We All Depend on Groundwater.

FUND THE LOCAL EFFORTS TO SUSTAINABLY MANAGE GROUNDWATER.

The Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is a local agency working to manage groundwater on behalf of the people who rely on it every day. Those people include growers, domestic well owners, and city residents, and schools and businesses who rely on groundwater.

Driving Local Groundwater Management Solutions

The Kings River East GSA formed in 2017 to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), a California law passed in 2014 that requires critically overdrafted groundwater basins, like ours, to achieve groundwater sustainability by 2040.

But SGMA is an unfunded State mandate, and therefore local efforts to manage groundwater sustainably lean primarily on local funding.

The Proposition 218 process seeks landowner approval to establish a property-related fee up to $9.93 per acre to fund the cost-of-services being provided to landowners to sustainably manage groundwater and maintain compliance with SGMA. The proposed fee consists of two components, a base fee of $4.73 per acre and a domestic well mitigation fee of $5.70 per acre.

SGMA was designed to keep groundwater management in local hands by allowing communities to develop and implement their own plans for achieving sustainability. However, the State serves as the regulatory backstop and will intervene if local agencies like ours fail to meet the law's requirements or do not demonstrate adequate progress toward sustainability targets.

What Would the Prop 218 Fund?

LOCAL AUTONOMY

Funding helps keep local autonomy in balance with State oversight. We regularly prepare and submit Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Groundwater Sustainability Plan updates to the State showing our progress on SGMA. This **keeps local decision-making intact** and allows the community to understand how we are measuring up to our sustainability targets.

COORDINATED REGIONAL STRATEGIES

Close coordination through regular meetings with stakeholders and neighboring groundwater agencies in the Kings Subbasin **helps minimize conflicts and duplicated efforts, reducing costs for everyone.**

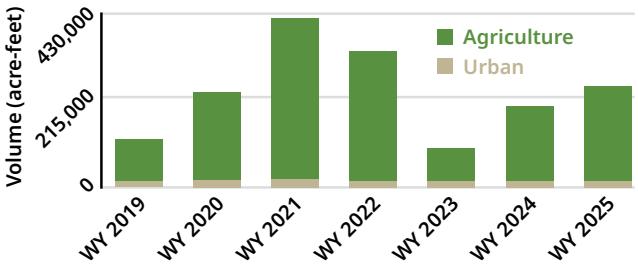
PROACTIVE DECISION-MAKING TOOLS

Better groundwater data leads to **better management decisions.** By improving groundwater monitoring and data collection tools, we can make more proactive and informed decisions that help support sustainable groundwater management and local control.

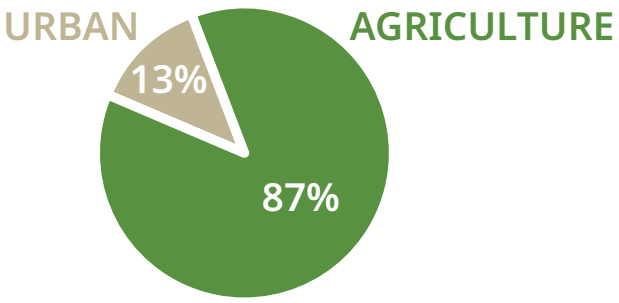
Proposed Property Related Fee ($9.93/Acre)

	Acres	Annually	Monthly
Typical Residential Lot	.15	$1.49	$0.12
Typical Farmed Parcel	40	$397.20	$33.11

Est. Groundwater Extraction by Use Sector



Distribution of Total Fees by Use Sector



Groundwater is relied on by all water users within the Kings River East GSA. If the Prop 218 passes the majority of revenues collected come from agricultural lands, given that these lands make up the majority of lands within the agency's boundaries.

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If Prop 218 Passes	If Prop 218 Fails
Keeps groundwater management local, with **decisions made by local leadership who live in our community and understand the local conditions**	**Increases the risk of State intervention**, meaning less local control over how we manage groundwater, increased costs, and greater restrictions
Supports proactive groundwater management through improved monitoring tools, equipping us to identify and address localized impacts of groundwater overdraft early	Delayed and reactive response to addressing groundwater overdraft impacts, potentially leading to increased costs and overly restrictive measures to fix the problem
Supports a stakeholder-driven process through a functioning local agency, the Kings River East GSA	Increases the risk of **direct regulation decisions coming from the State Water Resources Control Board**
Supports proactive, long-term groundwater management for growers, communities, and businesses	Limits the Kings River East GSA's ability to implement long-term local sustainability efforts

I AM A Community Resident

Groundwater supports everyday life in our communities, from drinking water and cooking, to bathing, laundry, and maintaining homes and landscapes. Learn more about how the cost-of-services being provided to community residents like you to sustainably manage groundwater.

Visit kingsrivereast.org/prop218-community or scan the QR code to learn more.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1
JUNE 23, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Reedley Community Center
100 N. East Ave, Reedley, CA 93654

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2
JUNE 24, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Dinuba Community Center
1390 E Elizabeth Way, Dinuba, CA 93618

I AM A Grower

Learn more about the Kings River East GSA's SGMA approach to maintain local autonomy, versus the alternative of **State intervention which relies heavily on demand reduction and pumping fees**.

Visit kingsrivereast.org/prop218-grower or scan the QR code to learn more.

GROWER WORKSHOP #1
JULY 8, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Kings River Union Elementary School in the Multipurpose Room
3961 Ave 400, Kingsburg, CA 93631

GROWER WORKSHOP #2
JULY 9, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Dinuba Community Center
1390 E Elizabeth Way, Dinuba, CA 93618

Spanish interpretation services will be provided at the workshops.

PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 27, 2:00 PM
CITY OF DINUBA, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 E El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618

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