

ORDINANCE NO. 6

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, TO TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 1991,
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2, INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF
THE GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION CHARGE

The Board of Directors of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section 1. Findings

The Board of Directors hereby finds that:

Reported extractions within the Agency reached a record high of 175,000 acre-feet in 1990; and

Groundwater levels in portions of the coastal area have declined more than 60 feet in the past five years because of increased groundwater extractions and reduced groundwater replenishment; and

Seawater intrusion has caused irreparable damage to the Oxnard aquifer zone and now affects an on land area of more than 22 square miles and constitutes one of the most serious water resource problems in the State of California; and

Monitoring in 1990 for seawater intrusion in the Fox Canyon and Mugu aquifer zones has indicated the presence of highly saline groundwater, not previously discovered; and

It is absolutely necessary to improve the management of groundwater and prevent further overdrafting which is a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the region; and

Ordinance No. 5 was adopted on August 24, 1990 to eliminate overdraft from the aquifer systems within the boundaries of the Agency and bring the groundwater basins to safe yield by the year 2010; and

Implementation of Ordinance No. 5 requires an increased level of staff support, which can only be achieved by increasing the current Groundwater Extraction Charges; and

There exists a critical need to implement an increased Groundwater Extraction Charge effective July 1, 1991 to provide sufficient revenues for effective implementation of Ordinance No. 5 as well as other ordinances necessary to achieve the goals of the Agency.

Section 2.

Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2, which previously amended Article 3, Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Groundwater Extraction Charges. All persons operating groundwater extraction facilities shall pay a groundwater extraction charge for all groundwater extracted after July 1, 1991, regardless of use, in the amount of \$1.75 per acre-foot pumped or extracted. Payments are due semi-annually and shall accompany the statement required pursuant to Article 2, Section 3.

Section 3. Effective Date. This emergency ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 1991, by the vote of at least four members of the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 1991 by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors	<u>Lynn E. Maulhardt (Chair), John K. Flynn,</u> <u>Nao Takasugi, Michael Conroy</u>
NOES:		<u>None</u>
ABSENT:		<u>Bob Grether</u>

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

By Lynn E. Maulhardt
Chair, Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

By Karen Schoonover
Clerk of the Board