



## Annual bill reminder

In February, bills were issued to well owners with outstanding balances for the 2009 billing cycle. As a reminder, the SNWA Board of Directors reduced the annual fee from \$30 per acre-foot of permitted water rights to \$13 for 2009 because permanent recharge was not conducted.

GMP fees pay for a variety of programs for well owners, including financial assistance programs and conservation rebates and incentives. Learn more about the fee at [LasVegasGMP.org](http://LasVegasGMP.org).

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**SNWA Public Information**  
1001 S. Valley View Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89153  
You may also call **258-3930** or log on to [snwa.com](http://snwa.com).

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## Advisory Committee seeks nominations

The Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) is accepting nominations to its nine-member Advisory Committee for Groundwater Management. The committee includes seven well users representing groundwater interests throughout the Las Vegas Valley, as well as non-voting representatives of the Nevada State Engineer's office and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

The committee meets quarterly to discuss groundwater issues and develop recommendations to the SNWA Board of Directors. The SNWA values public participation as a way to help shape Groundwater Management Program (GMP) activities. In fact, most GMP components, such as the Sub-meter Assistance Program, began as Advisory Committee recommendations.

If you have a domestic, community or commercial/industrial well and would

like to serve on the committee, please send a letter of interest to:

**Southern Nevada Water Authority**  
Attn: Groundwater Management Program  
1001 S. Valley View Blvd., MS 760  
Las Vegas, NV 89153

In the letter, please provide your name, address and phone number, as well as the type of well you have and any specific qualifications that would benefit the Advisory Committee. Current committee members are also eligible for reappointment.

The letter must be postmarked by **August 1** to be considered. The SNWA Board will make its appointments this fall. For more information, please call the Groundwater Information Line at **258-7288**.

## Be Water Smart and save money

The SNWA provides qualifying well users incentives and rebates to help conserve precious groundwater resources.

### Water Smart Car Wash Coupons

Water is recycled onsite or sent to a water treatment facility where it is treated and returned to Lake Mead, saving about 60 gallons of water each wash.

### Water Smart Landscapes Program

Property owners who convert water-thirsty grass to a water-efficient landscape can earn up to \$1.50 per square foot of grass removed and replaced with desert landscaping. Every square foot of grass replaced

with water-smart landscaping saves an average of 55 gallons of water per year.

### Pool Cover Rebate Coupon

Save up to 15,000 gallons of water each year by reducing evaporation with a pool cover. The Groundwater Management Program offers a rebate coupon to offset up to 50 percent of the purchase price.

### Sub-meter Assistance Program

Well owners can receive a 1-inch meter and a \$150 rebate to help offset installation costs.

For details about conservation rebates and incentives, visit [LasVegasGMP.org](http://LasVegasGMP.org) or call **258-SAVE**.

## Protect groundwater: Plug unused wells

**A**bandoned or unused wells pose a significant risk to groundwater quality. If not properly sealed, these wells can act as a direct channel for contaminants to reach local groundwater supplies. Properly plugging and abandoning unused wells protects these resources by completely filling the well casing from the bottom to the surface with a non-porous material such as cement or grout. A licensed well driller performs these difficult activities, as it requires specific machinery and can be dangerous.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority maintains a Plugging and Abandonment Program that plugs and abandons unused wells for free. To date, the program has plugged more than 250 abandoned wells in the Las Vegas Valley.

If you have an unused well on your property, or know of an abandoned well, please contact the Groundwater Information Line at **258-7288**.



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Sub-meters are available to help you manage your water use. Call the Groundwater Information Line at **258-7288** or visit [LasVegasGMP.org](http://LasVegasGMP.org) for more information.

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