

SABGSA Board Meeting Updates and Action Items



San Antonio Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board Meeting

September 16, 2025

Well Meter Assistance Program Update

Agenda Item 6b

Item 6.b.: Well Meter Assistance Program (WMAP)

Santa Barbara County Water Agency - \$500 Rebate

- **Purpose of Program**

- **Management of County's Groundwater Resources**

Accurate monitoring of groundwater extraction is essential for the long-term understanding, management, and sustainability of the County's groundwater resources.

- **Support GSP Implementation for Local GSA's**


Well metering provides reliable, defensible pumping data to support better decision-making. Flow meters must record instantaneous flow rates and continuously track the total volume of water pumped from each well, helping to meet GSP requirements.

- **Offer Financial Assistance to Qualifying Landowners**

Support landowners in complying with GSA's Rules and Regulations regarding well meter installation.

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**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY WELL
METERING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WMAP) APPLICATION**



**County of Santa Barbara
Public Works**
ATTN: Water Agency WMAP
620 West Foster Road
Santa Maria, CA 93455
Phone: 805-803-8781
Email: pwWMAPinfo@countyofsb.org

For Water Agency Use Only:
Date and Time Received:

Rebate Number:

Instructions: *Application must be fully completed and have all requested information to be considered for the WMAP. Incomplete submissions will be returned to the sender and will delay the process.*

Groundwater Basin where meter will be installed
___ Carpinteria
___ Cuyama Valley ___ San Antonio River Valley
___ Montecito ___ Santa Ynez River Valley (WMA __ CMA __ EMA __)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please Print

Full Legal Name of the Property Owner or Business Entity (i.e. XYZ, Inc., ACME, LLC., etc.) _____

Name of the Business Entity's Authorized Representative _____

Name as it should appear on the meter reimbursement check _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Alternate Phone Number _____

Email _____

METER INSTALLATION LOCATION

Provide a brief but detailed description of where the meter is or will be installed, to include property address. Additional information can include APN number and location description (Lat, Long). More detail is better. A separate map sketch can also be attached to this application if necessary.

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- **Eligibility Rules & Timeline**

- **Eligibility is limited to one meter per applicant.**
- **Applicant agrees to the terms and conditions summarized in the WMAP Application.**
- **Property owners may purchase and install eligible well meters at any time, then submit documentation for reimbursement.**

The well meter must meet the guidelines established by the Basin's GSA.
- **Rebates are available until June 30, 2026, or until funding is depleted.**

Applicants will be reimbursed for the cost of the meter, not to exceed \$500. The program may be continued each fiscal year (July 1–June 30), subject to available funding.

Eligible Groundwater Basins

- Carpinteria Groundwater Basin
- Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin
- Montecito Groundwater Basin
- San Antonio Creek Valley Groundwater Basin
- Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

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- **How to Apply for a Rebate from the County**
 - **Step 1 – Applicant Purchases a New Flow Meter that Complies with the GSA’s Requirements**
 - **Step 2 – Applicant Installs the Flow Meter**
Install the flow meter according to manufacturer’s specification, instructions and GSA recommendations.
 - **Step 3 – Applicant Submits Required Documentation**
Submit all of the following documentation to the SB County Water Agency (via their website), by email, mail, or in person:
 - WMAP Application.
 - Calibration documentation from the manufacturer.
 - Original receipt (or copy) showing the meter serial number and purchase cost.
 - Photo of the installed meter (a site visit may also be requested).

SABGSA Flow Meter Requirements

- Flow meter must be capable of measuring the volume of groundwater extracted with an accuracy level of $\pm 5\%$.
- Flow meter must be equipped with either
 - (a) a direct-reading rate of-flow indicator capable of showing instantaneous flow in gallons per minute or
 - (b) a sweep hand indicator capable of determining the rate-of-flow by timing measurement.
- Flow meter must be equipped with a visual volume-recording totalizer recorded in gallons, cubic feet, or acre-feet.



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- **How to Apply for a Rebate from the County**

- **Step 4 – Reimbursement for Payment**

- The Santa Barbara County Water Agency will issue a reimbursement check (up to \$500 per applicant) within approximately 6 to 8 weeks of receiving and approving all required documentation.

