

## **RULE 7.1. MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PRODUCTION**

### **(b) Permitting Goal**

The District recognizes that in order to achieve the adopted Availability Goals, the District may authorize groundwater production that is ~~a small amount~~ greater than the Availability Goals. The increased production permitting limit is put into effect to achieve the Availability Goals and Desired Future Conditions, while acknowledging that some groundwater permits may have more authorized production than is currently being produced by permittees.

The District shall make a reasonable effort to not grant permit applications for more water production than is actually needed for beneficial use.

~~The District's permitted production shall be no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of groundwater that is permitted by the District, but not being annually produced by District permittees, based on 2009 metered production. The permitting limits shall be distributed over the regulated aquifers and shall be reviewed annually.~~

~~Once the permitted production is reached for an aquifer, no new production will be granted for persons that hold a previous permit, without verification that the permittee is actually using a substantial percent of their permitted production and can demonstrate with credible evidence the need for additional water production.~~

Amendments include deleting language that no longer applies to the BVGCD permitting process. Permits will issued to an applicant if they have the legal right to produce the groundwater regardless if the permitted amount exceeds the modeled available groundwater prescribed for the particular aquifer.