



# WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

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May 26, 2023

RE: Proposed Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Groundwater Service Charge

Dear Landowner,

This letter is to inform you of a potential Groundwater Service Charge (GWSC) that may be levied on all groundwater pumped within the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (District) boundary beginning in July 2023. This charge may significantly impact your operations.

On May 24, 2023, the District Board of Directors approved a resolution to begin a 45-day public notice period to adopt a GWSC. As part of the process, the District is required to provide to each landowner the following, which are included with this letter:

1. Notice of Proposed Groundwater Service Charge and July 12, 2023 Public Hearing;
2. Protest Form for the Adoption of Proposed Groundwater Service Charge; and
3. example calculation of the GWSC, as well as adjusted surface water charges, for 2022. Please note the charges are based on a pumping allowance for contract Water Users that is subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.

Please also note the four upcoming landowner workshops concerning the GWSC. These meetings will be held at the District office located at 12109 Hwy 166 Bakersfield, CA:

May 31 @ 9:00 AM

June 7 @ 9:00 AM

June 5 @ 1:00 PM

June 7 @ 1:00 PM

Please feel welcome to contact Engineer-Manager Sheridan Nicholas (661.527.6075) or Water Resources Manager Eric McDaris (661.527.6069) with any questions, or if you would like to meet to personally discuss the GWSC and how it may affect your operation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sheridan Nicholas', is written over a blue circular stamp.

Sheridan Nicholas, P.E.  
Engineer-Manager