



SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

August 1, 2025

Landowner Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Subject: Second Notice – Ordinance 25-001 Requiring Meter Installation and Reporting of Groundwater Extraction Flow Meter Installation(s) and Compliance Form(s) Due by April 1, 2026

This is the second official notice regarding the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (SABGSA) adoption of a mandatory Well Meter Installation & Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program under Ordinance 25-001, which took effect on April 17, 2025. The Ordinance requires all well owners/operators within the San Antonio Creek Valley Basin (Basin) to install a flow meter with a visual, volume-recording totalizer on their wells, submit documentation of compliance by April 1, 2026, and report monthly groundwater extraction readings to the SABGSA on a twice-a-year basis. De minimis extractors – defined as those who extract two acre-feet or less per year solely for domestic purposes – are exempt from metering and reporting requirements. Additionally, inactive or abandoned wells may qualify for exemption if all criteria outlined in the Ordinance are met.

You are receiving this letter because the San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (SABGSA) available records indicate that you have one or more well(s) located on property that you own or you have been designated as an "operator" of a well under SABGSA's well registration program. For reference, a list of wells on your property registered with the SABGSA (or for which you are the designated "operator") is enclosed along with a summary of SABGSA's Metering and Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program requirements and compliance deadlines. A copy of the Ordinance, SABGSA reporting forms, and a list of frequently asked questions can be found at <https://sanantoniobasingsa.org/metering-program/>.

Flow Meter Requirements - Installation by April 1, 2026.

Basin landowners/well operators have the flexibility to select the specific type of flow meter for their wells based on production capacity, budget, and other factors provided all requirements set forth in the Ordinance are met. Existing meters are subject to the same requirements. The SABGSA strongly encourages landowners and well operators to take immediate steps to develop a plan for compliance. The flow meter must be:

- Equipped with a direct reading rate-of-flow indicator showing instantaneous flow in gallons per minute or a sweep hand indicator for which rate-of-flow can be determined by timing.
- Equipped with a visual, volume-recording totalizer recorded in gallons, cubic feet, or acre-feet.
- Calibrated within an accuracy level of +/- 5% by volume.
- Installed, operated, and maintained to the manufacturer's specifications, instructions, and recommendations.

While meter selection and installation are at the discretion of Basin landowners, the SABGSA recommends consulting a qualified professional to ensure appropriate meter selection, proper installation, and accurate ongoing measurement. A list of local service providers is enclosed for reference.

Santa Barbara County Water Agency Well Metering Assistance Program - \$500 Rebate

To assist with compliance costs, the County of Santa Barbara is offering a \$500 rebate for qualifying flow meters through its Well Metering Assistance Program (WMA). Eligibility is limited to one (1) meter per applicant. Funding is limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. More information and the application can be found at:

<https://www.countyofsb.org/2568/Well-Metering-Assistance-Program-WMA>

Thank you for your cooperation in supporting the long-term sustainability of our groundwater resources. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Bertoux".

Stephanie Bertoux, Executive Director



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**ABC Vineyards
C/O Landowner Name
1234 Main Street
Los Alamos, CA 93440**

Attachment: Well Registration Data on File with SABGSA

If the information below is incorrect, please contact the SABGSA at: admin@sanantoniobasingsa.org

APN	PARCEL ADDRESS	TYPE	WATER USE	STATUS	METER REPORTED
xxx-xxx-xxx	1234 Main Street	Ag/Irrigation	More Than 2 AFY	Active	
xxx-xxx-xxx	1234 Hwy 135	Domestic	Less Than 2 AFY	Active	
xxx-xxx-xxx	1234 Bell Street	Ag/Irrigation	More Than 2 AFY	Active	
xxx-xxx-xxx	1234 Bell Street	Ag/Irrigation	N/A	Inactive	
xxx-xxx-xxx	1234 Cat Cyn	Domestic	Less Than 2 AFY	Active	
xxx-xxx-xxx	1234 Cat Cyn	Ag/Livestock Watering	More Than 2 AFY	Active	
xxx-xxx-xxx	1234 Cat Cyn	Ag/Irrigation	More Than 2 AFY	Abandoned	



**SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
RESOURCES FOR METERING & GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION REPORTING PROGRAM**

July 10, 2025

PLEASE NOTE:

The resources listed here are provided for informational purposes only. Inclusion of any resource does not imply endorsement or guarantee of accuracy or effectiveness. Landowners and well operators are encouraged to independently verify information and consult qualified professionals as needed. The San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency is not responsible for the content, services, or products offered by external websites or organizations, including but not limited to the resources listed below.

