



Water Advisory Committee

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RESPONSE TO REPORT OF ABNORMAL GROUNDWATER LEVEL

The Glenn County Water Advisory Committee (WAC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) acknowledge receipt of your report of abnormal groundwater levels. Reasons for the occurrence of abnormal groundwater levels are not always clear, so we cannot promise an immediate solution. But we can pursue a timely investigation into the reported problem. Below is a general outline of the steps and the timeline that we will take to address your concern:

Establish Communication and Contacts

- If you are not acquainted with the WAC representative for your sub-area and the TAC member that is most familiar with your groundwater sub-area, refer to the enclosed list of representatives and their contact information. We will also forward your report of abnormal groundwater levels to them. These individuals will seek to ensure your concern is addressed in a timely manner.
- The TAC member most familiar with your area will take the lead along with the other TAC members to investigate the reported abnormal groundwater level.

Abnormal Groundwater Level, Basin Management Objectives, and Neighboring Reports

- The Basin Management Objective (BMO) for the monitoring site(s) located nearest the well in question will be reviewed with you at the time of completing your report or soon after receiving your report. This may point out whether the most recent monitoring data nearest your location suggests a likelihood of abnormal groundwater levels.
- Shortly after receiving your report, the TAC will determine whether you are located in a sub-area where the existing BMO is exceeded. If so, this will trigger a more immediate response. The Glenn County Ordinance calls for specific actions within 5 days after the non-compliance with the BMO is recognized. These actions include a recommendation from the TAC to the WAC concerning possible reasons for the non-compliance and recommended actions. This information shall also be released to the public.
- If the most recent groundwater monitoring data suggest levels are within the BMO for that sub-area, but other reports of abnormal groundwater levels are received within the same proximity this may warrant re-evaluation of the existing BMO and establishment of increased groundwater monitoring. A response in this scenario will require more time, ranging from perhaps as little as a month to a year or more. It may also require your cooperation to monitor groundwater levels and pump flows as part of an investigation into your report of an abnormal groundwater level.

Legal claim of harm

Filing a report of abnormal groundwater level is intended to assist the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, the Water Advisory Committee, and the Technical Water Advisory Committee understand the complex groundwater conditions to the fullest extent possible as they seek to ensure the resource is protected and managed. By filing this report, we hope to resolve sensitive groundwater issues as they arise through an improved understanding of the conditions and with negotiations among affected parties. However, it is important to note that filing of a Report of Abnormal Groundwater Level does not establish a legal claim of harm nor prevent affected parties from contacting each other directly.

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Representing: BOS District 3 Private Pumpers; BOS District 5 Private Pumpers; City of Orland, City of Willows; East Corning Basin Private Pumpers; Glenn County Farm Bureau; Glenn County Supervisors; Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District; Glide Water District, Kanawha Water District, Orland-Artois Water District, Orland Unit Water Users Assn., Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District, Provident Irrigation District; Reclamation District No. 1004; Reclamation District No. 2106; Resource Conservation District; Stony Creek Water District; West Colusa Basin Private Pumpers; West Corning Basin Private Pumpers; Western Canal Water District; Willow Creek Mutual Water Company.