

FCGMA EMERGENCY ORDINANCE HISTORY

Emergency Ordinance “A” – Adopted January 26, 1990, to prohibit the drilling of new water wells for use on undeveloped property. Prior to expiration of the ordinance on July 26, 1990, it was superseded by Emergency Ordinance “B.”

Emergency Ordinance “B” – Adopted July 20, 1990, to replace Emergency Ordinance “A” and extend the prohibition against new water wells for undeveloped property for an additional six (6) month period, allowing the ordinance to expire January 20, 1991.

Emergency Ordinance “C” – Adopted on March 24, 1999, this law set up a moratorium on the construction of new wells within the East Las Posas Groundwater Basin. Meant as a temporary hold on groundwater extractions and a means of preventing further degradation of water quality and quantity, this ordinance expired on September 30, 1999.

Emergency Ordinance “D” – The fourth extension to Emergency Ordinance “D” was adopted on March 23, 2011, to impose a temporary moratorium on construction of new wells and to provide an upper limitation to efficiency extraction allocation within the West, East, and South Las Posas Groundwater Basins pending development of a basin-specific management plan. The duration of this Revision No. 4 to Emergency Ordinance “D” shall be from the date of adoption until December 31, 2011. It shall remain in force until the stated date of expiration, unless the effective period is extended by action of the Agency Board of Directors. Emergency Ordinance ‘D’, originally adopted February 25, 2009, has been extended (4) times by action of the Agency Board of Directors.

Emergency Ordinance “E” – Passed and adopted April 11, 2014, Emergency Ordinance E limits extractions from groundwater extraction facilities, suspends use of credits, and prohibits construction of any groundwater extraction facility and/or the issuance of any permit therefor due to severe drought conditions.

Amendment to Ordinance “E” – Passed and adopted on December 13, 2019, An Amendment to Emergency Ordinance E repeals Article 2.C of Emergency Ordinance E, with respect to groundwater extractions subject to temporary extraction allocations beginning on January 1, 2020. This amendment restores temporary allocations for municipal and industrial operators.