

SABGSA Board Meeting Updates and Action Items

For Discussion



San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board Meeting

February 18, 2025

Public Hearing

**Consider Ordinance 25-001 Requiring Meter Installation
and Reporting of Groundwater Extraction**

Agenda Item 6a.

Public Hearing Process:

Revised SABGSA Ordinance 25-001 Requiring Meter Installation and Reporting of Groundwater Extraction

- **Introduction & Presentation**

- Ordinance No. 25-001 to Adopt and Implement a Well Metering and Groundwater Extraction Reporting Program (Read by Title Only)
- Waive Further Reading
- SABGSA Legal Counsel and SABGSA Staff present revisions

- **Board Discussion**

- **Public Comment Period**

- Limited to 3 minutes per person
- State first and last name (optional)

- **Potential Board Action**

Introduction: Ordinance 25-001

Revised SABGSA Ordinance 25-001 Requiring Meter Installation and Reporting of Groundwater Extraction – Now addresses inactive and abandoned wells.

- **Board Direction at January 21, 2025 meeting**
 - Board considered Ordinance 25-001
 - During public comment, important questions were raised regarding potential pathways for exemption for wells without a power source/that were not currently active.
 - The proposed Ordinance did not contain exemptions for “inactive” or “abandoned” wells.
 - Board directed SABGSA legal counsel to work with SABGSA staff to outline potential exemptions for inactive and abandoned wells.
- **Revisions to Rules & Regulations – Redline version included in agenda packet**
 - Definitions added to Section 1 (“Abandoned” and “Inactive” Groundwater Extraction Facilities)
 - Exemptions added to Section 3A
 - Added Sections H&I describing compliance and verification requirements for Inactive and Abandoned Wells

Inactive Well: NO Extraction + Well Maintained

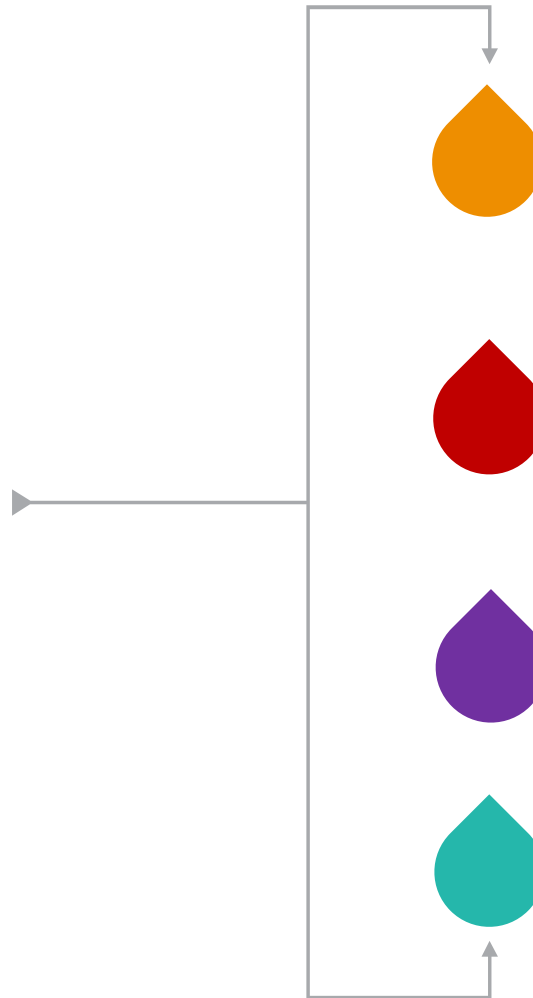
County Code, § 34A-13; Submit SABGSA Intention of Future Use Form

DEFINITION:

Has NOT Produced Groundwater for a Period of 1 Year or More

Maintained in Condition that Demonstrates Intention of Future Use

Meets All Applicable SB County Standards for Inactive Wells



Intention of Future Use:

No Well Defects that Impair Water Quality

The well has no defects which may impair water quality or the water-bearing formations penetrated.

Watertight Cover if Pump Removed

If the pump removed, well has a watertight cover that cannot be removed without the use of tools to prevent the entrance of debris or contamination.

Well is Marked

The well is marked so it can be clearly seen.

Clear of Debris

The area surrounding the well is maintained clear of brush or debris.

Abandoned Well: Destroy Under County Permit

County Code, § 34A-14; Submit SABGSA Verification of Well Abandonment Form

DEFINITION:

Well has **NOT** Produced Groundwater for a Period of 1 Year or More

Well has **NOT** Been Maintained in Condition that Demonstrates Intention of Future Use

Operator has **NOT** Submitted Intention of Future Use Form

DESTROY WELL PER COUNTY REGS:

Obtain Destruction Permit from County

Follow County Process for Destruction and Inspection

Complete by April 1, 2026

SUBMIT SABGSA FORM & VERIFICATION:

SABGSA Verification of Well Abandonment Form. Must include a copy of the destruction permit issued by the County

**Due to SABGSA:
April 1, 2026**

Summary: Metering Program Requirements

ACTIVE WELL

WELL REGISTRATION FORM

March 31, 2023

METER INSTALLATION

April 1, 2026

Install Meter and Submit
SABGSA Meter Installation &
Calibration Compliance Form

**Begin Recording Monthly Meter
Readings: Between 1st and 5th day
of each month.

REPORTING (Twice Per Year)

November 1, 2026

Submit SABGSA Groundwater
Extraction Form (Apr-Sept)

May 1, 2027

Submit SABGSA Groundwater
Extraction Form (Oct-Mar)

INACTIVE WELL

WELL REGISTRATION FORM

March 31, 2023

METER INSTALLATION

April 1, 2026

Submit SABGSA Inactive Well:
Intention of Future Use Form

While Inactive: No meter
installation or SABGSA Meter
Installation & Calibration
Compliance Form required.

REPORTING (Annually)

Annually on November 1st

Submit SABGSA Inactive Well:
Intention of Future Use Form

**Prior to commencing extraction,
must install meter and submit
Meter Installation & Calibration
Compliance Form. Begin reporting.

ABANDONED WELL

WELL REGISTRATION FORM

March 31, 2023

METER INSTALLATION

April 1, 2026

Submit SABGSA Verification of
Well Abandonment Form

Must include a copy of the well
destruction permit issued by the
County of Santa Barbara. No
meter installation required.

REPORTING

None

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- **Board Action**
 - [Potential] Motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-001 as read by title only and waive further reading, and to continue the consideration of Ordinance No. 25-001 for adoption at the Board of Directors' March 18, 2025 meeting.

Stay Informed:

**Policy Documents, Presentations, Resources
and FAQs for the Metering Program
are Posted!**

<https://sanantoniobasinga.org/metering-program/>

Metering Program Implementation Timeline

2025

2026

