

Correlative Rights Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Objective:

Explore avenues for all permits to conform to the same modified correlative formula used since the inception of the District on Simsboro wells and since May, 2014 on wells in all aquifers except the Brazos River Alluvium.

Goal:

To provide a landowner the fair chance to produce their fair share of the common resource.

Points for Consideration:

- The District is divided into two zones, potable and brackish.
- Potable zone is the area of the District with a TDS of 1000 or less identified by using TDS from known wells (Zone P).
- Brackish zone is the area of the District with a TDS above 1000 (Zone B).
- The line of delineation between the potable and brackish zones will be determined, to the best of their ability, by the District hydrologist.
- Legally assigned acreage for a well in either zone must be comprised of acreage from the zone in which the well is located.
- Legally assigned acreage is not required to be contiguous to the well.
- Legally assigned acreage used to complete the production acreage footprint must be comprised of acreage with similar saturated thickness of the producing formation at the well's location.
- Acreage used to complete a non-contiguous footprint will be validated by District using documents provided by the permit holders verifying ownership of or control of the water.
- If using acreage with dissimilar saturated thickness, a pro-rata system will be used. (Example: 1 acre with 500' of saturated thickness = 5 acres with 100' of saturated thickness).
- Landowners seeking to drill a well within the footprint of an existing well with a validated non-contiguous footprint will be allowed to drill and produce the well at a total production according to the District production acreage formula. The spacing between the wells will be exempt from the District spacing rule.
- Once the rules have been adopted, ownership of parcels within the validated non-contiguous footprints will be identified.
- Rules will prohibit the attaching of non-contiguous acres to a parcel within a validated non-contiguous footprint in an attempt to avoid well spacing rules.

