

Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring.

June 3, 2025

Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board
of Supervisors



Groundwater Monitoring Program (GMP) Regulatory Fee Timeline

July
2024

- Agency initiated the GMP Regulatory Fee Study

Aug.
2024

- Update on GMP Regulatory Fee Study for Agency Finance Committee

Oct.
2024

- Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance No. 5426 and adopted the GMP Manual

Nov.
2024

- Update on GMP Regulatory Fee Study for Agency Finance Committee

Mar.
2025

- Draft GMP Regulatory Fee Study presented to Agency Finance Committee

Groundwater Monitoring Program (GMP) Regulatory Fee Timeline

Mar.
2025

- Proposed FY 2025-2026 GMP Regulatory Fees discussed at Board of Directors Budget Workshop

Apr.
3,
2025

- Agency hosted a stakeholder workshop on the proposed FY 2025-2026 GMP Regulatory Fees

Apr.
4,
2025

- Agency Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Directors consider the FY 2025-2026 GMP Regulatory Fees

Apr.
21,
2025

- Board of Directors recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve and adopt the FY 2025-2026 GMP Regulatory Fees

Apr.
22,
2025

- Board of Supervisors received a presentation on the proposed FY 2025-2026 GMP Regulatory Fees

Regulatory Fee Proposal

- MCWRA has authority to monitor groundwater and set fees under the Agency Act and Ordinance No. 5426
- The Fee Study recommends five new fees to cover:
 - Initial Well Registration (one-time)
 - Annual registration renewal (annual)
 - Groundwater extraction reporting (annual)
 - Groundwater level monitoring (annual)
 - Groundwater quality monitoring (annual)
- Proposed fees will be administered on a per-well basis, not a per-acre basis.

Proposition 26

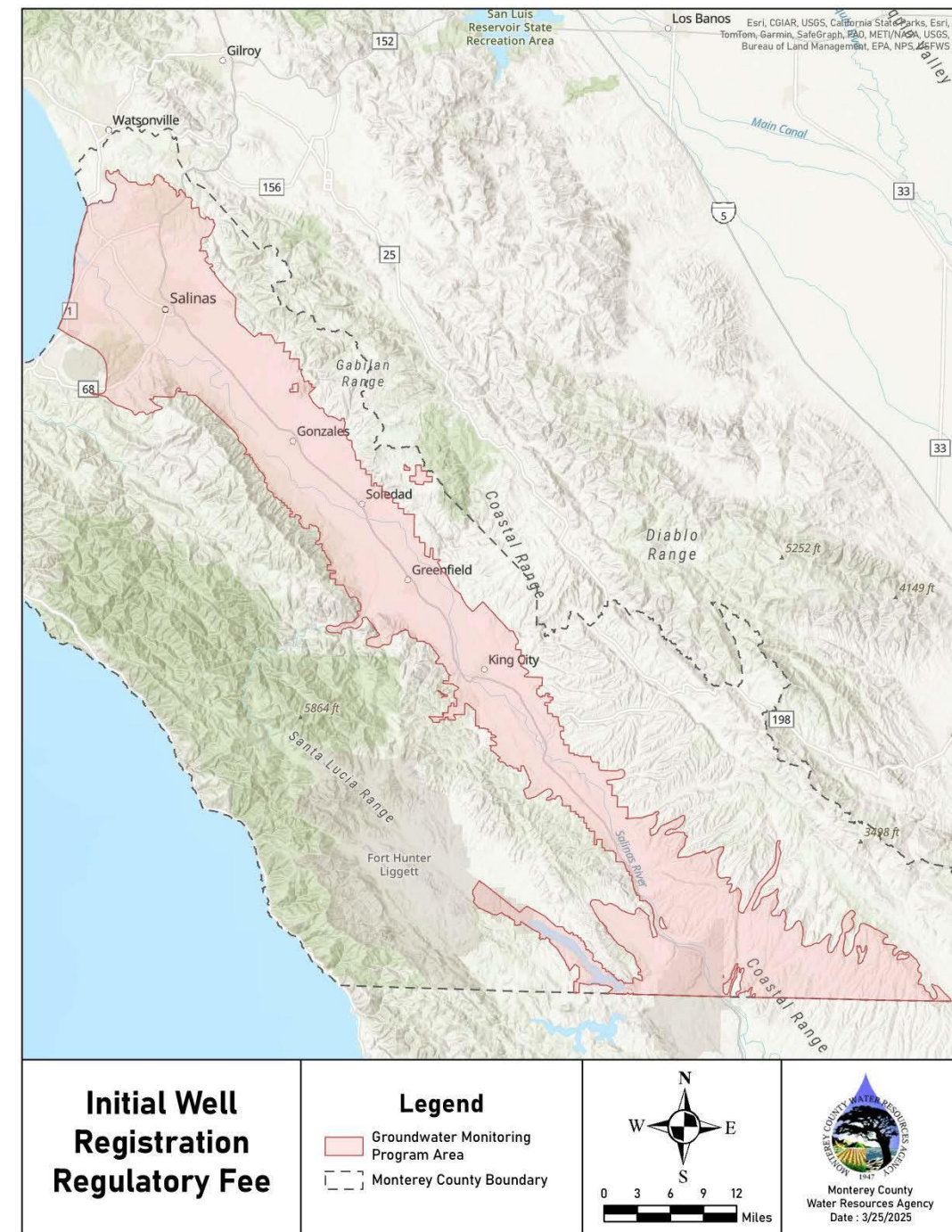
- GMP Regulatory Fees are not taxes, per Prop. 26 regulatory fee exemption
- GMP Regulatory Fees are imposed for reasonable regulatory costs that do not exceed the reasonable cost of service, including:
 - Staff time
 - Materials, supplies, equipment, laboratory costs, and vehicles
 - Agency/County indirect costs
- Prop. 26 fees can be adopted at any time through a vote of the respective legislative body and will be billed by the Agency directly to well owners or designees.
- If adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the annual fees for the FY 2025-2026 will go into effect July 1, 2025.

