



May 15, 2024

Dear Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) Landowner,

This letter is being sent to you because the MKGSA invoice for the water year 2022 (May - September 2022) has been delinquent for more than a year. Since December 15, 2023, this invoice has continued to accrue fees (10% after December 15, 2023, with a 1% increase each month it was late). **Please contact the GSA by June 15th, 2024 to pay the invoice or notify staff with a plan and timeline to resolve the overdue balance.** Any unpaid invoices after June 15th will result in the loss of tiered allocation for WY 2022, and any water used above Native Yield (set at 0.83 acre-feet per acre) will be considered 'Penalty Tier' (\$500/AF plus a 1:1 loss of future allocation). The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and local ordinances permit the GSA to take further action with continued delinquency, such as a public hearing ordering the owner/operator to cease groundwater extraction until all fees are paid. The MKGSA understands that this is a new program and has tried to afford some leniency, however at this time the MKGSA must pursue enforcement actions to be fair to the landowners that are complying with the program.

The Emergency Ordinance to Establish an Extraction Limitation for the MKGSA Service Area (Emergency Ordinance) exempts some parcels from these fees, however if any of the three criteria below apply to your operation, it is likely subject to the Emergency Ordinance:

1. Any parcel with more than 2 acre-feet (651,702 gallons) of groundwater pumping.
2. Any agricultural parcel greater than 4 acres (assessed acreage, per Tulare County records).
3. Any parcel that is actively and has historically been operated for irrigated agriculture.

If you believe this invoice does not apply to you, please contact us via email, dnz@tulareid.org, or phone, (559) 686-3425.

Sincerely,
Mid-Kaweah GSA