

**Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District
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The Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (SVGMD) has requirements for new well permits and metering of all large-capacity wells located in the Sierra Valley Groundwater Basin. These requirements are as follows:

- (1) Applicants for well permits must receive approval from SVGMD through Plumas/Sierra County.
- (2) In keeping with SVGMD Ordinance 16-03, permit applications for new large capacity wells (defined as capable of pumping 100 gallons per minute (gpm) or more and/or constructed with casings larger than six (6) inches) shall be reviewed and evaluated based on the proposed well location and may require consultation with a District approved geohydrologist to provide a groundwater supply evaluation, at applicant's expense.
- (3) All wells that are capable of pumping 100 gpm or more shall be equipped with a SVGMD-approved meter that measures the flow of water. SVGMD shall retain ownership of the meter.
- (4) The SVGMD shall charge the applicant a fee to cover the costs and installation of the meter within 30 days of the well becoming functional. In addition, there will be an annual \$200 well fee.
- (5) It is unlawful to extract groundwater from any extraction facility capable of 100 gpm or more if said meter is not installed. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 82-03 states "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.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding these requirements at:

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