Indirect Costs – What's included?

- Overall percentage is approximately 21%
- Agency portion (approx. 12%)
 - Insurance, office supplies and furnishing, internet service, communication devices, information technology hardware and software
- County portion (approx. 9%)
 - Facilities, Auditor Controller, Human Resources, Records Retention, County Counsel

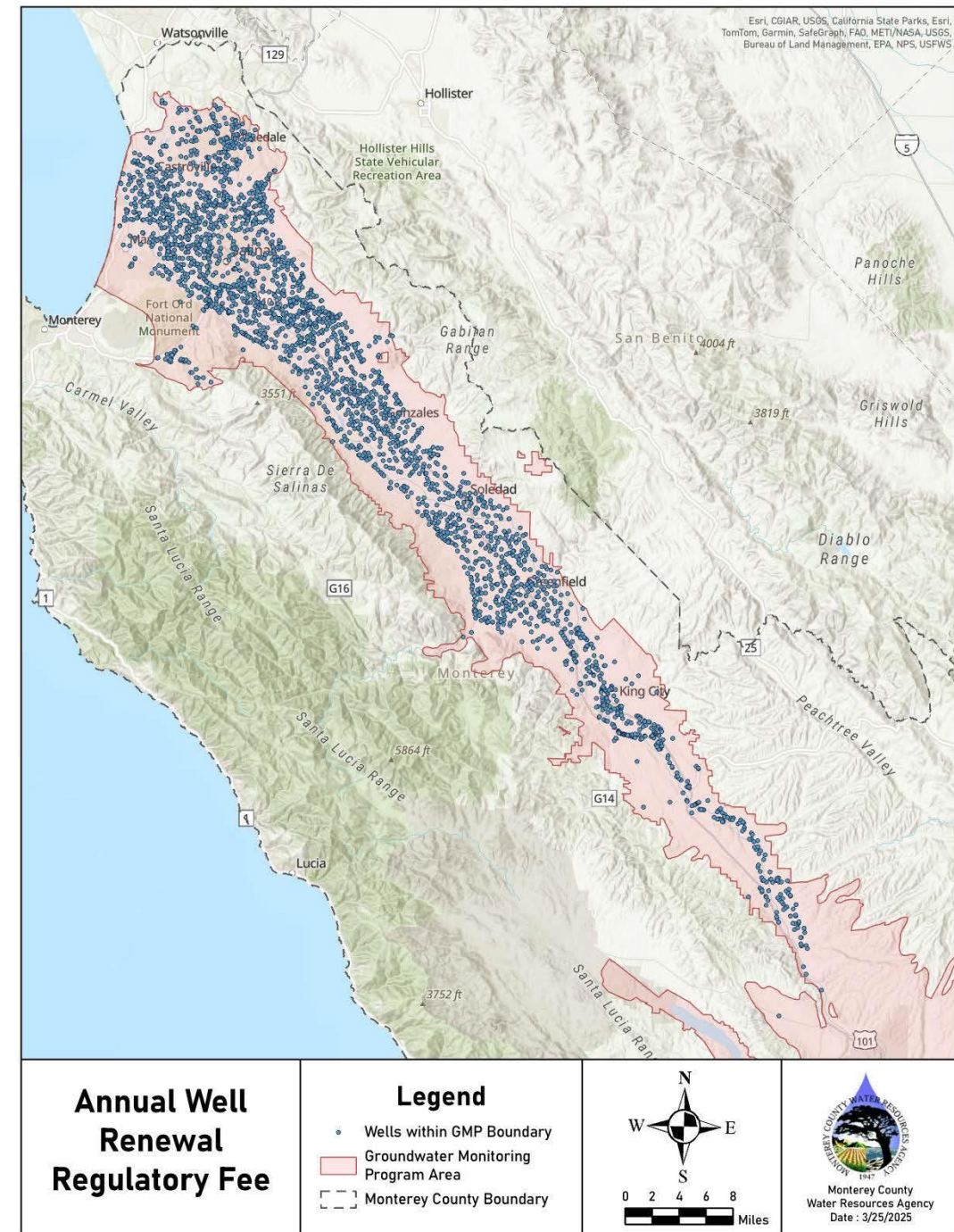
Initial Well Registration Fee

- Purpose: initial registration of a well following construction or a request by the Agency
 - Does not apply to wells already registered with the Agency
 - Involves providing information about the well's location, owner, operator, status, and construction
- Fee is \$160.16 per well (one-time only)
- Estimated to be billed to 50 wells per year
- Applies to water production wells within the jurisdictional area of



