

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT DOMESTIC OPERATORS FROM THE
REQUIREMENT THAT FLOWMETERS BE EQUIPPED WITH ADVANCED
METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) TELEMETRY**

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

ARTICLE 1. Findings

The Board of Directors hereby finds that:

- A. The Agency by ordinance adopted February 28, 2018, requires extraction facilities to be equipped with advanced metering infrastructure telemetry (AMI ordinance).
- B. Total reported extractions from domestic wells within the Agency are less than one percent of all reported extractions.
- C. The requirement that domestic operators bear the costs to install, operate and maintain AMI devices on their extraction facilities will result in unnecessary hardships inconsistent with the purpose of the AMI ordinance and granting an exemption will not substantially impede the Agency's ability to achieve sustainable groundwater management.
- D. The adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15301, 15307, and 15308. These provisions exempt a project if there is no possibility the activity will have a significant effect on the environment, the activity consists of minor alteration of existing facilities, or the activity is taken to ensure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources or the environment. This ordinance will conserve and improve the availability of Agency water resources and will help ensure the maintenance and sustainability of certain local and imported water resources.

ARTICLE 2. Exemptions From AMI Requirement

2.1 The requirements of article 4 of the AMI ordinance shall not apply to an operator who extracts, for domestic purposes, two acre-feet or less per year from an extraction facility with a pump discharge pipe and flowmeter diameter of 2 inches or less and a pump motor of ten horse power or less.

2.2 The Executive Officer may, on written application provide an exemption from the requirements of article 4 of the AMI ordinance to an operator who is in compliance with all Agency rules and regulations and who extracts, for domestic purposes, five acre-feet or less per year from an extraction facility with a pump discharge pipe and flowmeter diameter of four inches or less and a pump motor of fifteen horse power or less.

ARTICLE 3. Effective Date

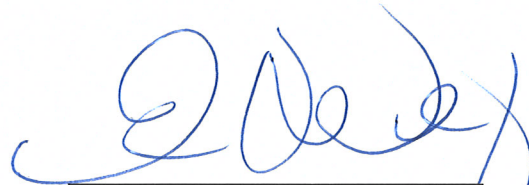
This ordinance shall take effect and be operative 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24 day of March, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0



Chair West, Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater
Management Agency

ATTEST:

By: Keely Royas
Clerk of the Board