Action(s)**

Provide direction and make recommendations on the preferred methodologies for legal review.

**Financial Impact:**

Unknown

**Background Information:**

This item was carried forward to this special meeting to allow for a more in-depth discussion on how to charge GSA fees. This presentation is Part 3 of 3 in the series on fee methodologies.

# Potential Fee Structures

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WHAT CAN WE DIVIDE  
FEES ACROSS?



How Many  
Wells/Connections  
Are In the Basins?

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Approximately 2,000  
AG/Commercial wells

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Approximately 9,000  
Domestic wells

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Approximately 11,000  
Connections to water  
service

# How Much Land is in the Basins?

- Total acres Approximately 720,000
- Irrigated Acres Approximately 125,000
- Approx. Acres By Crop Type:
  - Almond/Pistachio 30,000
  - Walnuts 45,000
  - Olives 11,000
  - Fruits/Grapes 8,000
  - Vegetables 1,000
  - Pasture/Alfalfa 20,000
  - Other/Unknown 10,000

# How Much Groundwater Is Used In The Basins

- Agriculture Uses Approximately 300,000 Acre-feet
- Domestic Uses Approximately 16,000 Acre-feet
- Other Uses are likely less than 1,000 Acre-feet



# How Many Parcels Are In the Basins?

- There are over 40,000 parcels in Tehama County
- More than 25,000 parcels are in the basins
- Most of the 25,000 parcels are in urban or residential areas



# Tehama GSA Budget

EXHIBIT "A"					
FIVE YEAR TEHAMA GSA BUDGET					
(Option: combine Operating/SGMA Costs...)		Add 3% Inflation	Add 3% Inflation	Add 3% Inflation	Add 3% Inflation
Category	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
OPERATING EXPENSES	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29	FY29/30	FY30/31
Legal Services					
General Legal Support	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
<b>Total Legal Services</b>	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Technical Services					
Fee Process	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Special Studies/Consultant Support	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Total Technical Services</b>	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000
Administrative Services					
Administration and Management (0.75 FTE)	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
Administrative Support (0.5 FTE)	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000
District Overhead	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
Audits	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Outreach Materials/Printing & Copying	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Postage	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Website Development/Maintenance	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Financial Services/Bookkeeping	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
<b>Total Administrative Services</b>	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES SUBTOTAL</b>	\$381,000.00	\$381,000.00	\$381,000.00	\$381,000.00	\$381,000.00
Operating Expenses Reserve (10%)	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	\$419,000	\$419,000	\$419,000	\$419,000	\$419,000
SGMA COMPLIANCE EXPENSES					
GSP Annual Monitoring/Reporting	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
GSA Sub-basin Coordination	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
GSP Periodic Evaluation/Amendments (@ 5 Yrs.)	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Monitoring/Data Management	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
GSP Implementation Grant Funding Application	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>SGMA COMPLIANCE EXPENSES SUBTOTAL</b>	\$690,000	\$690,000	\$690,000	\$690,000	\$690,000
SGMA Compliance Expenses Reserve (10%)	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$69,000	\$69,000
<b>TOTAL SGMA COMPLIANCE EXPENSES</b>	\$759,000	\$759,000	\$759,000	\$759,000	\$759,000
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	\$1,178,000	\$1,200,770	\$1,223,540	\$1,246,310	\$1,269,080

# PMA Cost

FIVE YEAR TEHAMA GSA BUDGET - PMA Program Costs					
Category	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
PMA EXPENSES	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29	FY29/30	FY30/31
<b>Demand Management Program</b>					
Admin. Process	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Voluntary Incentive Program	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333
<b>Total DM Program Costs</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>	<b>\$468,333</b>
<b>Demand Management Cost Basis</b>					
Total Annual Overdraft (C, LM, RB)	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Incentive Cost/Ac-Ft	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Annual Adjustment Factor (2042)	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Annual Adjustment Factor (50%)	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Total Voluntary Incentive Costs	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333	\$433,333
<b>Well Mitigation Program</b>					
Admin. Process	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Well Replacement Costs	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>Total WM Program Costs</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Well Mitigation Cost Basis</b>					
Avg. Cost/Domestic Well Replaced	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
# Wells Replaced/Year	1	1	1	1	1
Total Annual Well Mitigation Costs	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>TOTAL MA EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>	<b>\$528,333.33</b>
<b>Total PA Costs/Water Purchases</b>	<b>FY26/27</b>	<b>FY27/28</b>	<b>FY28/29</b>	<b>FY29/30</b>	<b>FY30/31</b>
Total Annual Overdraft (C, LM, RB)	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Project Cost/Ac-Ft	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Annual Adjustment Factor (2042)	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Annual Adjustment Factor (50%)	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
<b>Total Projects Costs</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>	<b>\$866,667</b>
<b>TOTAL PMA COSTS</b>	<b>\$1,395,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,421,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,447,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,473,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,499,000.00</b>

# Admin. Cost Breakdown

## In the Basin

$\$1,178,000 / 720,000 \text{ AC} = \$1.64/\text{Acre}$

$\$1,178,000 / 22,000 \text{ Wells} = \$53.55/\text{Well}$  (Including Connections)

$\$1,178,000 / 25,000 \text{ Parcels} = \$47.12/\text{Parcel}$

$\$1,178,000 / 317,000 \text{ AF} = \$3.72/\text{Acre-Foot}$

### **Irrigated Vs Non-Irrigated (94%/6%)**

$\$1,178,000 / \$8.85/\text{Irrigated Acre}$

$\$.12/\text{Non-Irrigated Acre}$

### **Ag Well Vs Other Well (94%/6%)**

$\$553.16/\text{Ag Well}$

$\$3.53/\text{Other Well}$

## County Wide

$\$1,178,000 / 1,300,000 \text{ Non-Fed AC} = \$0.91/\text{Non-Federal Acre}$

$\$1,178,000 / 44,000 \text{ Parcels} = \$26.78/\text{Parcel}$

$\$1,178,000 / 24,000 \text{ Wells} = \$49.08/\text{Well}$

# PMA Cost Breakdown

## In Basin only

$\$1,395,000 / 106,250 \text{ Irr-AC} = \$13.13 / \text{Irrigated Acres}$

$\$1,395,000 / 317,000 \text{ AC} = \$4.42 / \text{Acre-foot}$

$\$1,395,000 / 2,000 \text{ Wells} = \$697.50 / \text{AG\&Commercial Well}$