

# ***Do You Have Questions About the Proposed Fee?***



**Learn More About the Proposed Groundwater  
Fee to Fund the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**Come to Our Public Information Session!**

**Thursday, June 22, 2023**

**3:30–5:00 p.m.**

**Oroville City Council Chambers**

**1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA 95965**

**THIS IS NOT THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Proposition protests will not be collected at this session.

This event is for informational purposes only.

**To learn more about the Wyandotte Creek GSA  
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<https://www.wyandottecreekgsa.com/>**

## What Does the GSA Do For You?

The Wyandotte Creek GSA serves the landowners within the GSA service area by ensuring compliance with the State's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) passed in 2014. The GSA oversees the implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), monitors groundwater conditions, and reports to the State annually to ensure that groundwater is available now and in the future.

## Why Should We Care?

The Wyandotte Creek GSA locally manages groundwater resources and ensures compliance with SGMA on behalf of landowners within its boundaries. Without the GSA, individual well owners would be required to pay fees to the State rather than locally. State Intervention Fees would include a wellhead fee and a fee for the amount of groundwater pumped.

## What Happens if We Don't Comply with SGMA?

The Wyandotte Creek GSA is charging the minimum fee needed so that the GSA can continue to manage groundwater locally. Without the GSA, the Wyandotte Creek Subbasin would no longer be in compliance with SGMA and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) would intervene and take over management of the Subbasin. The SWRCB can charge their own groundwater management fees. A summary of the SWRCB's SGMA Intervention Fees are summarized in the table below.

As a Probationary Basin the State Intervention Fee for a 40-acre parcel with one well that extracts 3.0 AF per acre would pay \$5,100 per year vs. the proposed Wyandotte Creek GSA Fee of \$554.40 per year.

By comparison, under the rates and schedule proposed for the Wyandotte Creek GSA through the approved Fee Report, this same landowner would pay a maximum of \$554.40 per year (40 acres x \$13.86/acre) and \$2,772 over a five-year period, plus an annual inflation factor. From a cost and regulation standpoint, the desire is to prevent State intervention while maintaining local control in a cost-effective manner. As such, the purpose of the WCGSA is to fully comply with SGMA on behalf of its landowners to avoid State intervention or excessive groundwater-related fees and regulation.

Fee Category	Fee Amount	Applicable Parties
Base Filing Fee	\$300 per well	All extractors required to report (excludes de minimis extractors).
Unmanaged Area Rate	\$10 per acre-foot (AF) (metered)	Extractors in unmanaged areas (excludes de minimis extractors).
	\$25 per AF (unmetered)	
Probationary Rate	\$40 per AF	Extractors in probationary basins (excludes de minimis extractors).
Interim Plan Rate	\$55 per AF	Extractors in probationary basins where the State Water Board determines an interim plan is required (excludes de minimis extractors).
De minimis (Use of less than 2-AF water per year) Fee	\$100 per well	De minimis extractors in probationary basins (if determined by the State Water Board at a public hearing).
Automatic Late Fee	25% per month	Extractors that do not file reports by the due date.

## Working Together and Maintaining Local Control

Since 2018, the Wyandotte Creek GSA has overseen the planning and management of its portion of Butte County's groundwater resources and will continue to do so at the lowest possible cost to its landowners, and avoid State intervention in local groundwater management decisions. Please attend our public workshop if you have any questions or want to learn more about this important topic. For more information visit our GSA website Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency ([wyandottecreekgsa.com](http://wyandottecreekgsa.com)). **Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon.**