

ORDINANCE NO. 93-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ADDING A PERMIT FEE PROGRAM FOR REGISTRATION OF NEW EXTRACTION FACILITIES TO THE PILOT GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District ("District") was created by special act of the Legislature as embodied in the Sierra Valley Groundwater Basin Act, Stats. 1980 Chapter 449, as amended ("Act") for the purpose of management of groundwater within the Sierra Valley Groundwater Basin ("Basin"); and

WHEREAS, available data concerning groundwater conditions in the Basin indicate that groundwater levels in the Basin have undergone a long-term decline, indicating that the Basin may be in a state of overdraft; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 92-01, the District adopted a pilot groundwater management program and is in the process of collecting data on groundwater extractions to serve as the basis for the adoption and implementation of a long-term groundwater management program; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to ensure that the data collected pursuant to the pilot groundwater management program includes data on all new extraction facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the Sierra Valley Groundwater District as follows:

Section 1: Purpose and Findings.

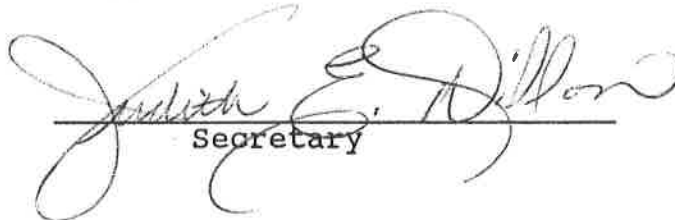
Based upon information submitted and testimony received at the public hearing held on APRIL 13, 1992, this Board of Directors finds that portions of the Basin are in a state of overdraft and that, in portions of the Basin, large pumping depressions exist as a result of extensive groundwater pumping. These conditions create a potential threat to the public health, safety and welfare because of a reduced water supply for human consumption, sanitation, fire protection and irrigation. In order to conserve the water supply for the greatest public benefit, it is necessary to include in the pilot program for the management and conservation of groundwater in the Basin a permit fee program as a mechanism to ensure accurate collection of data on new extraction facilities.

Section 2: Permit Requirement for New Extraction Facility.

Section 702(g) of the Act gives the District the right to regulate the construction of new extraction facilities by

ordinance. Pursuant to sections 601, 602 and 702 of the Act, the owner of any new extraction facility that is planned within the Basin must submit a refundable permit fee of \$100.00 to the District prior to construction of the extraction facility. The \$100.00 fee will be refunded upon receipt by the District of a well driller's log and a map showing the location of the extraction facility, both of which should be submitted within 60 days of completion of construction.

ADOPTED this 8th day of MARCH, 1993


Secretary

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