



## Annual bill reminder

In February, bills will be issued to well owners with outstanding balances for the 2016 billing cycle. As a reminder, electronic payments made through your bank must include your GWMP number. The GMP number can be found on the upper left corner of the bill.

GMP fees fund a variety of programs for well users, including financial assistance programs to cap wells and to install sub-meters, as well as conservation rebates.

Learn more about these programs at [LasVegasGMP.org](http://LasVegasGMP.org)

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### Southern Nevada Water Authority

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You may also call **702-258-7288**  
or log on to [snwa.com](http://snwa.com).



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## Las Vegas Valley Water District seeks flexibility in using water rights

**T**he Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD) has filed applications with the Nevada State Engineer to increase flexibility in the management of groundwater resources.

Application Nos. 86669-86736 are under consideration by the Nevada State Engineer. Approval of these applications will not increase the LVVWD's total withdrawals from the local groundwater system, but rather will allow the water purveyor to manage its existing permitted water rights more responsively based upon real-time conditions and demands. If approved, the applications would grant the agency greater flexibility in adjusting the amount of water pumped at its various municipal well locations.

For many years, the LVVWD has worked closely with well owners in the Las Vegas Valley Groundwater Basin to manage the aquifer in a way that benefits and supports both private well owners and municipal water customers.

LVVWD hydrologists closely monitor conditions at each of the agency's well locations and allocate production and pumping among the wells as appropriate.

For more information about these applications, visit the Nevada State Engineer's website at [water.nv.gov](http://water.nv.gov). You also can call the Groundwater Information Line at **702-258-7288**.

## Plug abandoned wells

**A**bandoned or unused wells pose a significant risk to groundwater quality. As wells age, there is a greater chance of a casing failure, which increases the risk of exposing our drinking water aquifer to contamination. If not properly sealed, these unused wells can act as a direct channel for contaminants to reach the local groundwater supply. Unused wells with rocks or boards covering well tops are not considered adequately plugged.

Report abandoned wells at **LasVegasGMP.org**. After accessing the website, click on the “Wells and Groundwater” tab to access the online form. The form is easy to complete

and is a convenient way to report possible abandoned wells in your area. After the form is submitted, staff will conduct a site visit to determine the well status and contact the owner about the Plugging and Abandonment Program.

The SNWA offers a Plugging and Abandonment Program that properly seals wells for free. If you are the owner of an unused well on your property, or are aware of an abandoned well, please visit **LasVegasGMP.org** or contact the Groundwater Information Line at **(702) 258-7288**.



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The Sub-Meter Assistance Program provides well owners with a one-inch meter and a \$150 rebate to help offset installation costs. For more information, please call **(702) 258-7288** or visit **LasVegasGMP.org** for details.

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