

LANDOWNER WELL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

? FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ?

WHY IS THERE A WELL REGISTRATION PROGRAM?

1 The well registration program is most immediately tied to a State-required groundwater study on the confined aquifer. Over the next several months, the North Fork Kings GSA will conduct this study to better understand land subsidence and groundwater flows. Landowner participation in well registration is a key part of the study's completion by fall 2024 and success in maintaining local control over groundwater management.

Well registration also serves as a valuable tool for the North Fork Kings GSA in the pursuit of long-term groundwater sustainability. Gathering information on the number and locations of wells, along with other relevant data, is essential for effective groundwater management.

Additionally, this data will contribute to the future domestic well mitigation program by informing the GSA about the location and number of domestic wells within its boundaries. This proactive approach allows the GSA to plan for the program adequately, ensuring sufficient resources are available for the well owners involved. To qualify for support under the future domestic well mitigation program, landowners must have their domestic wells registered.

DOES THIS MEAN I HAVE TO PUT A METER ON MY WELL?

2 No. Although meters are not required as part of the well registration program, the North Fork Kings GSA Board may adopt a policy requiring them in the future. The North Fork Kings GSA will seek funding for potential grants for the installation of meters to offset the costs to landowners. To qualify for these grants, landowners must have their wells registered. To stay informed about policies related to groundwater and your well, be sure to sign up for email updates from the agency at northforkkings.org.

WHO HAS ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION ON MY WELL REGISTRATION?

3 Access to the information from well registration will be limited to the North Fork Kings GSA management, technical consultants, and Watermark support team members. The information will be used for the purpose of managing groundwater resources locally, most immediately to complete a groundwater aquifer study. The Watermark support team will have access for the purpose of assisting landowners with their Watermark account and well registration. Well registration will not be disclosed to individuals, agencies, or the State in a way that ties information back to the individual landowner.

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WHAT WILL THE NORTH FORK KINGS GSA DO WITH THE INFORMATION FROM MY WELL REGISTRATION?

The information collected will be used for the long-term sustainable management of groundwater within the agency. Most immediately, the well data collected will be used to address critical data gaps. Filling in those data gaps will enable the GSA to understand land subsidence and groundwater flows, necessary to hit sustainability targets and keep local control under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

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I LEASE LAND/AM A FARM MANAGER FOR A LANDOWNER. DO I NEED TO CREATE A WATERMARK ACCOUNT?

If you plan to register wells on leased or managed parcels, you must create a Watermark account. To claim parcels into your Watermark account that are owned by another individual, contact the landowner to access the parcel verification codes. Alternatively, you can submit a signed [Landowner Authorization Form](#) to help@northforkkings.org, and a member of our support team will contact you with the required parcel verification codes. Visit northforkkings.org/watermark to download the form.

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WHEN I ENTERED MY VERIFICATION CODE, NOT ALL MY APNS SHOWED UP. WHAT DO I DO?

If all of your APNs were not added to your Watermark account after entering your verification code, please contact help@northforkkings.org. A member of our support team will assist with adding all your APNs.

FOR INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND HELP GUIDES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: NORTHFORKKINGS.ORG/WATERMARK

HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE GSA AT THE INFORMATION BELOW:



help@northforkkings.org



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