



## How is the Proposed Fee Calculated?

For properties in the Non-Delta Management Area, the proposed fee is based on a three-part methodology, modeled after the Tracy Subbasin Coordination Committee's methodology used for member agency dues. It is designed to reflect how properties use and benefit from groundwater, and includes the following factors and weighting:

Properties in the Delta Management Area are only charged by acreage.

- 1 **Acreage (Base Component)** - Based on parcel acreage
- 2 **Groundwater Pumping (60%)** - Estimated based on land use type and demand
- 3 **Population (20%)** - Estimated residents or employees based on land use type and size

Land uses are grouped into categories such as residential, agriculture, commercial, and industrial uses. Properties within certain districts (such as Community Service Areas) will be billed at the district level rather than individually.

The following properties are exempt from the proposed fee:

- Residential parcels under 5 acres**  
(considered de-minimis groundwater users)
- Vacant land and utilities**

If approved by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. Fees will be collected on annual property tax bills beginning in fall 2026.

For more information, review the GSA Fee Report online at: <https://bit.ly/49Gja7I>



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## Proposed Property Fee for San Joaquin County Tracy Subbasin GSA Compliance Activities

Your property is located within the County's Tracy Subbasin GSA boundaries and benefits from its regulatory compliance activities.

*Please read this mailer for more information.*



## Learn More

San Joaquin County SGMA website:



Zoom link for Community Meeting:



**Attend the online community meeting:**

**6:30 pm, Wednesday, June 24**

Link: <https://bit.ly/4wuZhdA>

Meeting ID: 834 4568 0580

Passcode: 651349

**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 – Tracy Subbasin GSA at (209) 468-3000.





## Background on the County's Tracy Subbasin GSA

Groundwater is a critical water supply source for homes, farms, and businesses in 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). **Your property is located within the Tracy Subbasin GSA, formed in 2015 and managed by San Joaquin County.** The County's Tracy Subbasin GSA encompasses approximately 158,000 acres and 5,330 parcels and serves both Delta and Non-Delta Management Areas.

The larger Tracy Subbasin has been designated by the State as a medium-priority basin. **By law, the Tracy Subbasin 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, the County's Tracy Subbasin GSA participates in basin-wide efforts led by the Tracy Subbasin Coordinating Committee, a joint effort of six GSAs within the region. 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

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors plans to hold a public hearing on a proposed property fee for San Joaquin County's Tracy Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).

**9:00 am, Tuesday, June 30**

44 North San Joaquin Street, Sixth Floor, Stockton

## Proposed Property Fee to Fund GSA Regulatory Compliance Activities

The County's Tracy Subbasin GSA must comply with state SGMA requirements and fund its participation in the Tracy Subbasin Coordinating Committee. As such, San Joaquin County is proposing a groundwater regulatory property fee in accordance with CA Water Code Section 10730 to address SGMA requirements. The proposed fee would fund required groundwater management activities, including membership dues for the Tracy Subbasin Coordinating Committee; 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 the County's Tracy Subbasin GSA.

## How Much Funding is Needed?

For Fiscal Year 2026–27, the County's Tracy Subbasin GSA's total proposed budget is **\$149,600**.