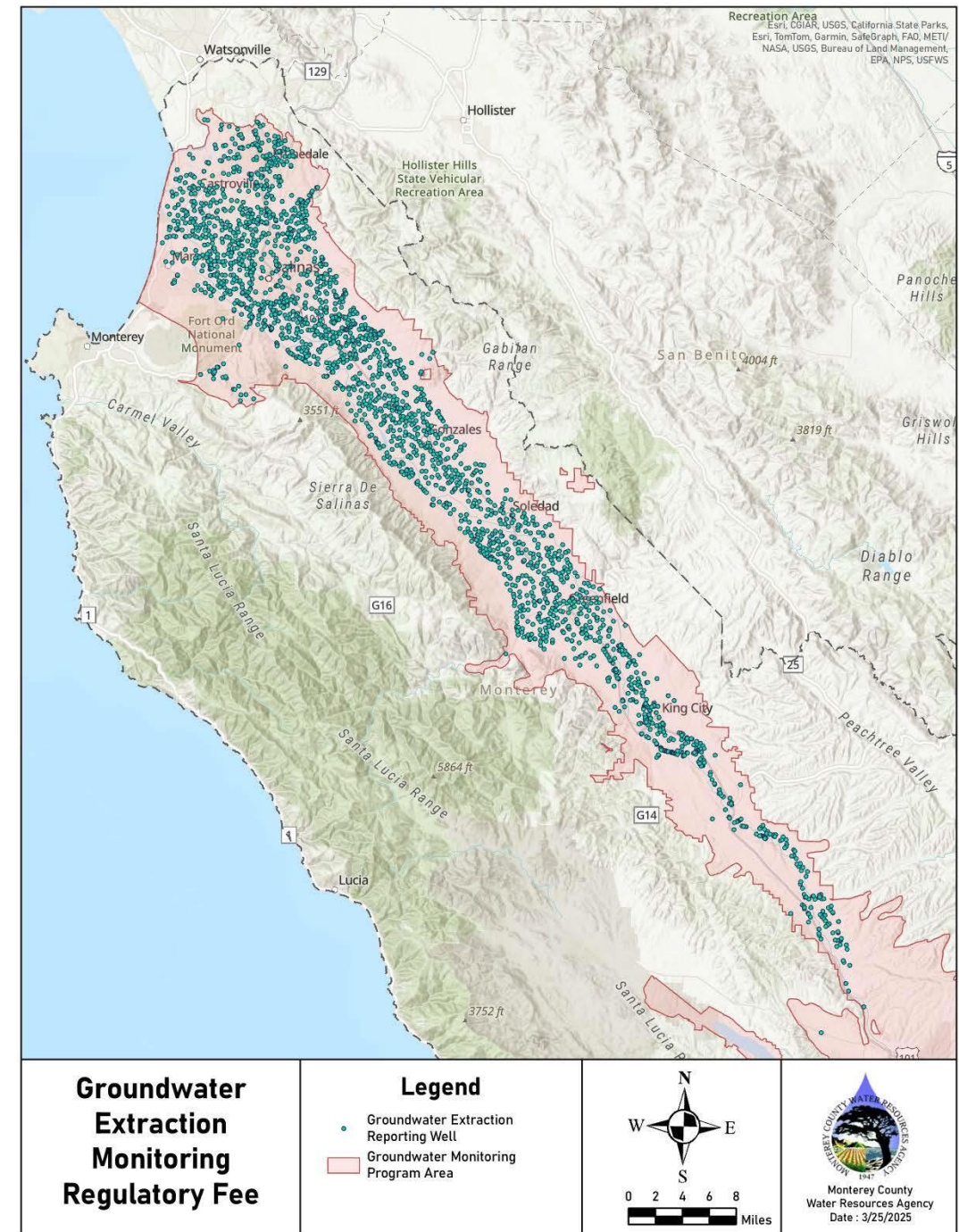
Annual Renewal Fee

- Purpose: all registered wells are required to annually renew their registration and verify the data on file
- Fee is \$21.86 per well (paid annually) and recovers the costs of:
 - Staff time for data verification
 - IT support and software licensing
 - Printing of notifications and billing
- Estimated to be billed to 3,500 wells per year
- Applies to water production wells



