

## Lower Tule River Irrigation District Water Supply Notices

December 29, 2025

12/29/2025

### Reminders and updates:

**1)** The GSAs filed formal requests for exclusion of landowner reporting and fee payment to the state, along with updated GSPs, in August. We hope that the SWRCB makes the determination on these requests early in 2026. Until then, landowners should be prepared to report their 2025 extractions by the reporting deadline.

**2) Extension of reporting period-** The State Board staff extended the reporting period (in the case that we are unsuccessful in being granted landowner exclusions). The reporting period is January - December 2025 and the **report is due by 5/1/2026**.

**3)** We have received confirmation that if we don't get the exclusion and landowners are required to report, you can report either metered data or ET data.

If reporting ET data, see the update below from 4/25/2025 for required information and reporting data.

**4)** We have also received verification that the GSA can report extractions on behalf of the landowners. If you want the GSA to report for you, you must fill out a form to authorize the GSA to do the reporting on your behalf. If you do not fill out the form and return it to the GSA, you will need to report to the SWRCB directly. Here is the link to the forms (use the one for your specific GSA):

[Lower Tule River ID GSA](#)

[Pixley ID GSA](#)

[Tea Pot Dome WD GSA](#)

**Until we get a determination by the SWRCB on our exclusion request and approval that landowners do not have to report usage to them, you should all be preparing to do so, per the guidelines outlined in these updates.**

Further details, including reporting dates are explained further in the email updates below.

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**8/18/2025 Update on probationary process with the SWRCB:**

1) **GSPs** - District staff has drafted redline revisions of the GSPs for LTRID/Pixley/TPDWD/VWD. The Boards have approved sending those to the SWRCB for consideration of exclusion from landowners having to report extractions and pay fees to the State, which will be done in the next couple of weeks. The next step would be for the SWRCB to put it on one of their upcoming meeting agendas for consideration. They have not given us an indication of the timeline for that to happen. It is likely to be in the Spring of 2026.

2) **Extension of reporting period**- The State Board staff recently announced an extension of the reporting period (in the case that we are unsuccessful in being granted landowner exclusion). The new reporting period is January - December 2025 and the report will be due by 5/1/2026 rather than February.

3) **REMINDER:** We have received confirmation that if we don't get the exclusion and landowners are required to report, you can report either metered data or ET data.

If reporting ET data, see the update below from 4/25/2025 for required information and reporting data.

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[Vandalia Water District GSA](#)

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Further details, including reporting dates are explained further in the email updates below.

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**6/23/2025 Update on probationary process with the SWRCB:**

1) **LTRID and Pixley GSAs** - District staff is continuing to work with SWRCB staff on revisions to the GSPs to address the deficiencies highlighted by DWR and the SWRCB. It is anticipated that a formal

request for consideration of exclusion from landowner reporting and fee payments will be submitted to the SWRCB by the end of the month. The next step would be for the SWRCB to put it on one of their upcoming meeting agendas for consideration.

2) **Tea Pot Dome and Vandalia GSAs**- State Board staff is currently reviewing the GSPs. Our request to them has been for exclusion from landowner reporting and fee paying based on the GSA water budgets being in balance.

3) **REMINDER:** We have received confirmation that if we don't get the exclusion and landowners are required to report, you can report either metered data or ET data.

If reporting ET data, see the update below from 4/25/2025 for required information and reporting data.

4) We have also received verification that the GSA can report extractions on behalf of the landowners. If you want the GSA to report for you, you must fill out a form to authorize the GSA to do the reporting on your behalf. If you do not fill out the form and return it to the GSA, you will need to report to the SWRCB directly. Here is the link to the forms (use the one for your specific GSA):

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[Vandalia Water District GSA](#)

**Until we get SWRCB exclusion and approval that landowners do not have to report usage to them, you should all be preparing to do so, per the guidelines outlined in these updates.**

Further details, including reporting dates are explained further in the email updates below.

\*\*\*\*\*4/28/2025 Update on  
probationary process with the SWRCB:

1) **LTRID and Pixley GSAs** - District staff is continuing to work with SWRCB staff on revisions to the GSPs to address the deficiencies highlighted by DWR and the SWRCB. The goal is to have a formal request for consideration of exclusion from landowner reporting and fee payments in front of the SWRCB early this summer. The request would be that they place us on a SWRCB Agenda for consideration of the exclusion.

2) **Tea Pot Dome and Vandalia GSAs**- State Board staff is currently reviewing the GSPs. Our request to them has been for exclusion from landowner reporting and fee paying based on the GSA water budgets being in balance.

