Sierra Valley - Elements of California Water Code from Enabling Legislation for Sierra Valley

## **FUNDING**

<u>Groundwater extraction charges</u> may be authorized and levied, within a zone(s) of benefit, for the benefit all who rely directly or indirectly on district groundwater resources. Authorized expenditures of such funds include purchasing water for replenishment, project costs; costs must be determined to establish the level of charge.

- Extraction charges must be uniform within each zone of benefit
- Charges shall be calculated on the basis of groundwater extraction statements
- Extraction of groundwater replenishment is exempt from charges
- Groundwater extraction charges may be levied by the county in conjunction with property taxes

<u>Management charges</u> may be imposed on landowners within the district for benefits received by landowners from improved groundwater management and planning.

- May be set annually for supporting district projects and activities, based on: portions of the
  district that will benefit from management and planning activities and the costs of those
  activities.
- Not to exceed \$0.50/acre with maximum of \$10 / parcel less than 20 acres within the district. Rates may vary, exclusions may apply based on level of benefit provided.
- May be collected through county tax rolls

The Board may designate zones of benefit within the district.