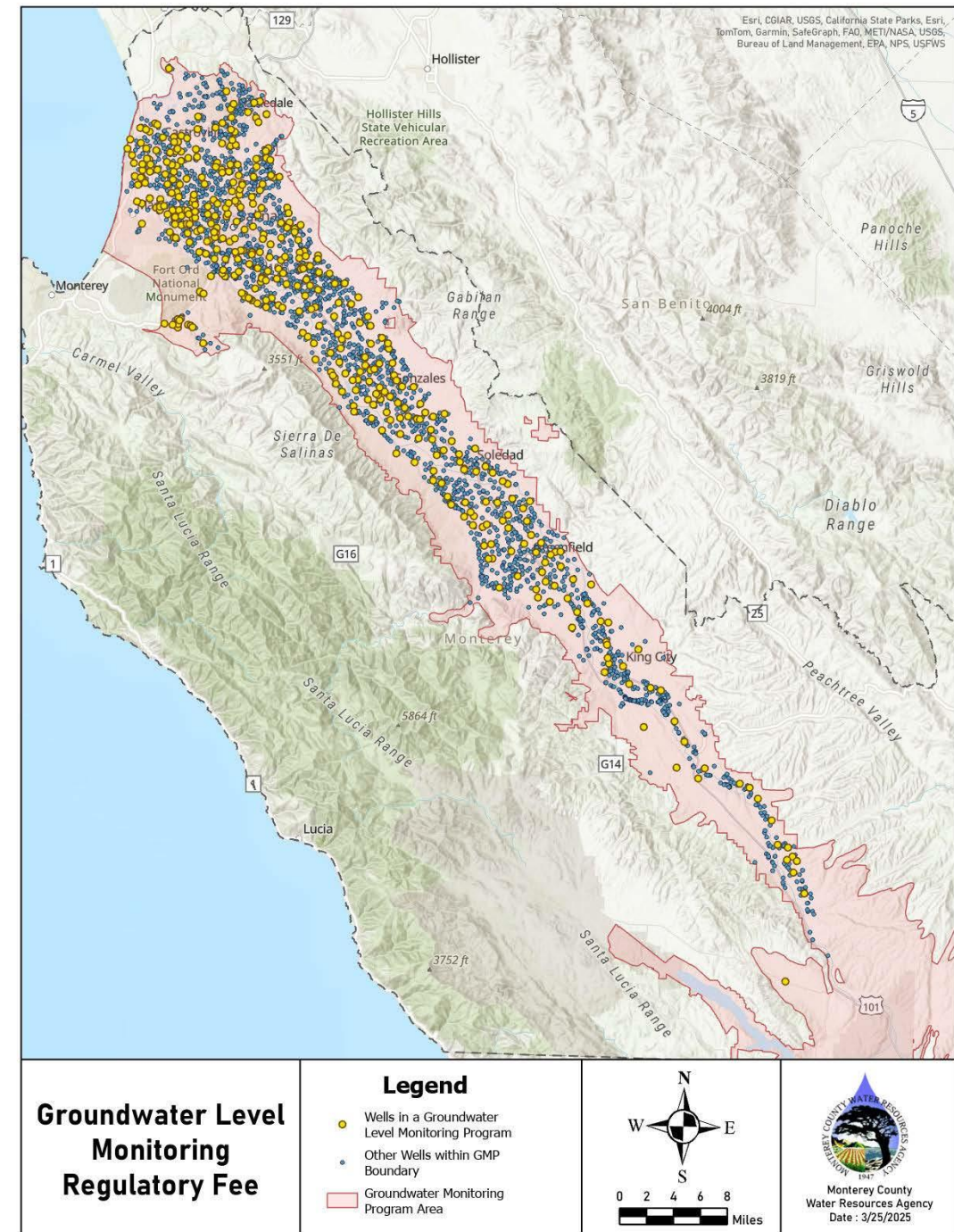
Groundwater Extraction Reporting

- Purpose: all wells extracting more than 2 acre-feet/year must maintain an Agency-approved monitoring device and report monthly extraction data
- Fee is \$64.82 per well (paid annually) and recovers the costs of:
 - Staff time for data verification and auditing
 - IT support and online reporting application
 - Printing of notifications and billing

