

MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION 2024-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
DETERMINING AND ESTABLISHING A
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FEE AGAINST ALL PERSONS
OPERATING GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FACILITIES WITHIN
THE MOUND BASIN FOR THE 14TH AND 15TH SEMIANNUAL BILLING
PERIODS (JULY–DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY–JUNE 2025)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is authorized to collect regulatory fees such as permit fees and groundwater extraction fees, among other things (Wat. Code, § 10730); and

WHEREAS, a GSA may levy these fees to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, including, but not limited to, preparation, adoption, and amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP), and investigations, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement, and program administration, including a prudent reserve for the Mound Sub-basin (#4-004.03); and

WHEREAS, a GSA may levy these fees both pre- and post-adoption of a GSP as long as those funds collected are used for the enumerated activities set forth under Water Code section 10730; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2021, the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) adopted a GSP for the Mound Basin; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2024, the Agency approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2024–2025 and updated its multi-year financial projection; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the financial standing of the Agency, the Board of Directors (Board) determined the need for a groundwater extraction fee of \$129.00 per acre foot for (a) the 14th Semiannual Billing Period (July–December 2024) and (b) the 15th Semiannual Billing Period (January–June 2025 extractions); and

WHEREAS, the Agency provided notice regarding this proposed groundwater extraction fee and the associated public meeting, as follows:

1. By publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 in the Ventura County Star on June 10, 2024, and June 17, 2024.

2. By posting notice on the website of the Agency at www.moundbasingsa.org, and on the Facebook page of the Agency at <https://www.facebook.com/moundbasingsa/>.
3. By mailing notice to current well owners within the Agency.
4. By mailing notice to any interested party who filed a written request with the Agency for mailed notice of the public fee meeting, if any.
5. By emailing notice to any interested party who is listed on or requested to be added to the interested parties email list.
6. This notice included:
 - the time and place of the meeting;
 - a general explanation of the fee under consideration; and
 - a statement that the data on which the fee is based is publicly available.
7. At least 20 days prior to the public meeting, the Agency made the data upon which the fee is based, the Agency's 2024-2025 fiscal year budget and multi-year financial projection, available to the public on the Agency's website.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency that a groundwater extraction fee shall be levied as follows:

1. A groundwater extraction fee of \$129.00 per acre foot shall be levied on all groundwater extracted from within the Agency boundary, regardless of whether that groundwater is derived from the native or an augmented supply, during (a) the 14th Semiannual Billing Period (July–December 2024 extractions) and (b) the 15th Semiannual Billing Period (January–June 2025 extractions).
2. The data upon which this groundwater extraction fee is based is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein. This data is approved and adopted, and Agency staff are directed to comply with its provisions.
3. The Agency shall bill this groundwater extraction fee semiannually with billing periods covering January through June and July through December. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Agency shall endeavor to adopt groundwater extraction fees concurrently with its annual budgeting process.

4. The Board makes the following findings, based upon the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at the public meeting regarding the groundwater extraction fee:
- a. Revenues derived from this groundwater extraction fee will not exceed the amounts required to provide for implementation of the GSP and related administrative services.
 - b. Revenues derived from this groundwater extraction fee shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the groundwater extraction fee is imposed.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 24th day of June 2024.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0


Catherine P. Keeling, Chair

ATTEST:


