

The District Rules are amended by adding Rule 16 to read as follows:

RULE 16. Regional Recharge Study Zone

(16.1.1) The Regional Recharge Study Zone (RRSZ) is hereby created to encompass a specific geographic area overlying the Trinity Aquifer and located wholly within the boundaries of the District. A map of RRSZ is attached hereto as exhibit two (2).

(16.1.2) The study will monitor recharge, discharge, spring flow, water quality, and aquifer levels for the five-year period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025 (the "Study Period"). The District may budget funds from any source available to conduct the study including fees, grants, gifts, and collected penalties.

(16.1.3) Any new non-exempt use well within the RRSZ drilled on or after November 1, 2019, must comply with all standard operating permit requirements plus the following additional requirements:

- 1) A new operating permit may not exceed a total of ten (10) acre feet annual production limit per well or well field. The Board may grant a waiver to this provision if enforcement of this rule on a specific property will result in an arbitrary taking of property or in the practical closing and elimination of a lawful business, occupation, or activity without sufficient corresponding benefit or advantage to the public.
- 2) Any non-exempt use well shall be constructed with casing installed to the top of the production zone and its water bearing strata. The well must include an annular seal to the top of the production zone. Annular seal for this purpose must consist of packers, bentonite or cement grout, or other approved sealing material.