VENDORS/SUPPLIERS OF WATER MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT

The State Water Resources Control Board has published a list of vendors/suppliers of water measurement and monitoring equipment.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/diversion_use/wm_vendors.html

LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

3rd Gen Pump & Well

PO Box 2144, Pismo Beach, CA 93448

(805) 904-8808

3rdgenpump@gmail.com

Flow meter installation, flow accuracy testing, calibration

A&A Pump & Well

<https://www.aapumpwell.com/>

123 Industrial Way, Buellton, CA, 93427

(805) 688-8805

Flow meter installation, calibration depending on the type of flow meter

Alexander Pump Service

<https://www.alexanderpumpservice.com/>

911 W. Hwy 246, Buellton, CA 93427

(805) 717-1970

office@alexanderpumpservice.com

Flow meter installation

All American Drilling Inc.

<https://www.allamericandrillinginc.com/>

2361 A Street, Santa Maria, CA 93455

(805) 346-2422

info@allamericandrillinginc.com

Flow meter installation, flow accuracy testing, and calibration

Cal West Rain

<https://calwestrain.com/contact/>

2324 Tuley Rd., Paso Robles, CA 93446

(805) 226-8990

Flow meter installation, flow accuracy testing, and calibration

Filipponi-Thompson Drilling Inc

<https://ftdrilling.com/>

PO Box 845, Atascadero, CA 93423-0845

(805) 466-1271

Flow meter installation

Pacific Coast Well Drilling Inc

<https://pacificcoastwelldrilling.com/>

PO Box 184, Templeton, CA 93465-0184

(805) 434-5543

Meter installation, flow accuracy testing, and calibration

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SABGSA Metering Program Compliance Summary

Learn More at <https://sanantoniobasingsa.org/metering-program/>

Active Well

DEFINITION

Active Well:

All active non-de minimis wells – defined as extraction of more than 2 AFY – located within the Basin are subject to SABGSA metering and reporting requirements outlined in Ordinance 25-001.

De minimis wells – defined as extraction of less than 2 AFY for domestic purposes only – are exempt from SABGSA metering and reporting requirements.

METER REQUIREMENTS - NEW + EXISTING

April 1, 2026 Deadline:

1. Install a flow meter equipped with:
 - a. Either a direct-reading rate-of-flow indicator showing instantaneous flow in gallons per minute or a sweep hand indicator for which rate-of-flow can be determined by timing.
 - b. Visual, volume-recording totalizer recorded in gallons, cubic feet, or acre-feet.
2. Flow meter must be calibrated to $\pm 5\%$ accuracy level prior to installation.
3. **Submit SABGSA Meter Installation & Calibration Compliance Form**

Inactive Well

DEFINITION

Well Must Meet All Criteria:

1. Has NOT produced groundwater for a period of 1 year or more
2. Maintained in a condition that demonstrates Intention of Future Use:
 - a. No well defects that impair water quality.
 - b. Watertight cover (if pump removed) to prevent the entrance of debris or contamination.
 - c. The well is clearly marked.
 - d. The area surrounding the well is maintained clear of brush or debris.

DOCUMENT + COMPLIANCE

April 1, 2026 Deadline:

1. **Submit SABGSA Inactive Well: Intention of Future Use Form**

While Inactive: No meter installation or SABGSA Meter Installation & Calibration Compliance Form are required, but must maintain compliance with above criteria.

If Well Becomes Active: Prior to re-commencing extraction, a flow meter must be installed and SABGSA Meter Installation & Calibration Compliance Form must be submitted.

Abandoned Well

DEFINITION

Well Must Meet All Criteria:

1. Has NOT produced groundwater for a period of 1 year or more
2. Has NOT been maintained in a condition that demonstrates Intention of Future Use

DOCUMENT + DESTROY

April 1, 2026 Deadline:

1. Well destroyed under permit from the County of Santa Barbara
2. **Submit SABGSA Verification of Well Abandonment Form**
3. No meter installation required



SABGSA Metering Program Compliance Summary

Learn More at <https://sanantoniobasingsa.org/metering-program/>

Active Well

MONTHLY READINGS

April 1, 2026

Begin Monthly Meter Readings

Record/document meter readings between the 1st and 5th day of EACH month.

Reporting Period #1:

- April 2026
- May 2026
- June 2026
- July 2026
- August 2026
- September 2026

Reporting Period #2:

- October 2026
- November 2026
- December 2026
- January 2027
- February 2027
- March 2027

BI-ANNUAL REPORTING

November 1, 2026

Submit SABGSA Groundwater Extraction Reporting Form

Period #1 (April - Sept 2026)

May 1, 2027

Submit SABGSA Groundwater Extraction Reporting Form

Period #2 (Oct 2026- Mar 2027)

Inactive Well

REPORTING

November 1, 2026

1. **Submit SABGSA Inactive Well: Intention of Future Use Form**

Annually on November 1

1. **Submit SABGSA Inactive Well: Intention of Future Use Form**

Abandoned Well

REPORTING

None

