

Item 6 – Transport Permit Application Fee

The District has never established a transport permit application fee because of no foreseen transport projects. With the sale of the Skiles property, there is a possibility that a project might be on the horizon.

The District Rules establish the process and criteria for the transport permit application;

RULE 9.4. TRANSPORT PERMIT PROCESSING

The Board, by Order, **may adopt a processing fee for transport permits** to cover all reasonable and necessary costs to the District for processing the application.

RULE 10.1. PERMIT REQUIRED

Groundwater produced from a well within the District may not be transported outside the District's boundaries unless the Board has issued the well owner or operator a transport permit, except as provided within these Rules.

RULE 10.2. APPLICABILITY

- (a) **A person proposing to transport groundwater out of the District must obtain a transport permit**, in addition to a drilling/operating permit for a new well, or an operating permit for an existing well,,,

RULE 10.3. APPLICATION

An application for a transport permit must be filed in the District office and must include the information and studies required under Rule 8.4 for a drilling and/or operating permit, **plus the following information**:

- (a) the availability of water in the District and in the proposed receiving area during the period for which the water supply is requested, including the:
- (1) location of the proposed receiving area for the water to be transported;
 - (2) information describing alternate sources of supply that might be utilized by the applicant and the groundwater user, and the feasibility and practicability of utilizing such supplies; and
 - (3) description of the amount and purpose of use in the proposed receiving area for which water is needed.
- (b) the projected effect of the proposed groundwater transport on aquifer conditions, depletion, subsidence, or effects on existing permit holders or other groundwater users within the District, including the Rule 8.4 information and

studies and any proposed plan of the applicant to mitigate adverse hydrogeological impacts of the proposed transport of water from the District.

- (c) *the approved Regional Water Plan and certified District Management Plan, including a description of how the proposed transport is addressed in any approved regional water plan(s) including the Region G Regional Water Plan and, the certified District Management Plan.*
- (d) *a technical description of the facilities to be used for transportation of water and a time schedule for any construction thereof, that will be used to establish the term of the transport permit, under Section 36.122 (i) of the Texas Water Code.*

The processing of a transport permit application for administrative completeness will require an extensive amount of staff time vetting the documents required to be submitted by the District Rules.

The General Manager requests and recommends the Board establish a Transport Permit Application Fee of \$100/well contained in the application for transport.