

Dear Well Owner,

The Santa Clara Valley Water District partnered with economists associated with the University of California, Davis to review the Table of Average Uses, used by owners of unmetered wells to estimate the amount of water they use in agricultural production each year. The water district wanted to ensure the table's accuracy since it had not been reviewed in decades.

A number of adjustments to the table have been made following this review, including there no longer being special considerations for different types of irrigation, as the review assumes the well owner is using the best irrigation management practices available.

Using the crop factor listed on the table (it is included with this mailing) and multiplying it by the acreage cultivated will provide the acre-feet of water consumed. The acre-feet of water multiplied by the groundwater production charge is the amount owed the water district.

The new Table of Average Uses was adopted by the water district's board of directors on September 22, 2015 following a presentation to the board's Agricultural Water Advisory Committee in February. The attached table should be easier to use than the previous version.

The new table will be effective January 1, 2016, but is being provided now to allow for decision-making in regard to crop selection for the upcoming growing season.

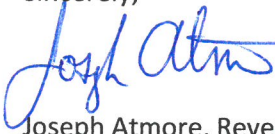
All well owners still retain the option of installing a meter to measure water usage more accurately, and the water district offers rebates of up to \$150 for installation of new meters. For information on the Private Well Meter Rebate Program, please visit the water district's website at:

www.valleywater.org/programs/rebates.aspx. Please note that rebates are subject to funding availability and applications will be processed in the order in which they are received.

To pay your groundwater production charge, the water district now accepts every major credit and debit card.

For questions about the Table of Average Uses, please call the water district at (408) 630-2770 or e-mail waterrevenue@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



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