



INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2014

The East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSa) has begun to implement their adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSP outlines extraction limits as well as penalties.

The 2023 Well extraction allocation is as follows:

- Growers will receive credit for 92% of rainfall.
- Growers receive .85 acre-feet per acre for Native Yield supply.
- Growers can use Tier 1 transitional supply of .30 acre-feet per acre, for a fee of \$500 per acre-foot.
- The soft pumping cap, not including rainfall, is 1.15 acre-feet per acre, if no groundwater credit is applied.
- Growers can purchase groundwater credits and can apply up to 1.35 acre-feet per acre of groundwater credit.
- The 2023 hard pumping cap (maximum pumping) is set at 2.50 acre-feet per acre, inclusive of all water types.
- If the soft cap (no groundwater credit applied) or the hard cap is exceeded, growers next year's Native Yield will be decreased by the amount over pumped.

The EKGSa has sent growers their 2022 Water Statements for review. Please review and notify EKGSa immediately if you dispute or have questions regarding your statement. If no response is received, the EKGSa will assume the statement is correct and invoice you accordingly. The District provided the EKGSa with growers 2022 surface water deliveries. If you dispute the surface water deliveries, please contact the District office and **not** the EKGSa's office.

If you would like to discuss EKGSa activities, statements or have SGMA questions in general, please contact the office to schedule an appointment with management.

The District has been recharging water, in a limited amount, which will be allocated to growers in the same manner as surface water is allocated. This allocation will be treated as a groundwater credit. The District is seeking response to the following questions:

1. Does your operations have a need for recharge/groundwater credit?
2. Should the District purchase/lease land for recharge on behalf of growers?
3. Would you be willing to approve a 218 Election for the District to have the funds to purchase/lease land and construct reservoirs?
4. How much would you be willing to pay for recharge/groundwater credit per acre-foot?

Your input would be greatly appreciated, please email your answers to gkilgore@tdwauthority.org