



NOTICE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF GROUNDWATER ALLOCATIONS

January 22, 2026

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The purpose of this Notice is to inform all landowners within the Central Management Area (**CMA**) that, on November 5, 2025, the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's (**CBGSA**) Board of Directors (**Board**) adopted those Rules and Regulations for the Transfer of Groundwater Allocations (**Rules and Regulations**), enclosed as Attachment 1.

The Board adopted these Rules and Regulations as a one-year pilot program, beginning on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026. The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to provide landowners within the CMA with the ability to purchase and sell their respective allocations. During the term of this pilot program, an ad hoc committee will continue to evaluate other long term options to provide landowners with addition flexibility regarding the use of their respective allocations.

As a reminder, landowners are required to adhere to those adopted groundwater allocations, enclosed as Attachment 2. Any and all over-pumped groundwater will be debited against that landowner's allocation for the following year and CBGSA will impose a financial penalty as follows:

- Tier 1: 0-5 percent pumping over allocation = \$250/acre-foot
- Tier 2: >5 percent pumping over allocation = \$500/acre-foot

Additionally, if a landowner over-pumps by 20% or more of their allocation in any given year, CBGSA may consider legal action.

Please contact me at (661) 477-3385, or tblakslee@hgcpm.com if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Taylor Blakslee".

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Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Attachments

1. Rules And Regulations For The Transfer Of Groundwater Allocations
2. Final Groundwater Allocations for 2025-2029