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WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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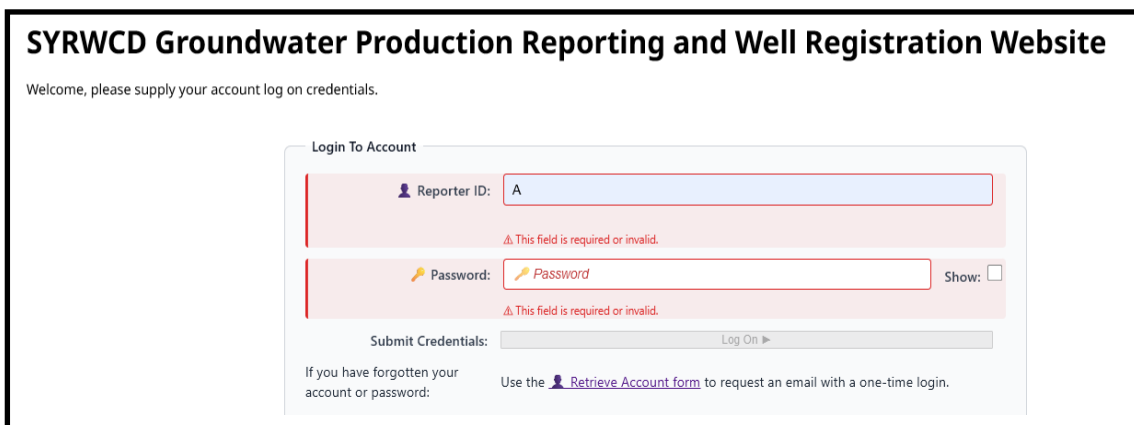
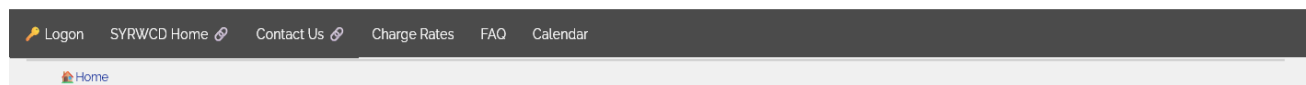
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NEW! ONLINE Reporting and Well Registration

SYRWCD-Report.com

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (District) introduces its secure online **Groundwater Production and Well Registration Reporting System**. This system replaces the hard-copy paper forms for reporting groundwater production or well registration.



QR Code link to the NEW Online System

- ◆ Log into the SYRWCD Reporting and Well Registration site: **SYRWCD-Report.com**
⇒ If you do not have your Reporter ID, please contact the District office
- ◆ Confirm and/or update primary and secondary contact & mailing information
- ◆ Confirm and/or update well information currently on file or register a well
- ◆ Confirm or add any “Tenants” which are water users of your well(s)/parcel(s) who are authorized to report groundwater production on your behalf
- ◆ Complete any past due and/or current groundwater production reports

Groundwater Production Statement

Production Period: January 1 – June 30, 2026

Opens July 1, 2026

Due by July 31, 2026

Reference: Water Code Section 75500 et seq.

Current Groundwater Charge Rates

(Production: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

District staff are available to answer your questions and assist you with your groundwater reporting.

Please call us at **805-693-1156 ext. 408** or email gwdept@syrwcd.com.

Groundwater Production Charge Rates for all types of groundwater (“water”) produced between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026:

- ◆ Zone A: **\$22.00 per acre-foot** of water produced
- ◆ Zone B: **\$14.80 per acre-foot** of water produced
- ◆ Zones C, D, E, & F: **\$9.20 per acre-foot** of water produced

New Groundwater Charge Ordinance



May 15, 2026, during a public meeting, Board of Directors of Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District approved and adopted **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01: GROUNDWATER CHARGE ORDINANCE**. The intent of this policy is to provide for the orderly administration of the process for levying and collecting Groundwater Charges by the District pursuant to Water Code sections 74508 and 75500 through 75633.

To see the full text of the ordinance use the QR Code or visit SYRWCD.com

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In compliance with Proposition 26, consistent with Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) Ordinance No. 26-01 and the SYRWCD 2026 Rate Study prepared by Robert D. Niehaus, Inc., Final Report dated June 16, 2026, and as provided in Resolution No. 742, adopted by the SYRWCD Board of Directors during a public meeting held on June 15, 2026, Groundwater Production Charges for all types of groundwater (“water”) produced **between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027**, were levied for Zones A, B, C, D, E, and F at the following rates:

- ◆ Zone A: **\$23.40 per acre-foot** of water produced
- ◆ Zone B: **\$15.30 per acre-foot** of water produced
- ◆ Zone C: **\$9.80 per acre-foot** of water produced
- ◆ Zone D: **\$9.80 per acre-foot** of water produced
- ◆ Zone E: **\$9.80 per acre-foot** of water produced
- ◆ Zone F: **\$9.80 per acre-foot** of water produced

Board of Directors

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors is a 5 member board elected by division. **The Board of Directors regularly meet on the 3rd Monday of March, June, September, December at 10:00 am**, per Resolution No. 741 (approved by Board of Directors on March 17, 2026). The board may also schedule special meetings at other times when needed, and will post notice according to the Brown Act.

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District is governed by an elected board of directors who are elected to serve by the people. Board members serve a four year term; there is no limit to how many terms a board member may serve. Candidates must reside and be registered to vote in the Division in which they are campaigning to represent. The board is the legislative body of the district. They determine the policies by which the district operates.

Current SYRWCD Board of Directors:

- ◆ Robert Dunlap (Division 1 - Lompoc)
- ◆ Stephen Jordan (Division 2 - Lompoc)
- ◆ Philip Carpenter (Division 3 - Vandenberg Village, Mission Hills)
- ◆ Larry Lahr (Division 4 - Buellton, Lompoc)
- ◆ J. Brett Marymee (Division 5 - Solvang, Santa Ynez)

Contact Us

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Water users in the Santa Ynez - Solvang - Los Olivos areas should not confuse this District with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 (ID1). ID1 is a separate improvement district that was formed within the boundaries of this District many years ago to acquire and serve water in the aforementioned areas.

If you have any questions regarding District activities, please contact Bill Buelow, General Manager, at 805-693-1156.