

# Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

## Semi-Annual Newsletter

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### Submit Your 2023-2 SAES Online Now

2023-2 Semi-Annual Extraction Statements (SAES) for Oxnard, Pleasant Valley (OPV) and Las Posas Valley (LPV) are available online at the time of this publication. Submit your completed SAES online at [FCGMAonline.org](https://FCGMAonline.org), or you may deliver or mail them to FCGMA offices at the address listed on the last page of this newsletter. Please make sure your completed SAES are received by our office or postmarked by the due date. **All SAES are due within 45 days of their release date.**

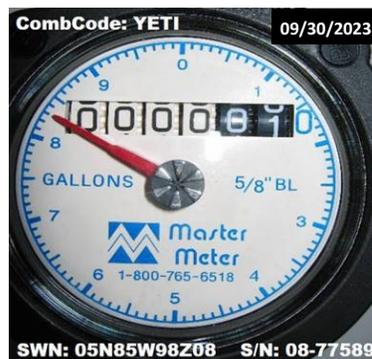
***New this statement period:*** Operators can upload flowmeter images directly to our database at [FCGMAonline.org](https://FCGMAonline.org). Meter photos must be submitted in order to finalize your SAES and to avoid an assessment of civil penalties. Flowmeter photos may be uploaded online, emailed, or mailed at any time before the SAES due date. **We encourage you to submit your completed SAES and meter images to our online database; doing so will empower you to review and confirm account and reporting information during submission, which speeds up processing and ensures your account is compliant.**

Please ensure the following items, applicable to well location and usage type, are included:

- Meter reading at end of reporting period (includes all active and inactive wells, even if they record zero extractions)
- Operator contact information—confirm listed information is current (name, address, phone, email)
- Signature and date
- Additional Reporting Requirements for agricultural, domestic, or municipal wells located in LPV or OPV basins; fillable forms are located at [FCGMA.org/public-documents/forms/](https://FCGMA.org/public-documents/forms/)
- **Flowmeter photos** (see sidebar)
- Payment in full
  - ⇒ Signed, dated checks or money orders, **one CombCode per payment**, payable to FCGMA
  - ⇒ Include your CombCode and “2023-2” in the memo line
  - ⇒ If your check is meant to be applied to more than one reporting period, please include a breakdown of how you’d like payment applied
  - ⇒ Mail to our office after submitting your SAES online

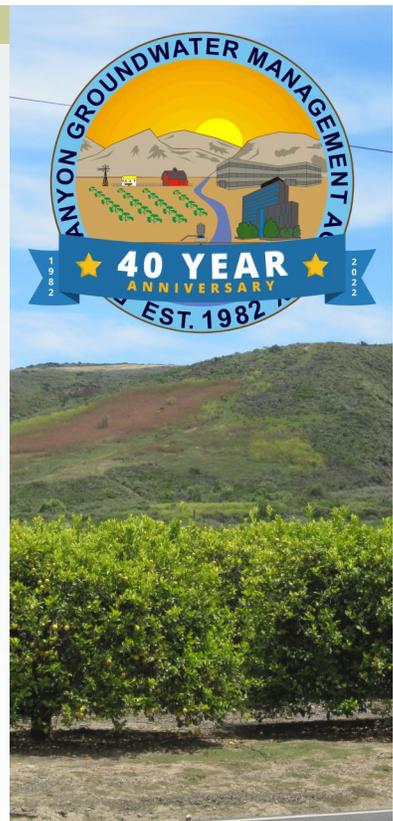
Meter photos should be taken on the last day of each reporting period (March 31st and September 30th). Meter face, totalizer reading, totalizer units, and multiplier must be legible. Photos must be clearly labeled with serial number, CombCode, State well number (SWN) and date of photo.

Upload your images at [FCGMAonline.org](https://FCGMAonline.org). Accepted file formats are PDF, .jpg, .png, .gif, and .tiff. Maximum file size is 3.0 MB. File names should follow the convention “[SAES reporting period]\_[CombCode name]\_[SWN]\_[SN],” or for the example image below: 2023-2\_YETI\_05N85W98Z08\_08-77589



Example meter photo

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# Fees and Surcharges Assessed in the 2023-2 SAES

Fees are incurred each reporting period. Surcharges are incurred at the end of each water year. Surcharges, if incurred, are assessed on the second of the semi-annual statements, also known as the "-2" statement. Please review your 2023-2 SAES and note the fields that pertain to fees, surcharges, and amounts waived (if any apply to your account). The table below illustrates potential fees by type, amount, unit of measurement, and applicable acre-feet (AF) exceedance range for surcharges; the last column cites the relevant Resolution that addresses each fee, penalty, or surcharge.

