

Resolution 1999-3
of the
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

A RESOLUTION
CONCERNING
SPECIAL USE OF GROUNDWATER IN THE
OXNARD PLAIN FOREBAY BASIN

WHEREAS, when the proper hydrologic conditions allow there exists a mounding or excess buildup of groundwater volume beneath a portion of the Oxnard Plain Forebay Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, various studies conducted by UWCD, the U.S. Geological Survey, the County of Ventura Water Resources Division, and others have shown that the best management and use of groundwater resources is to pump the Upper Aquifer System (UAS) rather than the Lower Aquifer System (LAS); and

WHEREAS, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) has the responsibility and means to protect both water quality and water quantity, and can do so by enhancing or allowing the use of extra groundwater from the Forebay "mounding" situation when possible; and

WHEREAS, water users can greatly benefit from shifting pumping patterns away from the LAS, and any overdrafted basins, and instead utilize "extra" water from the UAS system within the Forebay Basin; and

WHEREAS, a clear and immediate benefit to the aquifers within the FCGMA would result from the use of excess or "mounded" water in the Forebay Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DECLARED, that the Board of Directors of the FCGMA does hereby support the interim use of mounded or excess water when available in the Forebay Basin. When determined by the Agency that such a "mound or shallow buildup" of groundwater exists, then unrestricted extraction of UAS water from wells perforated only in the Upper Aquifer zone and located only within the recognized boundaries of the Oxnard Plain Forebay Groundwater Basin shall be allowed.

Furthermore, and in addition, we recommend and suggest that all well owners or water purveyors who have the ability, should strive to export this excess shallow groundwater to those basins within the FCGMA that are considered or known to be experiencing conditions of overdraft to alleviate such situations, and to help reduce pumping from the LAS wherever possible. Such unrestricted extraction of groundwater shall not cause a penalty upon any well owner who meets the requirements stated herein, and who extracts more groundwater than normally allowed under current FCGMA annual allocations.

The excess buildup or mounding of groundwater shall be determined and declared only by the staff of the FCGMA upon clear and irrefutable evidence that such conditions exist, and these unrestricted pumping periods or windows shall be ended or declared over when groundwater levels in selected wells or data points indicate that the excess groundwater is no longer available. Sufficient written notification of opening and closing of this program shall be conducted by the Agency staff to all well owners, water companies, and users of groundwater.

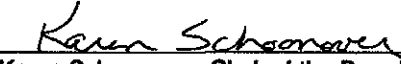
No well owner may earn conservation credits for under pumping of any well because mounding groundwater was used to meet all or part of the water demand. Mounded groundwater use shall be reported by each customer as part of their semi-annual extraction statement, and in no way shall this water be used to earn additional annual allocations or to substitute for allowed allocations to avoid penalties if applicable.

On motion by Director Conroy, and seconded by Director McIntyre the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted on this 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 1999.



Lynn E. Maulhardt, Chair - Board of Directors

Attest: I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 1999-3.



Karen Schoonover, Clerk of the Board

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of the
FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Concerning
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WHEREAS, various studies conducted by UWCD, the U.S. Geological Survey, the County of Ventura Water Resources Division, and others have shown that the best management and use of groundwater resources is to pump the Upper Aquifer System (UAS) rather than the Lower Aquifer System (LAS), and

WHEREAS, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) has the responsibility and means to protect both water quality and water quantity, and can do so by enhancing or allowing the use of extra groundwater from the Forebay "mounding" situation when possible, and

WHEREAS, water users can greatly benefit from shifting pumping patterns away from the LAS, and any overdrafted basins, and instead utilize "extra" water from the UAS system within the Forebay Basin, and

WHEREAS, a clear and immediate benefit to the aquifers within the FCGMA would result from the use of excess or "mounded" water in the Forebay Basin, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DECLARED, that the Board of Directors of the FCGMA does hereby support the interim use of mounded or excess water when available in the Forebay Basin. When determined by the Agency that such a "mound or shallow buildup" of groundwater exists, then unrestricted extraction of UAS water from wells perforated only in the Upper Aquifer zone and located only within the recognized boundaries of the Oxnard Plain Forebay Groundwater Basin shall be allowed.

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

ATTEST:

By: Karen Schoonover
Karen Schoonover, Clerk of the Board