

# Colusa Groundwater Authority (CGA) UPDATE on Proposed SGMA Operational Assessment Extension of Balloting Period and Additional Resources

The Colusa Groundwater Authority is proposing a special assessment to support implementation of the Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Assessment ballots were mailed to affected property owners on June 18, 2025 and were scheduled to be tabulated at a Public Hearing on August 7, 2025. At this public hearing, the Board of Directors continued the Public Hearing to August 26, 2025. **Ballots must now be received via mail prior to the Public Hearing at 1:00 pm, August 26, 2025 at 100 Sunrise Boulevard, Colusa CA 95932. Property owners may also bring their ballots to the Public Hearing.**

Ballot drop-off location

In an effort to assist property owners during this extended balloting period, **an in-person ballot box has been placed at City Clerk's Office in Williams at 810 E Street, Williams, CA 95987.**

The Colusa Groundwater Authority has also scheduled in-person "office hours," which will be open to the public. Office hours provide an opportunity for property owners to ask questions and request replacement ballots. Office hours will be held at Colusa Industrial Properties at 100 Sunrise Boulevard, Colusa CA 95932, on the following dates and times:

Office Hours

- **August 13, 2025: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm.**
- **August 19, 2025: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm. (including technical support)**

The proposed Assessment is composed of land-based charges, with land in the Subbasin being classified under four different Land Use Groups. Each of these classifications has a different rate per acre, based on the variable benefit provided to each type of land:

- **Non-Irrigable:** land that is historically not irrigated, generally does not irrigate and does not have access to groundwater or surface water. **Rate: \$0.53/acre.**
- **Groundwater Only:** land that has no access to surface water and relies exclusively on groundwater. **Rate: \$11.19/acre.**
- **Conjunctive Use:** land that has access to both surface water and groundwater for irrigation. **Rate: \$7.42 /acre.**
- **Surface Water:** land that relies heavily on surface water for irrigation but may occasionally use groundwater in drought years. This Group includes parcels that use groundwater for domestic purposes only and irrigate with surface water. **Rate: \$2.66/acre.**

Landowners who use a well for domestic purposes only and do not irrigate may be eligible for a reduction in the amount of acreage that is assessed.

The Land Use Group designation for each parcel under the proposed Assessment was determined by historical average water use of the subarea each parcel lies within. Property owners who believe one or more of their parcels have been classified incorrectly may submit a Land Verification Form requesting a change. A new ballot can be provided that includes any approved changes. For more information and to receive a copy of the Land Verification Form, please call (800) 273-5167.

For more information and to view the Engineer's Report, please visit <https://colusagroundwater.org>. To view a map of parcels and their designation within the Colusa Subbasin, please visit <https://arcg.is/0eyTPO>.