



## **URGENT POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **THE EKGSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES AN EMERGENCY GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION POLICY**

Due to severe dry precipitation conditions and the enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, actions must be taken immediately to eliminate unsustainable and detrimental over drafting of groundwater from lands within the EKGSA. Given these conditions, the EKGSA Board announces the following policy:

Effective retroactively to October 1, 2021 groundwater pumping will be limited to an allocation of groundwater supply as measured by consumptive use\*. This allocation will be available from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 as follows:

- **All assessed lands are allocated 0.85 AF per acre of measured consumptive use**
- **All irrigated lands allocated planned overdraft of 0.30 AF per acre of measured consumptive use**
- **All irrigated lands allocated temporary overdraft of 0.50 AF per acre of measured consumptive use**

### **FURTHER INFORMATION ON FEES AND PENALTIES FOR THESE ALLOCATIONS WILL FOLLOW**

\* "Consumptive Use" is water that leaves your land due to evaporation or plant transpiration. EKGSA will measure and track this amount of water using a scientific method that combines satellite imagery and ground measuring stations of evapotranspiration of water from your land. You will receive credits against that for surface water applied.

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