



Protecting today's groundwater for future generations.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In April 2025, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) completed a study to help fund its Groundwater Monitoring Program. This program helps us track well use, groundwater levels, water quality (specifically seawater intrusion), and how much groundwater is being pumped in the Salinas Valley.



Why it matters: This information is vital to protect our water supply, manage resources responsibly, and meet state requirements under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

TO SUPPORT THIS WORK, MCWRA IS INTRODUCING REGULATORY FEES



Key fees for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 include:

- One-time well registration: **\$160.16** per well
- Annual well registration renewal: **\$21.86** per well
- Groundwater extraction reporting: **\$64.82** per well
- Monitoring groundwater levels: **\$117.68** per well
- Monitoring water quality: **\$73.92** per well

The fees are designed to cover the reasonable regulatory costs incurred by MCWRA, including staff time, materials and other costs. They are exempt from voter approval under Proposition 26.

MCWRA will evaluate and adopt the GMP fees annually as part of its budgeting process, considering changes in regulatory requirements, technology, the number of wells subject to monitoring, and actual costs to conduct the GMP.