



NOTICE OF FINAL CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA ALLOCATIONS FOR 2023 AND 2024

May 24, 2023

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Notice of Final Allocations

On May 3, 2023, the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (CBGSA) approved the final 2023 and 2024 Central Management Area groundwater allocations which are enclosed.

Tracking/Reporting Process

To ensure allocations are being met by landowners, CBGSA Board adopted the following administrative policy at the January 18, 2023 Board meeting:

1. The CBGSA will develop a water allocation for each parcel in the CMA and part of a "Farming Unit"
2. Each landowner/operator must submit monthly meter readings for the preceding year by January 31st according to the CBGSA meter reporting instructions (provided at www.cuyamabasin.org)
3. Each landowner must list the APNs the well served and how many acre-feet of water was used on each APN as listed in the water use reporting forms.
4. Staff will develop a water accounting to report at the March Board meeting to confirm annual pumping reduction goals are met for the net water use for landowners/operators.

Non-Compliance/Over Pumping Enforcement

On July 6, 2022, the CBGSA Board established the following penalty fee and enforcement options for landowners who pump more than their allocation:

If a landowner/farming unit does not meet their annual pumping reduction target (allocation), any and all over-pumped water will be debited against that landowner's allocation for the following year. Additional over-pumping will carry a tiered financial penalty as follows:

- Tier 1: 5 percent over pumping = \$250/acre-foot
- Tier 2: >5 percent pumping = \$500/acre-foot

These penalties fees for over-pumping will be invoiced in March and be due by May 1st of each year and any penalty fees collected will be used for projects in the CMA. If a landowner over-pumps 20% or more of his or her allocation in any given year, the CBGSA may consider legal action.

Please contact me at (661) 477-3385, or tblakslee@hgcpm.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Taylor Blakslee".

Taylor Blakslee
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