



How is the Proposed Fee Calculated?

The proposed fee is based on a three-part methodology, modeled after the ESJGWA methodology used for member agency dues. It is designed to reflect how properties use and benefit from groundwater, and includes the following factors:

- 1 **Acreage** (Base Component)

- 2 **Groundwater Use (60%)**
Estimated based on land use type and demand

- 3 **Population (40%)**
Estimated residents or employees

Land uses are grouped into categories such as residential, agriculture, commercial, and industrial uses. Fees for properties within certain special districts (such as Community Service Areas) will be billed to the district and not individual property owners.

The following properties are exempt from the proposed fee:

- Residential parcels under 5 acres**
(considered de minimis groundwater users which are not subject to SGMA regulations)

- Vacant land and utilities**

- Properties in Maintenance Districts served by surface water instead of groundwater**

Fees will be collected on annual property tax bills beginning in fall 2026.

For more information, review the County GSA ESJ No. 1 Fee Report online at: <https://bit.ly/49Gja7I>



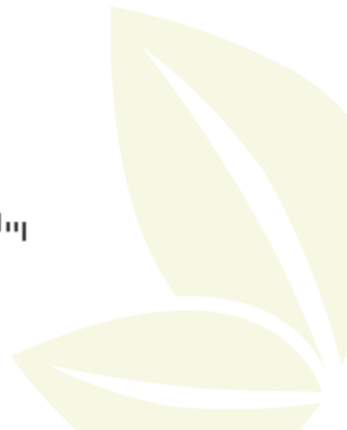
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Proposed Regulatory Fee for County GSA ESJ No. 1 SGMA Compliance Activities

Your property is located within County GSA ESJ No. 1 boundaries and benefits from County GSA ESJ No. 1 regulatory compliance activities.

Please read this mailer for more information.



Learn More

San Joaquin County SGMA website:



Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater website:



Zoom link for Community Meeting:



Attend the online community meeting:

6:30 pm, Tuesday, June 23

Link: <https://bit.ly/4dEK0yt>
Meeting ID: 859 2067 7929
Passcode: 812291

Attend the public hearing:

9 am, Tuesday, June 30

San Joaquin County
Board of Supervisors Chambers
44 North San Joaquin Street, Sixth Floor,
Stockton, CA

For additional information or to review materials, please visit <https://bit.ly/49Gja7I> and/or contact San Joaquin County Public Works – GSA ESJ No. 1 at (209) 468-3000.





Background on County GSA No. 1 in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin

Groundwater is a critical water supply source for homes, farms, and businesses in eastern San Joaquin County. For many years, groundwater in this region has been pumped and used faster than it can naturally recharge. Consequences of groundwater over-pumping include reduced water quality and lowering the water table, impacting wells that provide water.

To reduce and address groundwater over-pumping, California adopted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in 2014. SGMA requires local agencies to bring the pumping and recharge of groundwater into balance over time.

Compliance with SGMA is managed by local agencies called Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA), a joint effort of 16 GSAs, was formed in December 2017 to manage groundwater resources and SGMA compliance within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, which covers the portion of the county east of the San Joaquin River.

Your property is located within County GSA No. 1 in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin. GSA No. 1 is a member of ESJGWA and includes approximately 47,000 acres and 5,260 parcels.

The ESJGWA Subbasin, including GSA No. 1, has been designated by the State as “critically overdrafted.” **By law, GSA No. 1 must reach sustainability (balance) by 2040 or face state interventions that include pumping restrictions, regulatory fines, and loss of local control.**

To comply with State law, GSA No. 1 participates in basin-wide efforts led by ESJGWA. These efforts include:

- ✓ **Complying with State-mandated requirements**
- ✓ **Maintaining data systems and monitoring networks**
- ✓ **Developing groundwater models and water budgets**
- ✓ **Monitoring groundwater levels and quality**
- ✓ **Coordinating with the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Board**
- ✓ **Conducting public outreach and stakeholder engagement**

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PUBLIC HEARING

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9:00 am, Tuesday, June 30

44 North San Joaquin Street, Sixth Floor, Stockton

Proposed Property Fee to Fund County GSA No. 1 Regulatory Compliance Activities

San Joaquin County is proposing a groundwater regulatory property fee in accordance with CA Water Code Section 10730 (SGMA). The proposed fee would repay Zone 2's contributions and fund required groundwater management activities, including: GSA No. 1's share of ESJGWA regional costs; monitoring, modeling, and reporting required by the State; and administration and compliance activities. The proposed fee cannot be used to fund construction projects or groundwater infrastructure. It is strictly limited to regulatory compliance and program administration for GSA No. 1.

How Much Funding is Needed?

For Fiscal Year 2026–27, GSA No. 1's proposed total budget is **\$129,400.**