3) We have received confirmation that if we don't get the exclusion and landowners are required to report, you can report either metered data or ET data.

If reporting ET data, following the requirements (you will need some information from the GSA, which we can provide):

***For any individual relying on an evapotranspiration method to report extractions; the extraction report shall include an explanation of the methodology.***

***Additionally, if groundwater is extracted for uses not measured by the evapotranspiration methodology, those extractions must be measured by a meter, and this must be included in the explanation of the methodology.***

***If any evapotranspiration methodology relies on data regarding surface water deliveries to the extractor's place of use for extracted groundwater to determine extraction volumes, surface***

***water delivery data relied on by the methodology for each parcel shall be included in the extraction report.***

4) We have also received verification that the GSA can report extractions on behalf of the landowners. you should have received a notice in the mail from us recently to fill out a form to authorize the GSA to do the reporting on your behalf. If you do not fill out the form and return it to the GSA, you will need to report to the SWRCB directly.

**Until we get SWRCB exclusion and approval that landowners do not have to report usage to them, you should all be preparing to do so, per the guidelines outlined above.**

Further details, including reporting dates are explained further in the email updates below.

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2/2/2025 Update

Update on our process with the SWRCB:

1) We have received confirmation that if landowners are required to report, you can report either metered data or ET data. If reporting ET data, following the requirements (you will need some information from the GSA, which we can provide):

***For any individual relying on an evapotranspiration method to report extractions; the extraction report shall include an explanation of the methodology.***

***Additionally, if groundwater is extracted for uses not measured by the evapotranspiration methodology, those extractions must be measured by a meter, and this must be included in the explanation of the methodology.***

***If any evapotranspiration methodology relies on data regarding surface water deliveries to the extractor's place of use for extracted groundwater to determine extraction volumes, surface water delivery data relied on by the methodology for each parcel shall be included in the extraction report.***

Further details, including reporting dates are explained further in the email below from 12/20/2024.

2) We are still working on getting verification and defining the process of the GSA reporting ET on behalf of the landowners. Once we know what that looks like, we will send out further information, including how to sign up with the GSA to elect GSA reporting.

3) We are still working with the SWRCB staff to get the landowners excluded from the reporting requirements above. We have had several meetings with them and more scheduled, to review our GSP and to outline the process to get the exclusion considered by the SWRCB. This process is likely to take several more months. **Therefore, until we get SWRCB approval that you do not have to report usage to them, you should all be preparing to do so, per the guidelines outlined above.**

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12/20/2024 Update

LTRID/PIXID/TEAPOT DOME/VANDALIA landowners,

This is a reminder of the action that the SWRCB at the Tule Subbasin hearing on September 17 of this year.

You should have all received letters from the State Board with the measurement, reporting and fee requirements as a result of them placing the subbasin on probation in September. **While we are working with the SWRCB staff to try and get exemption from those requirements, you should all be prepared to meet the requirements in case we are unsuccessful.**

Here is a reminder of the actions taken by the Board:

- Placed the Tule Subbasin on probation - which means landowners are required to measure and report groundwater use annually to the State Board.
- **The reporting period for the first year goes from January 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, and Oct 1 through Sep 30 thereafter.**
- Reports for the first year are due on **February 1, 2026**
- The State Board will then create invoices for the fees and send them to the landowners for payment back to the SWRCB.
- Fees are \$300 per well and \$20 per acre foot - paid to the State Board.
- There are 2 options for reporting: 1) by the GSA on a parcel basis (using ET) on behalf of the landowners (**we have not received confirmation or approval for this, so be prepared for Option 2**), or, 2) on a well basis (using a meter) by the landowner themselves. **Once we get confirmation from the SWRCB on Option 1, we will be having landowner meetings to discuss the option and to allow landowners to sign up with the District if the landowner chooses Option 1.**
- SWRCB staff is currently working with the Lower Tule and Pixley GSAs to finish reviewing the revised GSPs and bring a recommendation back to the State Board for exclusion of the reporting, fees and metering requirements. Unfortunately, they have yet to commit to a guaranteed schedule to get that done, and **landowners must be prepared on January 1, 2025**, to meet the SWRCB requirements in case we do not receive the exclusion.
- The Teapot Dome and Vandalia GSPs were approved by the GSAs and submitted to the State Board last week. We have requested exclusions based on the fact that we are sustainable already. However, it is likely to be well into next year before we hear back on those. So, Teapot and Vandalia landowners should be preparing to meet the measurement and fee payment requirements for the time being.

**Again, until we get SWRCB approval that you do not have to report usage to them, you should all be preparing to do so.**

Please be on the look out for continued updates.

Sincerely,

Eric Limas

General Manager