



Water Code section 10730.2

(a)

A groundwater sustainability agency that adopts a groundwater sustainability plan pursuant to this part may impose fees on the extraction of groundwater from the basin to fund costs of groundwater management, including, but not limited to, the costs of the following:(1)

Administration, operation, and maintenance, including a prudent reserve.(2)

Acquisition of lands or other property, facilities, and services.(3)

Supply, production, treatment, or distribution of water.(4)

Other activities necessary or convenient to implement the plan.(b)

Until a groundwater sustainability plan is adopted pursuant to this part, a local agency may impose fees in accordance with the procedures provided in this section for the purposes of Part 2.75 (commencing with [Section 10750](#)) as long as a groundwater management plan adopted before January 1, 2015, is in effect.(c)

Fees imposed pursuant to this section shall be adopted in accordance with subdivisions (a) and (b) of [Section 6](#) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.(d)

Fees imposed pursuant to this section may include fixed fees and fees charged on a volumetric basis, including, but not limited to, fees that increase based on the quantity of groundwater produced annually, the year in which the production of groundwater commenced from a groundwater extraction facility, and impacts to the basin.(e)

The power granted by this section is in addition to any powers a groundwater sustainability agency has under any other law.

State Fee Schedule

Fee Category	Fee Amount	Applicable Parties
Base Filing Fee	\$300 per well	All extractors required to report (excludes de minimis extractors).
Unmanaged Area Rate	\$10 per AF (metered)	Extractors in unmanaged areas (excludes de minimis extractors).
	\$25 per AF (unmetered)	
Probationary Rate	\$20 per AF	Extractors in probationary basins (excludes de minimis extractors).
Interim Plan Rate	\$55 per AF	Extractors in probationary basins where the State Water Board determines an interim plan is required (excludes de minimis extractors).
De minimis Fee	\$100 per well	De minimis extractors in probationary basins.
Automatic Late Fee	25% per month	Extractors that do not file reports by the due date.

	Method of Funding	General GSA/GSP Implementation Cost for Three Years	Create Well Registration Program	Create Well Idle or Abandonment Program	Field Verification and Enforcement Annual Cost	Program Administration Annual Cost	Initial Three Year Cost to County	Annual Cost to County for First Three Years	Initial Cost to Land/Well Owner Estimates		Per	Scale Example
1	Well Count/Size	\$1,900,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$2,475,000	\$825,000	\$258		Well/year	\$50-\$1,000 per well
2	Land use/Irrigated Acre	\$1,900,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$2,900,000	\$966,667	\$7.67		Irrigated Acre/year	\$5-\$15 per Irrigated acre
3	Measured Flow	\$1,900,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$3,225,000	\$1,075,000	\$2.99		Acre -foot	
4	Flat Fee per Acre	\$1,900,000				\$30,000	\$2,005,000	\$668,333	\$0.95		Acre/year	
5	Flat Fee/acre + well type	\$1,900,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$2,475,000	\$825,000	\$193.36	\$0.29	Well/year Acre/Year	\$50-\$1,000 per well
Assumptions:												
Well count is an estimate and assumes 10% of domestic wells well not be de minimis number used is 3200 wells actually per well fee will vary based on type												
Land use is an estimate and will be on a scale based on use type used 126,000 acres for estimate												
Measured flow is based on an estimate of total AC feet used as flow data does not exist estimated total AC feet used is 360,000												

Groundwater Commission Recommended Funding Mechanism

Red Highlight is Now Completed

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Flat Fee/acre + well type (use)	\$1,900,000	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$2,475,000	\$825,000	\$193.36	\$0.29	Well/year Acre/Year	\$50-\$1,000 per well

Future Fees Will Be Based On Well Size (assumed volume used)

- Once a well registration program is sufficiently established APNs will begin receiving fees on tax roll
- These fees will be based on size and number of wells on the APN or group of apn's
- Those that do not register by the date required to process for the 2024 tax role will receive an assumptive fee
- There will be programs to idle or abandon wells
- There will be a process to appeal to the District or send metered data

What's Next

- Complete Estimated Funds Required From Current Data. Present 8/2025
- Create List of Assumed Volume by Use Type. Present 9/2025
- Create \$/Volume Estimates. Present 10/2025
- Independent Legal Review of Data and How to Impose. Present 2/2026
- Begin the Process of Public Hearings/Any Required Voting 3/2026
- Have Completed Fee Amounts for 2027 Tax Roll 7/2026