Bryan Bondy, Executive Director

**Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget and Multi-Year Budget Projection**

Approved by the Board of Directors on May 23, 2024

	FY 23-24 Adopted Budget	Q1 - Q3 Jul - Mar 2024 Actuals	Q4 April - June 2024 Projection	FY 23-24 Year End Projection	FY 24-25 Proposed Budget	FY 25-26 Projected Budget	FY 26-27 Projected Budget	FY 27-28 Projected Budget	FY 28-29 Projected Budget	Comments
Income										
<i>Groundwater Extractions City of Ventura (AF)</i>	3,000	660	500	1,160	1,600	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	Based on feedback from City of Ventura.
<i>Groundwater Extractions Others (AF)</i>	2,900	1,583	674	2,256	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	FY 23-24 revised downward due to wet winter
<i>Groundwater Extractions Total (AF)</i>	5,900	2,242	1,174	3,416	3,850	4,750	5,250	5,250	5,250	
<i>Groundwater Extraction Fee (\$/AF)</i>	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	129	129	119	114	104	Extraction fee rates for FY 24-25 and 25-26 have increased due to lower extraction extraction rates experienced in FY 23-24 and lower project extraction rates in following years.
40001 · Groundwater Extraction Fees	\$572,300	\$217,505	\$113,840	\$331,345	\$495,137	\$610,884	\$627,194	\$599,709	\$545,906	
42000 · Investment Income	\$0	\$0	\$3,125	\$3,125	\$32,250	\$24,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Income	\$572,300	\$217,505	\$116,965	\$334,470	\$527,387	\$635,634	\$627,194	\$599,709	\$545,906	
Gross Profit	\$572,300	\$217,505	\$116,965	\$334,470	\$527,387	\$635,634	\$627,194	\$599,709	\$545,906	
Expense										
52200 · Professional Services										Significant cost increased from County for website hosting. Staff will explore more cost-effective alternatives.
52240 · Prof Svcs - IT Consulting	\$1,103	\$913	\$200	\$1,113	\$8,500	\$8,925	\$9,371	\$9,840	\$10,332	
52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwater/GSP Pre										
52250 · Prof Svcs - Post GSP Adoption	\$144,069	\$41,119	\$10,000	\$51,119	\$147,880	\$198,784	\$184,074	\$157,824	\$134,737	Response to DWR GSP comments moved to FY 24-25
52270 · Prof Svcs - Accounting	\$23,798	\$15,625	\$5,000	\$20,625	\$10,382	\$26,675	\$11,450	\$29,409	\$12,623	
52275 · Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	\$7,350	\$4,973	\$2,377	\$7,350	\$7,718	\$8,103	\$8,509	\$8,934	\$8,934	
52280 · Prof Svcs - Executive Director	\$19,294	\$12,455	\$6,839	\$19,294	\$20,258	\$21,271	\$22,335	\$23,452	\$24,624	
Total 52200 · Professional Services	\$195,614	\$75,085	\$24,416	\$99,501	\$194,739	\$263,759	\$235,738	\$229,459	\$191,251	
52500 · Legal Fees										
52501 · Legal Counsel	\$12,600	\$4,125	\$2,000	\$6,125	\$6,431	\$6,753	\$7,090	\$7,445	\$7,817	
Total 52500 · Legal Fees	\$12,600	\$4,125	\$2,000	\$6,125	\$6,431	\$6,753	\$7,090	\$7,445	\$7,817	
53000 · Office Expenses										
53010 · Public Information	\$1,391	\$0	\$1,325	\$1,325	\$1,391	\$1,461	\$1,534	\$1,611	\$1,691	
53020 · Office Supplies	\$221	\$671	\$400	\$1,071	\$1,124	\$1,180	\$1,240	\$1,301	\$1,367	
53070 Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$1,155	\$1,080	\$0	\$1,080	\$1,134	\$1,191	\$1,250	\$1,313	\$1,378	
53026 · Postage & Mailing	\$683	\$319	\$350	\$669	\$702	\$737	\$774	\$813	\$853	
53110 · Travel & Training	\$525	\$214	\$525	\$739	\$776	\$814	\$855	\$898	\$943	
53000 Office Expenses Other	\$315	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$158	\$165	\$174	\$182	\$191	
Total 53000 · Office Expenses	\$4,290	\$2,283	\$2,750	\$5,033	\$5,285	\$5,549	\$5,826	\$6,118	\$6,424	
53500 · Insurance										
53510 · Liability Insurance	\$6,126	\$7,296	\$0	\$7,296	\$7,661	\$8,044	\$8,447	\$8,869	\$9,312	
Total 53500 · Insurance	\$6,126	\$7,296	\$0	\$7,296	\$7,661	\$8,044	\$8,447	\$8,869	\$9,312	
70000 · Interest & Debt Service										
71000 Bank Service Charges	\$0	\$405	\$135	\$540	\$270	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total 70000 · Interest & Debt Service	\$0	\$405	\$135	\$540	\$270	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
81000 · Contingency - Non Capital Expenditures	\$21,863	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,412	\$28,410	\$25,710	\$25,189	\$21,480	
82000 Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
82001 Capital Project Expenditures	\$43,779	\$4,180	\$5,820	\$10,000	\$145,444	\$1,017,864	\$0	\$0	\$0	Assume Monitoring Well B ROW acquisition and design in FY 24-25 and construction in FY 25-26.
82002 Contingency - Capital	\$4,378	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,544	\$101,786	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Expense	\$288,650	\$93,375	\$35,121	\$128,495	\$395,785	\$1,432,165	\$282,812	\$277,079	\$236,284	
Net Income	\$283,650	\$124,130	\$81,844	\$205,975	\$131,602	-\$796,531	\$344,383	\$322,629	\$309,623	
Cash Flow Projections										
Beginning Cash Balance, July 1				\$ 574,814	\$ 914,412	\$ 912,286	\$ 57,881	\$ 394,109	\$ 730,481	
Projected Cash Inflows				\$ 468,094	\$ 393,659	\$ 577,761	\$ 619,039	\$ 613,452	\$ 572,808	
Projected Cash Outflows				\$ (128,495)	\$ (395,785)	\$ (1,432,165)	\$ (282,812)	\$ (277,079)	\$ (236,284)	Some June expenses may actually be paid during subsequent fiscal year.
Projected Ending Cash Balance, June 30				\$ 914,412	\$ 912,286	\$ 57,881	\$ 394,109	\$ 730,481	\$ 1,067,005	
Designated for Operating Reserves				\$ 52,500	\$ 55,125	\$ 57,881	\$ 60,775	\$ 63,814	\$ 67,005	
Designated for Capital Reserves				\$ 861,912	\$ 857,161	\$ -	\$ 333,333	\$ 666,667	\$ 1,000,000	Unused FY 23-24 income transferred to capital reserve. Capital reserve in FY 26-27 and beyond is for second monitoring well scheduled for construction in FY 31-32.
Total Reserves				\$ 914,412	\$ 912,286	\$ 57,881	\$ 394,109	\$ 730,481	\$ 1,067,005	
Unreserved Cash, June 30				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	