

# GALENA GROUNDWATER DISTRICT

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Re: 2023 Annual Assessment

Good Day ~

Now that we have drained our garden hoses and winterized our irrigation systems for the winter, the directors of the Galena Ground Water District wanted to provide a quick recap of our responsibilities and related actions this past summer as well as establish assessments for 2023.

2022 was the first year of a three-year agreement between the Galena Ground Water District ("GGWD", the "District"), South Valley Ground Water District ("SVGWD"), and senior surface water right holders south of Timmerman. After a dryer-than-average winter last year, all of the parties were concerned about the water supply going in to the summer however, a cool wet spring allowed for a relatively normal irrigation season.

As part of the Big Wood River Ground Water Management Plan, GGWD and SVGWD are each obligated to certain terms which promote the stability of the Big Wood River Aquifer and assure surface water flows to our partners to the south including Magic Reservoir. These conditions established a new irrigation season for all ground water users in the valley starting on May 1 and continuing through September 15. In addition, GGWD was required to acquire 1,755 Acre Feet (AF) of Water District 01 storage water for use by the surface water users (1,507 AF of which was used) at a cost of approximately \$144,000. Unfortunately, GGWD was unable to find the mandatory 200 acres to fallow this year but is actively requesting our membership to submit applications to meet this requirement. If you are interested in committing some acreage to our common fallowing efforts, please submit the form on the following page to the address provided.

After years of uncertain legal and engineering expenses, GGWD has stabilized our fiscal budget and is able to anticipate most financial obligations for the duration of the three-year agreement. The current assessment of \$60.00/0.02 CFS allows the District to provide for all foreseen obligations, however will not supply reserve funds necessary for any legal negotiations or hydraulic analysis at the conclusion of the agreement in 2024. To this end, the board has determined that the membership assessments for 2023 shall be \$90.00/0.02 CFS. You are encouraged to review the District's budget and participate in our monthly meetings which take place on the first Tuesday of each month at Sun Valley City Hall. Agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the GGWD website: [www.galenagwd.com](http://www.galenagwd.com)

Thank you for your continuing support of the Galena Ground Water District and our efforts.

Kind Regards,

Galena Groundwater Board of Directors

## Application to Fallow Acreage – Galena Ground Water District

For the purposes of complying with the Big Wood River Ground Water Management Plan, the term “fallow” is defined as restricting all water application to a designated area. Neither surface or ground water may be applied to the acreage applying for this fallowing. All applicants desiring to fallow acres must possess a ground water right whose Place of Use is within the Galena Ground Water District boundaries and whose owner is a current member of the district.

Applicant's Name:

Name of Water Right Holder:

Ground Water Right Number:

Associated Surface Water Right Number(s) if Applicable:

Acres Desired to Fallow: