



GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT

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

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RE: INFORMATION UPDATE

Board of Directors

Seth Kirk, Pres.
Paul Stewart, V. Pres.
Diane Kirk, Sec-Treas
Michael Naito
Nick Davis

Manager

Don Roberts

1. **WATER SUPPLY:** Water supply for the District is currently zero. Current projection by the Bureau is that CI 2 contractors, such as GFWD, will have a zero allocation in 2025. The Bureau has made a small amount of water designated Unreleased Restoration Flows available to CI 2 contractors at a cost per acre foot of \$169.54 which is approximately 7 times higher than previous URF supplies. The District purchased our allocation of 120 AF for groundwater recharge. Small quantities of additional URF water may be made available to the District for groundwater recharge.
2. **PROP "218" ASSESSMENTS FISCAL PROPERTY:** At the July 15, 2024 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-06 certifying the results of landowners approval of the Proposition "218" election. On June 16, 2025 the Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2025-06 which adopted the Special Benefit Assessment Rate for expenses for Water Purchases, Operations and Maintenance of District Facilities and the District's local share of Grant Funded Improvement Projects and for various SGMA related for the Fiscal Property Tax Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$42.33 per acre. See attached Exhibit "A". These assessments are collected by the Madera County Tax Collector per the Agreement between Madera County and the Gravelly Ford Water District.
3. **BOARD MEMBER ELECTION:** The Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-05 authorizing the District to conduct an election in accordance with the California Uniform District Election Law (UDEL). The only candidacy declarations for the two (2) available Director positions that were filed on time were by incumbents Seth Kirk and Nick Davis. The District has requested the Madera County Board of Supervisors to appoint the above named individuals to four year terms as Directors ending on the first Friday of December 2029.
4. **DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION:** The District is continuing to meet with GSA's within the Madera Subbasin to establish criteria and funding sources for domestic wells that may have been impacted by agricultural practices and pumping of ground water.
5. 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

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Per Acre Rate for GFWD

Assessment Rate Table	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29
Total Annual Charge per Acre	\$41.18	\$42.33	\$43.51	\$44.73	\$45.99
Total Revenue	\$358,440	\$368,467	\$378,794	\$389,400	\$400,303

- 1- Assumed inflation rate of 2.8% annually starting from FY '25
- 2- Total revenue subject to parcel acreage as determined by the Madera County Assessor's Office
- 3- GFWD reserves the right to increase annual assessment rate to the maximum (Tables 3-3 & 3-4).
- 4- The Assessment rate for each year following FY 28/29 will be established as part of a Noticed Agenda Item at a Board meeting open to the public in June to meet the Madera County Controller's Office Requirements.