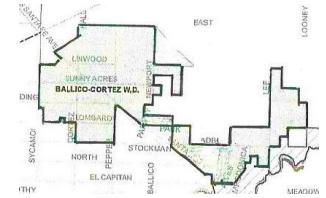


Ballico Cortez Water District Newsletter



Greetings

It's been a while since we've sent out a newsletter from the Ballico Cortez Water District (BCWD). Since the last newsletter the district has developed a new website. The District started collecting a \$3 per acre assessment from landowners to pay for being a part of the East Turlock Subbasin GSA. As discussed in previous newsletters, an overview of the GSA and the Plan that is needed is described below.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)



In 2014 California passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) to begin to identify ways to deal with overdraft water conditions in our area and help make groundwater levels and usage more stable.

SGMA requires locally controlled agencies to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). BCWD is part of the East Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The GSAs are responsible for developing and implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

GSPs must be completed and submitted for approval to the California Department of Water Resources by 2022. The GSP must include groundwater sustainable water management practices that will bring the groundwater basin into balance by 2040. The best solutions will be part of the GSP. The East Turlock Subbasin and the West Turlock Subbasin are currently in the process of developing a plan. For more information go to www.turlockgroundwater.org

Proposition 218

In May 2021 the East Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agency will be asking landowners to pay per acre fees to support the work of the GSA through a Prop 218 vote. Landowners should have received those notices by now.



Cost

If Prop 218 passes, the BCWD board will be voting in July after a public hearing, to use the \$3 per acre assessment it collects from landowners for potential water projects for our district. We have begun due diligence for the following projects:

- [The Mustang Creek Terminus Pond](#)
- [Gates on the Highline Canal](#)
- [Lateral CD2 off the Highline Canal on Lombardy Avenue and Harding Road](#)

Your Input

We want to know what your ideas are.



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Thank you for your interest and participation!

Ballico Cortez Water District Board