

Proposed Rule Changes

Definitions:

- Distinguish export and transport permits
- Define Hydrogeological Study
- Define Operating Permit
- Define Reclaimed Water
- Define Well Owner to mean landowner and/or well operator

Rule 1.2

Expand Purpose of Rules to protect property rights and to use best available science in conservation and development of groundwater.

Rule 4.4

Adds Joint Planning in Management Area to rules.

Rule 4.5

Adds District Budget and Annual Audit to rules.

Rule 5.1

Removes the requirement for submitting a schematic of irrigation systems on ½ acre or less which are exempt.

Rule 5.2C

Removes requirement of only allowing one well per lot on lot sizes ten (10) acres or less.

Rule 5.4 Permit Application Procedure

Adds requirement to Permit Applications that are 80 acre feet or greater of groundwater must have a hydrogeologic study performed. In a High Historic Groundwater Use Area, a hydrogeologic study is required for permits greater or equal to 40 acre feet.

Rule 5.6 Well Spacing

Remove the 75' setback requirement for tracts of land in existence prior to May 1, 1990. Also allows encroachment on the 75' setback to the State's minimum setback when permission is denied from adjoining landowners, provided the well is completed with more stringent casing pressure cementing requirements.

Rule 6.2 Well Registrations

Removes deposit requirement from well registrations.

Rule 9.2

Specifies well spacing requirements in a High Historic Groundwater Use Buffer Zone.

Rule 12.5 Contested Case Hearings

Adds procedures to the process evolved when a contested case hearing is enacted.