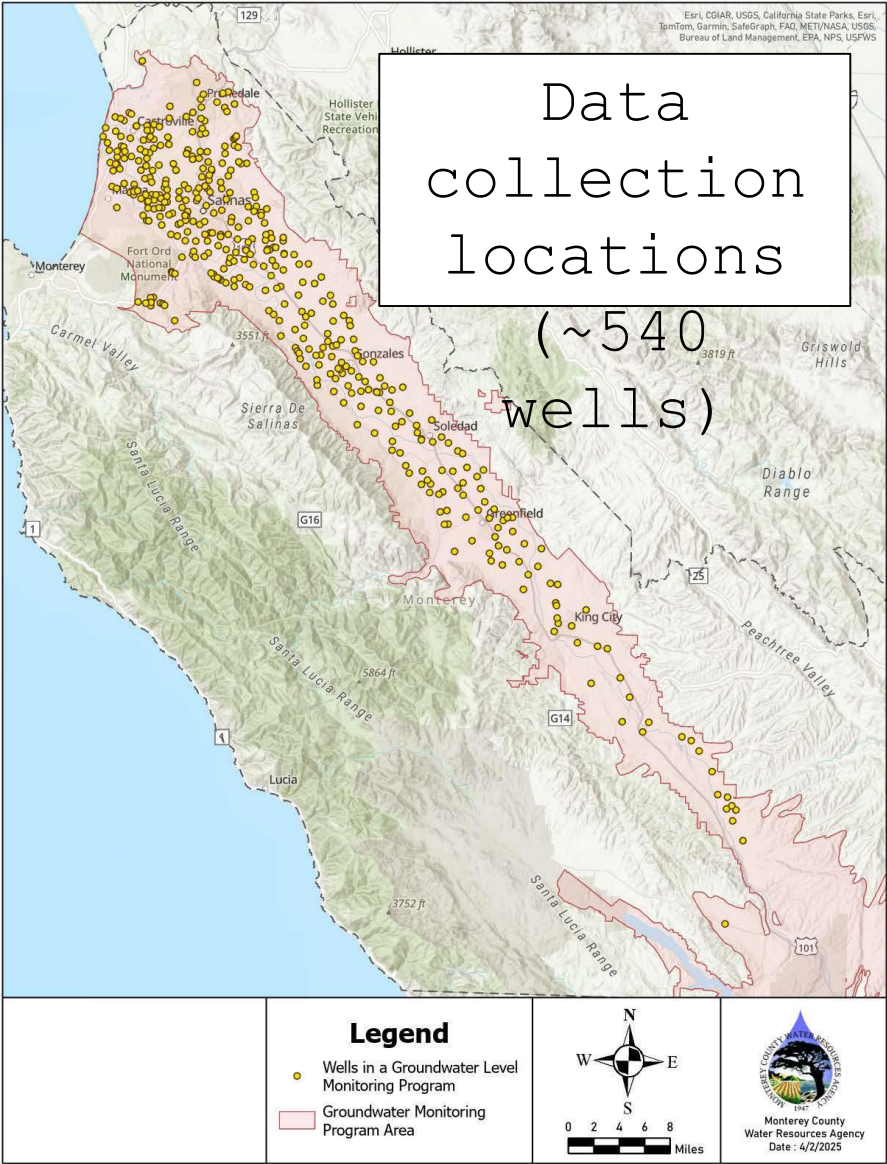
