



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW HPWD RULES *(August 2014)*

When do the new rules take effect?

- Rule 5 goes into effect January 1, 2015.
- The rest of the rules are effective immediately upon adoption.

Can I register an existing, exempt well with the District?

- Registering an existing exempt well is an available voluntary option through the HPWD. Well registration helps protect pumpers from one another by requiring a minimum 100 yards distance between current and new well drilling sites. Contact the office for more information at 806-762-0181.

Do I need to register a newly drilled exempt well with the district?

- Yes, according to the HPWD rules, newly drilled exempt wells shall have been registered prior to well drilling.

What are the enforcement policies?

- Enforcement policies will be written by the Board of Directors with the input of County Advisory Committees.

Is the 18 inches Allowable Production Rate (APR) a static number?

- Yes, the current Board has adopted the 18 inch APR as a static number.

Do cities have to follow the same contiguous acre and pumping restrictions?

- Yes, all non-exempt wells (exceeding 17.5 gallons per minute) are subject to the provisions of Rule 5.

Is metering required with the new rules?

- No, there are alternative reporting methods in addition to metering, which include the following:
 - o One irrigated crop planted and harvested per irrigated acre.
 - o Energy consumption records.
 - o Nozzle packages measuring flow rates and hours of use.
 - o CAFO formula based on gallons per head per day includes beef cattle, dairy heifers and cows, poultry and swine.
 - o Other reporting methods may be considered through an application process.