Fee Type	Amount	Unit	AF Exceedance Range	Resolution
Extraction	\$6.00	AF	-	<a href="#">2014-02</a>
Sustainability	\$29.00	AF	-	<a href="#">2022-05</a>
Reserve	\$20.00	AF	-	<a href="#">2020-05</a>
Civil Penalty	\$50.00	Per Day Late	-	<a href="#">2019-01</a>
Surcharge Tier 1	\$1,841.00	AF	00.000 - 25.000	<a href="#">2022-06</a>
Surcharge Tier 2	\$2,091.00	AF	25.001 - 99.999	<a href="#">2022-06</a>
Surcharge Tier 3	\$2,341.00	AF	>100.00	<a href="#">2022-06</a>

For more information regarding fees, visit [FCGMA.org/public-documents/resolutions/](https://www.fcgma.org/public-documents/resolutions/).

## Meter Reminders

1. For SAES reporting, **readings** and **photos** should be taken on the last day of each reporting period. The last days of water year semi-annual reporting periods are March 31 and September 30.
2. **Calibrations** should occur **every three (3) years**, testing for accuracy within a range of plus or minus 5%, by an approved **flowmeter calibration contractor**.

Mark your calendars, and consider scheduling recurring reminders!



## Groundwater Sustainability Plan Participation

We have begun the five year evaluation process and are assessing updates to groundwater sustainability plans.

For the latest GSP news, events, and more, visit [FCGMA.org](https://www.fcgma.org).

## John K. Flynn Groundwater Stewardship Award

In 2003, the Groundwater Stewardship Award was established to honor long-time County Supervisor and former FCGMA Director John K. Flynn for his many accomplishments and contributions to the Agency.

This award recognizes an individual or entity that contributed the most to protecting groundwater, enhancing water quality, or assisting the FCGMA in efforts to manage the water resources in this area.

Nominations for the Board's consideration are encouraged until the first Monday in March. The recipient is announced at the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County's Annual Water Symposium & Exposition in April.

## Award Recipients

- 2023 – Dan Detmer
- 2022 – Kathleen Riedel
- 2021 – Steve Bennett
- 2020 – Charlotte Craven
- 2019 – Alden Broome
- 2018 – Bryan Bondy
- 2017 – Lynn Maulhardt
- 2016 – Carol Schoen
- 2015 – Samuel A. McIntyre
- 2014 – E. Michael Solomon
- 2013 – PWA, Water and Sanitation Department
- 2012 – Susan Mulligan
- 2011 – Calleguas Municipal Water District
- 2010 – Camrosa Water District
- 2009 – John Mathews
- 2008 – Dana Wisheart
- 2007 – Dr. Lowell Preston
- 2006 – Dr. Steve Bachman
- 2005 – Phil Drescher
- 2004 – Jurgen Gramckow

# Groundwater Extraction Reporting Periods

For OPV and LPV wells, refer to the table below to identify reporting period start and end dates based on year code, groundwater basin, and usage type.

Year Code	Basin	Usage Type	Period Start	Period End
2022-1	OPV, LPV	AG, DOM & M&I	10/1/2021	3/31/2022
2022-2	OPV, LPV	AG, DOM & M&I	4/1/2022	9/30/2022
2023-1	OPV, LPV	AG, DOM & M&I	10/1/2022	3/31/2023
2023-2	OPV, LPV	AG, DOM & M&I	4/1/2023	9/30/2023

## Owner or Operator Changes Mid-Water Year

Extraction allocations are not prorated to reflect mid-water year changes. Well owner and operator changes occurring mid-water year that result in CombCode modifications will be reflected in the following water year.

Well owners and operators are responsible for promptly notifying FCGMA of changes as they occur, and they remain responsible for reporting Semi-Annual Extraction Statements for the duration of the water year, regardless of property ownership or lease changes mid-water year.



On our website, navigate to [FCGMA.org/public-documents/forms/](https://www.fcgma.org/public-documents/forms/) for the documentation you'll need to report account changes, and please email [FCGMA.Register@ventura.org](mailto:FCGMA.Register@ventura.org) with questions.

