

SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 82 - 03

(Requiring Metering of Certain Extraction Facilities.)

The Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District DOES ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. All extraction facilities in the district, as defined by Section 309 of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Basin Act (Chapters 449 and 986, Statutes of 1980) that have not been registered with the district as abandoned or inactive, and are capable of pumping one hundred gallons per minute or more, shall be equipped with a meter that measures the flow of water.

Section 2. The meters shall be provided by the district. They shall be installed by the district or, at the district's option, by the property owner. If installed by the property owner, the installation shall comply with district specifications. Once installed, the meters shall continue to be the personal property of the district.

Section 3. When a new extraction facility is constructed, or an abandoned extraction facility is reactivated, or an existing extraction facility is modified to pump over one hundred gallons per minute, and if the district elects to have the property owner install the meter, the meter shall be installed within thirty days of the date that the meter was made available to the property owner.

Section 4. In passing this ordinance, the district realizes that modification of some existing extraction facilities will be

necessary to properly retrofit meters onto existing pipe. However, in cases where unique circumstances exist that would cause severe financial hardship to a property owner if he were required to comply with all of the district's installation specifications, the board of directors may waive some or all of said specifications. In doing so, the board shall consider the size of the extraction facility, and the amount of distortion in the meter readings that a waiver will cause.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful to extract groundwater from any extraction facility required to have a meter if said meter is not affixed. Any person who does not comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be liable for a penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each day the provisions are not complied with.

Section 6. Any person who injures, alters, removes, resets, adjusts, manipulates, obstructs, or in any manner interferes or tampers with, or procures, or causes, or directs any person to injure, alter, remove, reset, adjust, manipulate, obstruct, or in any manner interfere or tamper with any meter affixed or any extraction facility as required by this ordinance so as to cause the meter to improperly or inaccurately measure and record water extraction shall be liable for a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Section 7. The board of directors shall set the exact amount of any penalty assessed under this ordinance.

The foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management

District, State of California, at a regular meeting held the 30th day of September, 1982, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors: Roberti, Barnes, Torri, Ross and Gottardi.

NOES: Directors: None.

ABSENT: Directors: Filippini and Genasci.

Kenneth F. Torri
Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors

Dated: October 6, 1982.

ATTEST:

Andrick E. Ruffen
Secretary to said Board of Directors

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