

# SGMA Fee Updates

Water Rights Fees Stakeholder  
Meeting  
June 12, 2026



Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management

# Proposed Changes to Automatic Late Fees

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- Recent reporting cycle raised need to update timing for automatic late reporting fees
  - Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 1040, subd. (c)
  - Changing date from February 1 to reporting deadline set by the Board
- Automatic Late Reporting Fee: 25% per month up to a cap of 3x

# Potential Exclusion Application Fee

Groundwater Usage Tier	Proposed Application Fee
Less Than 5%	\$50,000
5-10%	\$125,000
10-20%	\$200,000
More Than 20%	\$250,000
Annual Review for Category (c) Exclusions: 25% of Tiered Fee	

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