

Notice of Groundwater Extraction Fee

During the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA) Board of Directors meeting on May 18, 2021, the Board approved sending the annual water rate study for public review and a set a public hearing for July 9, 2021 at 1:00 pm. The annual water study identifies the fee to be paid by property owners within the Greater Tule Management Area, and a portion of the City of Porterville Management Area of the ETGSA to fund a portion of the Adopted 2021-22 Fiscal Year Budget to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Below is a summary of the Water Rate Study:

2021-2022 WATER RATE STUDY

2021-2022 Adopted Budget	Administration / Overhead	Professional Services	Water Accounting	Technical Monitoring
\$1,518,990	\$ 529,990	\$ 585,000	\$ 304,000	\$ 100,000

The Water Rate is calculated using the total amount of the Sustainable Yield water available for 2021, which includes the long-term average total precipitation and the calculated native sustainable yield, which sums to 1.04 acre-feet per acre. Applied to the total 160,843 gross acres of the ETGSA, the volume of water equates to 167,277 acre-feet. Applying the adopted budget to this volume of water, the annual water rate is proposed at \$9.08 per acre foot.

Total Water Rate (\$/ac-ft)	Administration / Overhead	Professional Services	Water Accounting	Technical Monitoring
\$9.08	\$3.17	\$3.50	\$1.82	\$0.60

The water rate will be applied to the parcels owned within the Greater Tule Management Area and portions of the City of Porterville Management Area of the ETGSA that are **greater than 2 acres**, based on the County Assessor Records. A copy of the study and map is available on the ETGSA's website or may be obtained by contacting the ETGSA office.

A Public Hearing on the proposed Groundwater Extraction Fee will be held via videoconference on July 9, 2021 at 1:00 pm for the ETGSA. Members of the public can attend the public hearing via videoconference:

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89842522649>

Phone Call & Conference Code:

1 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 898 4252 2649

Written comments can be submitted online at www.easterntulegsa.com/groundwaterextractionfee

For more information on the Eastern Tule GSA and Sustainable Groundwater Act please visit: easterntulegsa.com