- **Funding Awarded on First-Come, First Served Basis**

- First-come first-served does not mean first to register their intention to seek reimbursement.

- First-come first-served means the first to complete the entire process of registering, completing all paperwork, installing all meters, furnishing all necessary receipts to the Water Agency and requesting reimbursement.

Questions?

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Email: pwWMAPIinfo@countyofsb.org

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

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HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR REBATE

Follow the first 3 steps outlined on the WMAP webpage at the following address:
www.countyofsb.org/pwd/WellMeteringProgram.sbc

STEP 1 - Purchase a new water well meter that meets Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) recommendations.

STEP 2 - Install the meter according to manufacturer instructions and GSA recommendations.

STEP 3 - Applicant submits required documentation to establish proof of purchase and installation to Santa Barbara County Water Agency program staff.

STEP 4 - SBCWA will issue a reimbursement check (up to \$500 per applicant) within approximately 6 to 8 weeks of receiving and approving all required documentation.

AGREEMENT

By signing below, you, on behalf of the business entity applying for the above rebate(s) ("Applicant"), acknowledge and agree to all of the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Santa Barbara County Water Agency is not responsible for any items lost in the mail.
- 2) There is limited funding for rebates and no rebates will be issued after rebate funding is depleted. Rebates will be issued to qualified applicants on a first come, first served basis. First-come first-served does not mean first to register their intention to seek reimbursement. First-come first-served does mean first to complete the entire process of registering, completing all paperwork, installing all meters, receiving inspections if necessary, furnishing all necessary receipts to the Water Agency and requesting reimbursement.
- 3) The well meter meets guidelines established by the basin's GSA. If no guideline is provided, the calibrated meter must meet a 2% accuracy standard.
- 4) Applicants will be reimbursed for the cost of the meter, not to exceed a maximum of \$500.
- 5) Santa Barbara County Water Agency reserves the right to verify Applicants eligibility, proof of purchase, and installation. If access to verify is denied, the rebate will be voided.
- 6) Applicant authorizes Santa Barbara County Water Agency to perform post-installation inspections of Applicant's installation site containing equipment or products for which Applicant received a rebate ("Equipment").
- 7) Applicant understands that failure to submit a complete Well Metering Assistance Program application or failure to adhere to the rebate instructions and requirements may result in the rejection of Applicant's application.
- 8) Applicant represents and warrants that the well meter was installed in accordance with all applicable laws, building codes, manufacturer's specifications, GSA specifications, and permitting requirements, and, where applicable, by a licensed contractor.
- 9) Applicant represents and warrants that the well meter installed under the Well Metering Assistance Program will not be replaced with other equipment or products that are less accurate for at least five years after issuance of the rebate.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY MAKES NO RESERVATION OR WARRANTY, AND ASSUMES NO LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE QUALITY, SAFETY, PERFORMANCE, OR OTHER ASPECT OF ANY DESIGN OR EQUIPMENT INSTALLED PURSUANT TO THIS PROGRAM, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY SUCH REPRESENTATION, WARRANTY OR LIABILITY. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. APPLICANT AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY, ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, CONTRACTORS AND AGENTS, FROM ANY LIABILITY, CLAIMS, SUITS, ACTIONS, ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS, REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS, LOSSES, EXPENSES OR COSTS (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, COSTS AND FEES OF LITIGATION) OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER WITHOUT RESTRICTION OR LIMITATION, INCURRED IN RELATION TO, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF OR ARISING OUT OF IN ANY WAY ATTRIBUTABLE ACTUALLY, ALLEGEDLY OR IMPLIEDLY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS WELL METERING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDED THAT THE FOREGOING INDEMNITY DOES NOT APPLY TO LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE OR EXPENSE FOR DEATH OR BODILY INJURY TO PERSONS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY TO THE EXTENT ARISING FROM THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Print Name	Authorized Signature	Date
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WATER AGENCY USE ONLY

Post-Inspection Date (if needed)		By	
Rebate #	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	Rebate Amount	Authorized Signature
Rebate Check #		Date Issued	

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are Posted!**

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