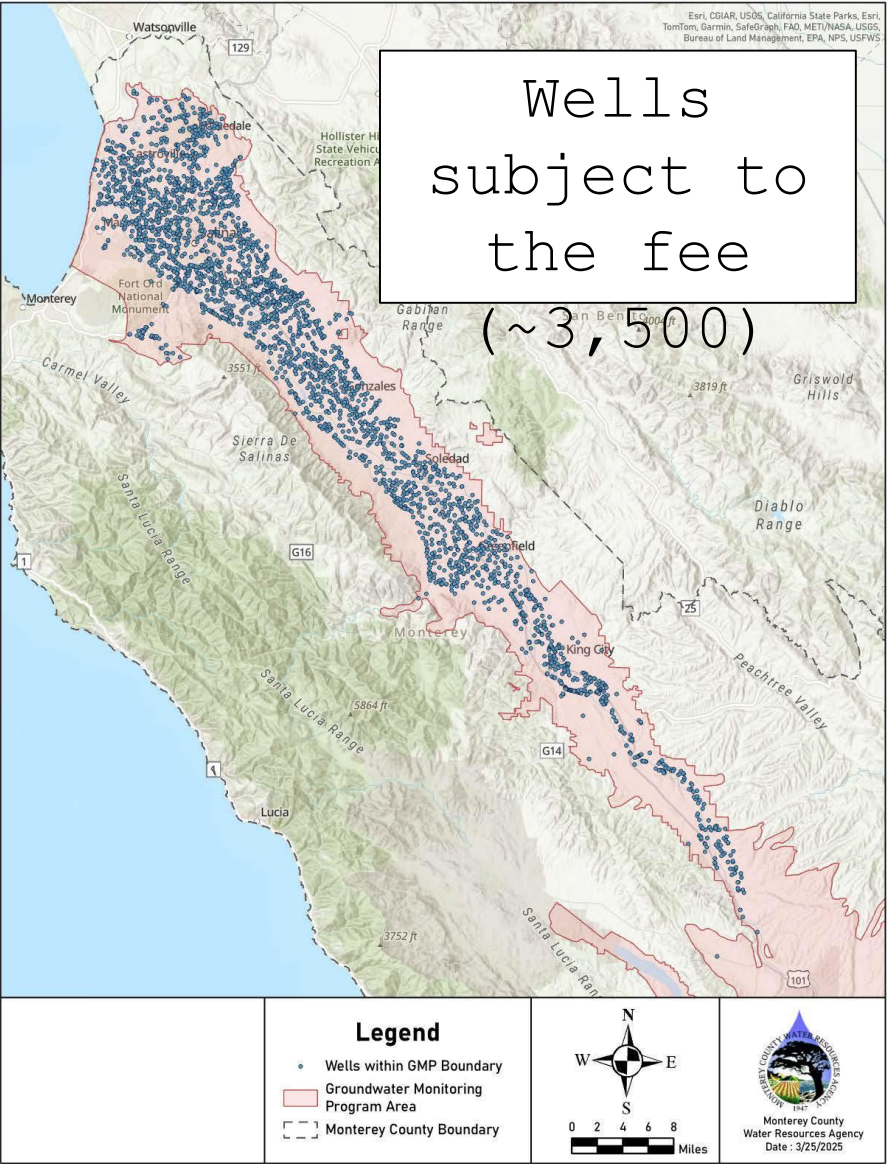


