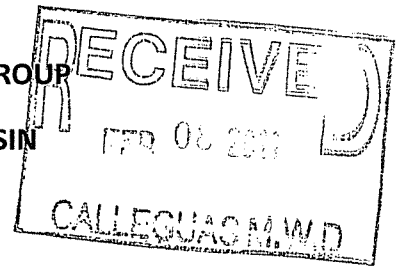


**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE LAS POSAS BASIN USERS GROUP
REGARDING GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT IN YOUR BASIN**

FEBRUARY 4, 2011



Dear Water Well Owner or Operator,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you about a public process to develop a groundwater management plan for the Las Posas Valley and encourage your participation. As you may be aware, we are faced with many challenges in our basin. Groundwater levels have declined significantly in some areas, while other areas have been filled with non-native water that is too salty to irrigate crops. Without the development and implementation of a groundwater management plan that addresses our specific problems, our challenges will become larger and more costly to address. The purpose of the basin-specific plan is to lay out management strategies designed to ensure that our groundwater resources will be able to sustain our current and future needs.

The Las Posas Basin-Specific Groundwater Management Plan (LPBSMP) is being developed cooperatively by the Las Posas Users Group (an open group consisting of local well owners/operators) over the next six months. Since the necessary solutions will undoubtedly require an investment by most local pumpers and possible adjustments to groundwater pumping operations, our goal is to develop the LPBSMP in the most fair and equitable manner possible with the least impact to current pumping operations. As such, your participation in the planning process is encouraged. The Users Group meets on the last Wednesday of most months at Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) at 8:30 AM. If you would like to receive meeting notifications, please provide your email address to Linda Laney at llaney@calleguas.com. **The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2011 at 8:30 AM in the Board Room at CMWD, 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, California, 91360.** We hope to see you there.

For more information, please see the frequently asked questions on the reverse side.

Sincerely,

Las Posas Users Group

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is a basin-specific groundwater management plan needed for the Las Posas Basins? Isn't the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) responsible for managing our groundwater resources?

The Las Posas Valley is faced with a unique set of challenges not adequately addressed by the FCGMA's current management plan and policies. Groundwater levels in our basin are influenced by a complex interplay of aquifer storage and recovery operations by CMWD and wastewater and other inflows from upstream areas that have raised groundwater levels and increased salt concentrations in some areas. As local stakeholders, we know what is best for our groundwater basin. The FCGMA has recognized this fact and has agreed to delegate the responsibility for developing solutions to us. The goal is to have the FCGMA Board consider adoption of our groundwater management plan and modify its Ordinance Code to enact the recommended basin-specific policies.

How will the Las Posas Basin-Specific Groundwater Management Plan affect me?

The groundwater management plan will recommend basin-specific approaches for solving our unique groundwater management challenges. If adopted by the FCGMA Board, there will be new rules. If the members conclude that the existing groundwater pumping is not sustainable, it may be necessary to find another method for allocating a base yield amount and developing projects to provide supplemental water. For some pumpers, this may mean paying a fee to help fund projects designed to maintain groundwater levels and/or remove salts from the basin. It's up to us to determine the best approaches to managing our local groundwater resources, including what projects and monitoring are needed and how to share the associated construction, operating and maintenance, and monitoring costs.

How can I obtain more information?

For more information about the basin-specific planning process, please visit <http://www.calleguas.com/LPB/LPBMP.htm> or contact Bryan Bondy, United Water Conservation District, at 525-4431 or bryanb@unitedwater.org.