



WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

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To: All District Landowners
From: Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager
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Subject: Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Groundwater Service Charge

Last year the District's Board of Directors adopted Resolution 23-07, authorizing the Groundwater Service Charge (GWSC) to be collected on every acre-foot of groundwater pumped within the District. **Included in this mailing is your first invoice related to the GWSC, covering all groundwater pumping for the period of January 2024 through April 2024.**

The District intends to bill the GWSC annually over eight (8) equal installments; the first installment will cover groundwater use for the months of January through March, installments 2-7 will reflect usage in April through September respectively, and installment 8 will reflect usage in October through December. Because staff do not receive evapotranspiration (ET) data until around 30-days after the usage month, landowners should expect an estimated 45-60-day lag between the end of the billing month, and the generation of an invoice. We recognize that this first invoice deviates from the above schedule and kindly ask your patience for this minor deviation as we work out the quirks of our billing database.

The current GWSC rate is **\$205.00 per acre-foot** as reflected in the included invoice. The District's Rules and Regulations provide that the GWSC may be adjusted in the same manner as the Water Service Contract charges. Should the GWSC rate be adjusted mid-year, landowners can expect to see a reconciliation on the subsequent invoice (either charges or credits).

Most landowner invoices are calculated based on ET data received via remote sensing. Landowners who wish to utilize their existing well meters in-lieu of utilizing remote sensing to calculate groundwater pumping can submit an application to the District utilizing the *Application To Use A Meter In Lieu Of Remote Sensing To Calculate Groundwater Service Charges*, which can be found on our website at <https://wrmwsd.com/resources/district-documents/>.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel welcome to contact the District's Director of Water Resources Eric McDaris (661-527-6069), or myself (661-527-6075).