

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. 3

AN ORDINANCE OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1 EXEMPTING SMALL NON-DOMESTIC WELLS FROM  
FLOWMETER REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency ("Agency") was formed for the express purpose of cooperatively carrying out the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), including, but not limited to, the funding, development, adoption and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") that achieves groundwater sustainability in the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin.

WHEREAS, the Agency is the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin (Department of Water Resources (DWR) Basin 4-3.01).

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin on January 6, 2022.

WHEREAS, a fundamental component of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin is the accurate measurement, reporting and monitoring of groundwater extractions and, with the exception of certain extraction facilities, SGMA provides the Agency with the express power to require the metering of all extraction facilities in the Basin.

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2022, the Agency adopted Ordinance No. 1 establishing, among other things, a requirement that, prior to extracting groundwater, a well operator install a flow meter unless such well was exempt pursuant to Water Code Section 10721(e).

WHEREAS, The installation of flow meters on small wells, as further defined herein, creates an undue burden on such operators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency that:

1. Incorporation of Recitals. All recitals in this Ordinance are true and correct and supported by substantial evidence in the record.
2. Amendment. Section 1.10 of Chapter 1 of Ordinance No. 1 of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency is hereby amended to add the following definition:

““Small Non-Domestic Well” means any well serving any use other than domestic that extracts less than 2 acre-feet per year of groundwater.”

3. Amendment. The Definition of “Exempt Wells” located in Section 1.10 of Chapter 1 of Ordinance No. 1 of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

““Exempt Wells” means all wells operated by de minimis extractors as defined in Water Code Section 10721(e), all Small Non-Domestic Wells, and those operators granted an exemption by the Board.”

4. Effective Date of Ordinance. This Ordinance will take effect on the thirty-first day after adoption.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 3 was duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency as a public hearing held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Six

NOES: None

ABSENT: One



Michel Etchart (Jul 20, 2023 14:53 PDT)

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Michel Etchart, Board Chair

ATTEST:




Bryan Bondy (Jul 20, 2023 13:33 PDT)

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Bryan Bondy  
Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Keith Lemieux (Jul 20, 2023 13:42 PDT)

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Keith Lemieux, General Counsel  
Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency











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