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Landowners, Tri-County Water Authority

**Re: Groundwater Extraction Fees – IF YOU DO NOT PUMP GROUNDWATER DISREGARD THIS NOTICE**

Dear Landowner:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) was adopted by the California Legislature and signed into law in 2014 by Governor Brown. The intent of this legislation is for groundwater to be managed sustainably throughout California’s groundwater basins. Tri-County Water Authority (“TCWA”) is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency established to serve an area where you own property. TCWA has the responsibility for implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) for the area within its boundaries, in both the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins. TCWA will begin implementing management actions and fees, in accordance with SGMA, to support its mandate of groundwater sustainability by 2040.

On March 5, 2020, TCWA’s Board of Directors adopted a resolution establishing the levying of a \$10.00 per acre foot groundwater extraction fee. If you extract groundwater in an amount greater than two (2) acre feet per year, expect to receive a statement on or before April 1, 2020. TCWA will collect the fee for calendar year 2020 semi-annually. A second statement will be mailed out in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. TCWA may provide adjustments to your second statement based on documented surface water deliveries and/or verified meter readings.

TCWA is currently developing policies for meter installation, maintenance and monitoring. If you have a groundwater well meter, or receive surface water deliveries, and would like to have your data considered for an adjustment on your second statement, please fill out and return the enclosed GROUNDWATER WELL METER INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM.

The groundwater extraction fee has been calculated by using crop information and irrigation efficiencies. Beginning in Calendar year 2021, monitoring and invoicing of groundwater extractions will be managed and calculated by using water meters and/or consumptive use data provided by Land IQ.

Please return the attached Groundwater Well Meter Information and Consent Form to TCWA. If you have more than one groundwater well, you may copy the enclosed form or request additional forms from the TCWA office.

For additional information please go to [www.tcwater.org](http://www.tcwater.org) or contact our office at 559-762-7240.

Sincerely,

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