



PASO ROBLES AREA GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

# FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 GROUNDWATER FEE NOTICE AND APPEAL PROCESS

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Dear Paso Basin Landowner,

The Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) is implementing a groundwater fee under California Water Code Section 10730 to fund groundwater management activities, including its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) in the Paso Robles Subbasin in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

The fee is based on consumed (i.e. “net”) groundwater use for Water Year 2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) and will be calculated by dividing the approved FY 2026-2027 budget amount (\$1,095,446) by Water Year 2025 consumed groundwater use in the basin, which is detailed in the draft fee report released on May 7, 2025, and posted on the PRAGA website at: [pasoroblesAGA.org/](http://pasoroblesAGA.org/).

On May 27, 2026, the PRAGA Board will hold a public meeting to consider adopting a resolution to set this fee and place charges on the County tax roll. Prior to this action, PRAGA is providing a 20-day public review of the Water Year 2025 consumed water use data and an appeals process to correct any inaccuracies with the consumed groundwater use calculations. **You are encouraged to review your data and submit an appeals form, if applicable, by June 8, 2026.** All supporting data and materials are available at: [pasoroblesAGA.org/](http://pasoroblesAGA.org/).

## APPEALS PROCESS

If you believe there is an inaccuracy with the consumed water use data, you may submit an appeal using the attached Groundwater Fee Appeal Form, and any supporting documentation, to [info@pasoroblesAGA.org](mailto:info@pasoroblesAGA.org) or mail to PO Box 82, Paso Robles, CA 93447 by **June 8, 2026**. Please note that successful appeals will require evidence-based documentation. Staff will review and determine valid appeals and make appropriate adjustments. Appendix A lists examples of potentially valid documentation for an appeal for reference. Claims of water diversion must include a valid permit and will be reviewed using data from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Sincerely,

Taylor Blakslee  
Executive Director



# FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 GROUNDWATER FEE APPEAL FORM

For the Proposed Paso Robles Subbasin Groundwater Fee Program

**Instructions:** If you have an appeal to the Water Year 2025 consumed groundwater use calculations, please complete the below form and attach supporting documentation, if applicable. Please submit a completed form and any supporting materials by email to [info@PasoRoblesAGA.org](mailto:info@PasoRoblesAGA.org) or by mail to PO Box 82, Paso Robles, CA 93447, by **June 8, 2026**.

## 1. Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assessor Parcel Number(s) (APN): \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2. Explanation of Appeal

Please provide a clear explanation for your appeal. Examples of a valid appeal include 1) parcel isn't irrigated but has ET estimate associated with it, 2) consumed water use is substantially incorrect (documentation required to confirm claim), and 3) consumed use is not groundwater (requires water diversion permit or appropriate documentation).

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## 3. Supporting Documentation

Attach all relevant documentation. Examples of documentation are provided in Appendix A.

### Form Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Appendix A**  
**Examples of Additional Supporting Documentation**

- Geographic coordinates (latitude and longitude) for the applicable location(s)
- Flow meter results including date stamps and time frames
- Electric bill records for any pump
- Documentation demonstrating that the identified parcel receives water from a single metered source, or clear documentation describing all water sources serving the blockparcel Identification of whether the meter serves additional fields, and if so, which ones Description of any additional water sources supplying the parcel
- Documentation of alternative water supplies, including surface water or other groundwater wells (surface or other groundwater well)
- Meter specifications, including type (for example, impeller or magnetic)
- Date of meter installation
- Photos of the meter installation
- Records of the most recent meter calibration, including supporting documentation
- Pump test results and any associated accuracy evaluations
- Description of any non-agricultural features within the parcel boundary, such as buildings, solar installations, canals, reservoirs, or wetlands
- Identification of any surface water bodies located within or adjacent to the parcel
- Crop yield records for the previous five years
- Irrigation system operation scheduling records for the period in question
- Records of meter readings, including frequency and method of collection
- Detailed explanation supporting any claim of limited or no water flow, including the basis for the claim and any supporting evidence