Groundwater Level Monitoring

- Purpose: measurement of groundwater levels to quantify impacts to the groundwater basin from well extraction and climatological events
- Fee is \$117.68 per well (paid annually) and recovers the costs of:
 - Staff time for field visits, data collection, analysis and reporting
 - Vehicles, equipment, and supplies
 - Monitoring well maintenance
- Estimated to be billed to 3,500 wells per year
- Applies to water production wells

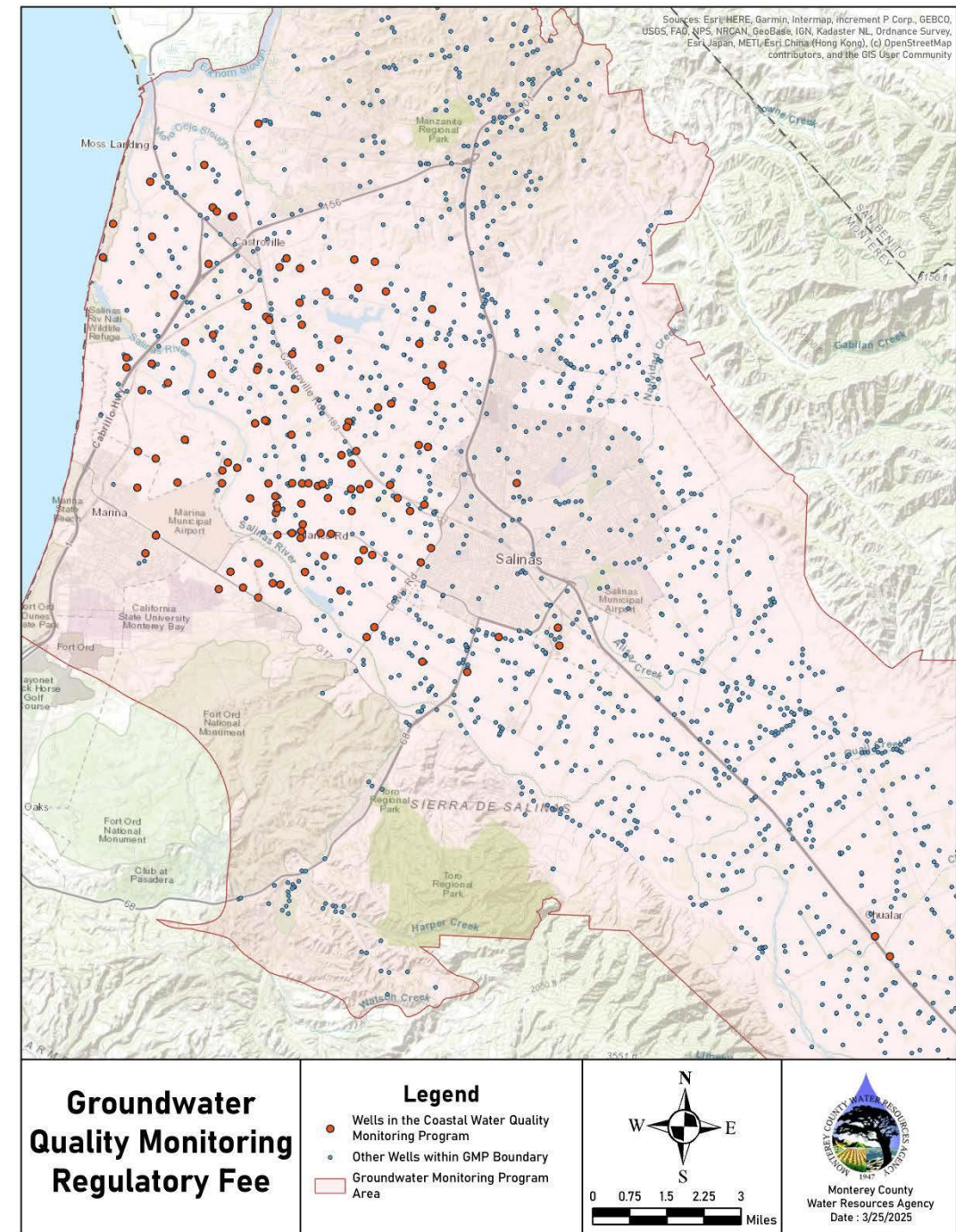


Groundwater Level Monitoring



Groundwater Quality Monitoring

- Purpose: sampling of groundwater in areas that are monitoring water quality conditions
- Fee is \$73.92 per well (paid annually) and recovers the costs of:
 - Staff time for field visits to ~150 wells, data collection, analysis and reporting
 - Vehicles, equipment, and supplies
 - Laboratory costs
- Estimated to be billed to 2,300 wells per year
 - Applies to water production wells in the 180/400 Foot Aquifer,



Summary of FY 25-26 GMP Reg. Fees

GMP Regulatory Fee per Category *	FY 25-26 Fee
Initial Well Registration (one-time)	\$ 160.16
Annual Well Registration Renewal	\$ 21.86
Groundwater Extraction Reporting	\$ 64.82
Groundwater Level Monitoring	\$ 117.68
Groundwater Quality	\$ 73.92

Summary of FY 25-26 GMP Req. Fees

SV Subbasin Total Annual Fee per Well *	FY 25-26
Initial Well Registration (one-time)	\$ 160.16
Upper Valley/Forebay De Minimis Wells (R + WL)	\$ 139.54
Upper Valley/Forebay (R + WL + WR)	\$ 204.36
180/400/Eastside/Langley/Monterey De Minimis wells (R + WL + WQ)	\$ 213.46
180/400/Eastside/Langley/Monterey (R + WL + WR + WQ)	\$ 278.28
* Annual fees subject to change reflective of actual program costs.	
R = Annual Registration Renewal level monitoring	
WL = Groundwater	
WQ = Groundwater quality monitoring extraction reporting	
WR = Groundwater	