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TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
FROM: WE Watch, Nancy Emerson, President & Nick DiCroce, Water Issues Chairperson
RE: Groundwater Well Metering Assistance Program

WE Watch's Water Issues Group supports approval of an up to \$500 subsidy to groundwater well owners for installation of an approved meter. \$200,000 can assist quite a few owners in obtaining meters in 2021-2022. It will not only better inform the owner about water use but will begin to fill gaps in the knowledge of GSAs about water flow and seasonal fluctuations in our groundwater basins.

It is appropriate to first offer this encouragement to Cuyama Valley well owners. We hope that it will soon be available to Santa Ynez River Valley well owners, too.