

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 00-02**

***An Ordinance of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District Adopting  
New Groundwater Supply Evaluation Requirements For Development Projects  
And Adopting A New Fee For Development Projects***

The Board of Directors of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District **DOES ORDAIN** as follows:

**Section 1.** Groundwater supply evaluation performed under ordinance number 83-01 and 84-02 shall comply with and include all data and test results required by the Groundwater Supply Evaluation Requirements attached hereto and adopted as of this date.

**Section 2.** Section 3 of Ordinance 84-02 of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District shall be amended to read as follows:

A fee shall be imposed on all project developers required to submit information pursuant to Section 1 of Ordinance 84-02. The purpose of the fee is to reimburse the District for reasonable costs and expenses associated with reviewing the Groundwater Supply Evaluation and making the determination of whether sufficient groundwater is available for the proposed development use. All project developers shall, at the time of applying for a permit with the county of Plumas or Sierra pursuant to Section 304 of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Basin Act, pay an initial \$50 fee to cover the initial costs associated with processing an application for a Groundwater Supply Evaluation. When the Groundwater Supply Evaluation is reviewed, the District shall charge the project developer a further fee for the actual costs incurred by the District for hydrological review of the groundwater supply evaluation, and the further fee shall also include an additional 30% of the hydrological review costs for the additional administrative costs incurred by the District in processing the evaluation.

Ordinance adopted: April 10, 2000

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**An Ordinance of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District Adopting New Groundwater Supply Evaluation Requirements for Development Projects and Adopting a New Fee for Development Projects**

The Board of Directors of the Sierra Valley Groundwater management District DOES ORDAIN as follows:

A Fee shall be imposed on all project developers required to submit information pursuant to Section 1 of Ordinance 84-02. The purpose of the fee is to reimburse the District for reasonable costs and expenses associated with reviewing the Groundwater Supply Evaluation and making the determination of whether sufficient groundwater is available for the proposed development use.

All project developers shall, at the time of applying for a permit with the county of Plumas or Sierra pursuant to Section 304 of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Basin Act, pay an initial \$50 fee to cover the initial costs associated with processing an application for a Groundwater Supply Evaluation. When the Groundwater Supply Evaluation is reviewed, the District shall charge the project developer a further fee for the actual costs incurred by the District for hydrological review of the Groundwater Supply Evaluation, and the further fee shall also include an additional 30% of the hydrological review costs for the additional administrative costs incurred by the District in processing the evaluation.

(b) If, pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) a local agency having land use jurisdiction conditionally approves a proposed development project, and if the District subsequently finds that sufficient groundwater is not available for the development project, the development project shall be deemed to be denied by the local agency as a matter of law without the local agency taking further action.

Section 5.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted as limiting the District's general powers to regulate groundwater extraction and use in development projects in the same manner as other extractions and use within the District.

**Ordinance No. 84-02**

**Adopting Requirements Pertaining to Development Project Groundwater Supply Evaluations and Imposing a Fee on Project Developers Related Thereto**

The Board of Directors of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

Any person (hereinafter referred to as "project developer") seeking approval from a local agency having land use jurisdiction of a development project proposed to be located wholly or in part within the District and which proposes to extract groundwater for service of water shall, at the time of filing an application with such local agency, file with the District documents (hereinafter referred to as a "groundwater supply evaluation"). A groundwater supply evaluation must describe the proposed sources of water, the amount of water required, the amounts of groundwater previously used on the property proposed to be developed, and must include all other data to be compiled and results from test to be conducted as required by the Groundwater Supply Evaluation Requirements (February 1994). Copies of the Groundwater Supply Evaluation Requirements (February 12994) shall be made available by the District to all interested persons and shall be available at all time at the District's office.

Section 2.

A groundwater supply evaluation must be prepared by a person with seven (7) years of working experience in groundwater geology or hydrology, of which up to four (4) years may be academic experience.

Section 3.

A reasonable fee shall be imposed on project developers for all development projects located wholly or in part within the District. The fee shall be calculated to be equal to the costs and expense incurred by the District to review groundwater supply evaluations and to make the determination of whether sufficient groundwater is available for the proposed development use, including but not limited to all hydrogeologic and legal costs and expenses. Payment of an estimated fee shall be made before the District accepts a groundwater supply evaluation for review. The District will adjust the fee after it has completed its review of the groundwater supply evaluation and made its determination as to availability of groundwater for the proposed development use to reflect actual costs and expenses incurred.