

CLAY WATER DISTRICT
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE OF MEETING AND HEARING ON

PROPOSED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the hour of 9am**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Board of Directors of the Clay Water District, acting as a groundwater sustainability agency in the Cosumnes Subbasin, will hold a public meeting and hearing at 12901 Twin Cities Rd. Herald, CA 95638. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting or have concerns about attending the meeting in person, please contact Board Chair Gary Silva at (208) 481-4407 to make reasonable arrangements or for call-in information. The Board will consider the following matter:

Proposed modification of the existing groundwater sustainability fee established by RESOLUTION No. 2021.07.20.01 in 2021 (the “Groundwater Sustainability Fee”) to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program in the Cosumnes Subbasin, including, but not limited to, the implementation of the Cosumnes Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, fund associated groundwater management activities, and meet the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

The Clay Water District GSA proposes to levy the Groundwater Sustainability Fee under its authority granted by California Water Code section 10730 on all irrigated land within the Clay Water District GSA area within the Cosumnes Subbasin.

The Groundwater Sustainability Fee would be charged in the amount of \$10 per acre irrigated with groundwater with a base fee charge of \$35.59 per parcel for persons using groundwater.

The Clay Water District GSA will also impose a fee on de minimis users of water (less than 2-acre feet per year for domestic purposes, see Cal. Water Code sec. 10721 (e) only after the GSA unless the agency has regulated the users pursuant to this part. This Resolution modifies the previous fee to place a fee on de minimis extractors, residential, commercial, irrigated agriculture and public water system using groundwater.

In order to keep pace with inflationary costs of service in carrying out the Agency’s purposes for which the Fees are collected, The Agency may apply an annual inflation increase. The initial Annual Adjustments can only be in place for 5-years after approval of this Resolution, but can be extended through further Board action in the future. Each Fee presented above, will be adjusted annually for inflationary increases in the cost of service based on a 12-month period, as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) West All Items (Series Id: CUUR0400SA0) for June through May of each respective year. The Annual Fee Adjustment will be limited to the lower of the actual cost of service increase, or the CPI-U increase, but will not less than zero.

Data upon which the proposed Groundwater Sustainability Fee is based may be obtained from the Clay Water District online at www.SloughhouseRCD.org on the Groundwater page. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter.

Written/mailed statements may be filed with the Board Chair of the District at any time prior to the close of the meeting and oral statements may be made at the meeting.

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