

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE - C

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WELLS WITHIN THE EAST LAS POSAS GROUNDWATER BASIN

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:

It is believed that there is a serious water resource problem that constitutes a very real and immediate threat to groundwater quality and quantity not only to the East Las Posas Basin, but to any and all basins tributary to it. Groundwater levels in portions of this basin have declined significantly in the last several years because of increased groundwater extractions, despite average or above average rainfall levels over the past 3 to 4 years.

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency has entered into an agreement with the Calleguas Municipal Water District that allows State Project Water to be injected into the East Las Posas Basin, and has pledged support for this effort. Despite this program, it is estimated that the Basin is being overdrafted by approximately 5,000 AF per year.

The Board further finds that this prohibition hereafter provided; is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare; is necessary to prevent a worsening of the existing condition; and is necessary to allow time to seek more definite and long-term solutions to the problem.

ARTICLE 2. Purpose

The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to eliminate further overdraft from the aquifer systems within the boundaries of the East Las Posas Groundwater Basin, and to help bring the basin to safe yield by the year 2010. This ordinance is only one means by which this goal will be met.

ARTICLE 3. Prohibition

Pursuant to the State Water Code Appendix, Chapter 121, Section 403, the Board hereby prohibits the construction of any new wells in the East Las Posas Groundwater Basin. This prohibition does not preclude replacement wells from being drilled within the basin.

ARTICLE 4. Duration

The duration of this Emergency Ordinance shall be from the date of adoption until September 30, 1999. It shall remain in force until the stated date of expiration, unless the effective period is extended by action of the Board of Directors prior to planned termination.

ARTICLE 5. Effective Date

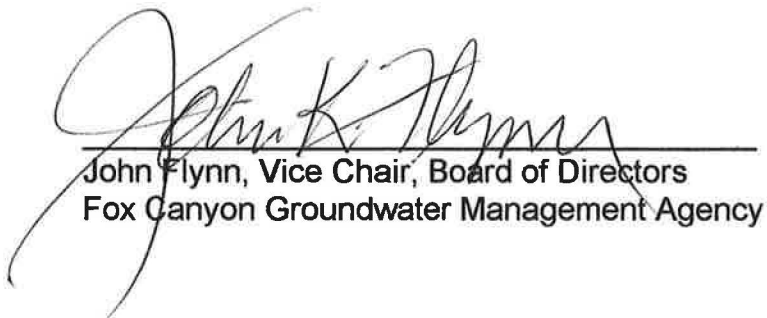
This ordinance shall become effective on the date of adoption, and shall automatically expire on September 30, 1999.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24TH day of March, 1999 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Flynn, McIntyre, Conroy, Craven, Naumova

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



John Flynn, Vice Chair, Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: Karen Schoonover
Karen Schoonover, Clerk of the Board