



GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT

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TO: LANDOWNERS & WATER USERS
FROM: DON ROBERTS, Manager

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Manager

Don Roberts

1. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP):

RE: SGMA GSP/GSA Update & Issues

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has notified the Madera Subbasin Group that our collective plans do not meet their "Guidelines". The seven entities in the Madera Subbasin are reviewing the DWR comments and preparing responses to be submitted back to DWR.

The DWR comments seemed generic and similar to responses to GSA's throughout the State. The primary concerns for our Subbasin were (a) Coordination Agreements, (b) Land Subsidence, (c) Domestic Wells, and (d) Inconsistent Use of Data.

2. WATER USE REPORTING:

Part of the required Annual Updates to DWR includes groundwater and surface water use. QK Inc (District's Plan Consultant) currently uses crop acreage X ET to calculate water use. Actual measurements of on-farm crop use would be more accurate and beneficial for the District. The NRCS has a "Grower Program" for financial assistance to provide for meters. At this time the District is asking for water users to provide annual on-farm water use to either the District or the District's Consultant to enable accurate reporting data of the entire District's water use. Any data received would be used in District-wide reporting not individual specific. Your assistance in this matter will benefit the District Landowners.

Information could be provided either to:

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3. GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22:

This Order requires: For any new ground water wells or for alteration of an existing well, the permitting agency (Madera County) must obtain verification from the SGMA-GSA that such action would not be inconsistent with the GSP for that location. Currently this only requires more paperwork for any permits. The State Legislature had bills in both Houses, which if passed, would have added significant time, conditions, and costs to acquire a well permit. Those bills have not been voted on in their present form.

4. PROP "218" ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023:

The Board adopted Resolution 2022-02 which authorizes the collection of Special Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Property Tax Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$28.09 per acre.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me at (559) 474-1000 or by email at donroberts717@gmail.com.

Don Roberts
Manager