

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1576

10- DAY WRITTEN REPORT

Government Code section 65858(d) requires that, 10 days prior to the expiration of an interim ordinance, the legislative body issue a written report describing the measures being taken to alleviate the condition which led to the adoption of the interim ordinance. This document serves as that written report describing the actions taken to date to address the need for the temporary 45-day moratorium on the approval of new agricultural well permits in the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Management Agency's Focus Areas during the short period since Urgency Ordinance No. 1576 was adopted on August 26, 2025, and September 23, 2025, the date of the issuance of this Report.

Ongoing Measures to Alleviate Conditions

Since Urgency Ordinance No. 1576 was enacted on August 26, 2025, staff have worked diligently to research and develop recommendations which will be presented to the Board on October 7, 2025. The following actions have been taken thus far:

- Meetings between County staff and YSGA regarding the Focus Area boundaries and the Tier 2 hydrogeologic review process.
- Meetings between County staff and consultant Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) to discuss methods of verification of pumping capacity and other possible options to address the concerns of the Urgency Ordinance.
- County staff are conducting more in-depth review of both the Sonoma County and San Luis Obispo County well monitoring program.
- County staff are identifying potential members of a Well Permitting Working Group and developing a proposed outline to present to the Board on October 7, 2025.

Staff will provide a further update in the materials published for the October 7, 2025 public hearing.