

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



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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

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Abandoned Well

REPORTING

None