### Updated, Fillable PDF Forms Are Coming Soon

If you have updated information to report, you have thirty (30) days to submit documentation to our offices. We're working on improving our processes for your reporting, now and in the future; an Agency-wide update of our forms is currently underway.

Report a new well owner or authorize a well operator, or update contact information, flowmeter or AMI data using updated, fillable PDF forms. All forms, current or those already updated, are located at [FCGMA.org/public-documents/forms/](https://www.fcgma.org/public-documents/forms/).

We encourage your feedback and suggestions, especially for optimizing FCGMA forms. Your input helps us improve their utility over time.

### FCGMA Correspondence: Whom do I contact?

If you have a question or need to deliver a form, route your information to the appropriate email inbox for accurate, expedited processing:

#### [FCGMA@ventura.org](mailto:FCGMA@ventura.org)

- Board meeting questions
- Public Records requests
- Allocation information requests

#### [FCGMA.Report@ventura.org](mailto:FCGMA.Report@ventura.org)

- SAES reporting and payment inquiries
- Additional Reporting Requirements forms
- Meter photos for SAES reporting
- Waiver requests

#### [FCGMA.Flowmeter@ventura.org](mailto:FCGMA.Flowmeter@ventura.org)

- Flowmeter Update forms (for new, repaired, or replaced meters)
- Meter Registration photos
- Flowmeter Exemption forms
- Flowmeter Calibration forms
- Flowmeter Calibration waivers

#### [FCGMA.Register@ventura.org](mailto:FCGMA.Register@ventura.org)

- Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration forms
- Authorization form
- Contact change
- Allocation Transfers

#### [AMI@ventura.org](mailto:AMI@ventura.org)

- Submit reporting data
- Domestic Exemption forms
- Data or compliance requests
- AMI Update forms

## FCGMA MISSION STATEMENT

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency is dedicated to the preservation and management of groundwater resources within its jurisdiction for the common benefit of all users.

The above mission statement was revised and approved by the Board of Directors on March 22, 2023.



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## Recently Adopted Ordinances and Resolutions

**Agency Ordinance Code** — Originally passed and adopted by the FCGMA Board of Directors on June 26, 2002, the most recent change to the **Ordinance Code (No. 8.10)** was amended and adopted on **May 25, 2022**, and became effective on the thirty-first day after adoption, **June 24, 2022**.

To learn more about FCGMA ordinances, visit [FCGMA.org/ordinances-legislation/](http://FCGMA.org/ordinances-legislation/) where you can access legislation, active ordinances, and the full history of emergency ordinances. You can also access the chronologically-ordered FCGMA resolutions list at [FCGMA.org/public-documents/resolutions/](http://FCGMA.org/public-documents/resolutions/). To review allocation information organized by basin, visit [FCGMA.org/allocation/](http://FCGMA.org/allocation/).

### We're Forty!

In the **January 25 session**, the FCGMA Board adopted **Resolution 2023-01** proclaiming January 1, 2023 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's 40th Anniversary. As the Agency has matured, respect and support for groundwater sustainability has deepened, and we look forward to further strengthening our relationships and streamlining our processes to best serve our mission and our stakeholders.

### Ordinances Pertaining to the Las Posas Valley Basin

For more information about the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin adjudication, updates regarding implementation, or to sign up for the LPV Watermaster's service list, visit [FCGMA.org/las-posas-valley-watermaster/](http://FCGMA.org/las-posas-valley-watermaster/).

## Upcoming Regular Board Meetings

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency has scheduled Board regular meetings for the rest of the calendar year, which you can view at [FCGMA.org/board-agendas-broadcasts-minutes/](http://FCGMA.org/board-agendas-broadcasts-minutes/):

- Wednesday, October 25
- Wednesday, December 6

November and December regular meetings are typically combined to accommodate holiday schedules. The Board may hold one or more special meetings, as needed.

Board meetings are held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month; meetings are in session from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Meetings are held in Board of Supervisors Hearing Room at the Ventura County Government Center's Hall of Administration building, located at 800 South Victoria Avenue, in Ventura. Alterations of the time or room are possible, so please check for facility or start time changes each month at [FCGMA.org/events/](http://FCGMA.org/events/).

Questions or comments about Board meetings may be directed to the FCGMA Clerk of the Board, by calling (805) 654-2014 or emailing [FCGMA@ventura.org](mailto:FCGMA@ventura.org); please include "FCGMA Board Meetings" in the email subject line.

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