



Summary of Revisions to HPWD Rules Adopted August 12, 2014

This summary does not include changes to administrative rules outlined in the full Rules document. Visit www.hpwd.com to review the entire 31-page document.

Allowable Production Rate (APR)–

- Beginning January 1, 2015, the allowable production rate per contiguous acre will be 1.50 acre-feet (18") per year. A static (APR) of 18" applies to all groundwater users regardless of use category.
- A contiguous acre may be counted only 1 time.
- A contiguous acre is defined as land that physically touches the sides or corners of abutting acreage or is connected by an underground water pipeline.

Conservation Reserve –

- A well owner or operator may reserve all or a portion of their annual Allowable Production Rate by adhering to prescribed application and reporting requirements. Beginning on January 1, 2015, eligible well owners or operators shall have an initial conservation reserve of 0.50 acre feet (6") per acre.

Recording and Reporting by Owner or Operator –

Options include but are not limited to:

- Meters measuring aggregate production from well systems, individual wells, sprinklers or drip systems. Meter installation must meet manufacturer's specifications.
- One Irrigated Crop planted and harvested in a calendar year. Conservation cover crops are allowed. Second crops are allowable in case of crop loss due to weather. Double cropping is defined as

the practice of planting and harvesting more than one irrigated crop per irrigated acre each year.

- Energy Consumption Records.
- Nozzle Packages measuring flow rates and hours of use.
- Alternative data gathering devices such as PivoTrac, AgSense or WagNet.
- CAFO multiplier formula based on gallons per head per day includes beef cattle, dairy heifers and cows, poultry and swine.
- .Certification of the production rate on contiguous acres of 0.93 gallons per minute or less demonstrates the subject property is unable to exceed the APR. This certification, once verified by the district, is effective until such time that the capacity is altered.
- Other reporting methods may be considered through an application process

Optional Meter Installation and Sealing

- If any owner or operator chooses to report through the use of meters, they will be responsible for the purchase, installation, operation, maintenance and repair of meters associated with a well or well system. Meter readings shall be recorded and groundwater production reported as required by District Rules.
- District staff may inspect and seal meters.

Production Reports

- Meter readings or readings from alternative measuring methods must be recorded prior to January 15 of each year and be included in an approved production report submitted to the District no later than March 1 of each calendar year.

Voluntary Registration

- By voluntarily registering a domestic well, the well owner is protected from someone drilling a new well in close proximity.