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Notice for Homeowners and Landowners: Understanding Your Responsibilities Regarding Water Wells on Your Property

Introduction

Welcome to the Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District (RCGCD)! Our mission is to implement regulations that protect existing Water Wells, prevent waste, and encourage conservation. We aim to ensure that groundwater remains accessible for future generations while safeguarding its quality within the aquifer's recharge zone. The District operates with a commitment to fairness and equity, ensuring that Reeves County residents maintain local control over their groundwater resources.

About Us

The RCGCD was established by the 83rd Texas Legislature, under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI, of the Texas Constitution, in accordance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. As a governmental agency, the District is dedicated to serving the public and fulfilling objectives crucial to Reeves County. The boundaries of the District encompass all of Reeves County, providing benefits and improvements that will enhance local water management through various works and projects.

Join Us at Our Annual Symposium

Each October, RCGCD hosts the "Waters of West Texas" symposium, typically held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at The Reeves County Civic Center. We are committed to educating our community about the importance of sustainably managing our precious natural resource—water. The symposium gathers a diverse group of stakeholders from agriculture, energy, conservation groups, and more, engaging in discussions on groundwater conservation and the balance of water usage and disposal. We invite you to join us for productive discussions on sustainable water use in our region. To be added to our mailing or email list for updates, contact us at info@reevescountygcd.org or call us directly at 432-445-9961.

Responsibilities for Existing Water Wells

If your property includes existing Water Wells, you must notify the District by completing the "Permit Amendment Application Form," available on our website at www.reevescountygcd.org under "Applications" -> "Permit for Production or Transport." This is required to maintain accurate records of groundwater usage. Please ensure submission within 30 days of property acquisition.

Drilling a New Water Well

Before drilling or operating a new Water Well, secure the necessary permits to comply with District regulations and state law. Submit the following applications together:

1. **Water Well Registration, Drilling, And Plugging Application:** Available online under "Applications" -> "Well Registration."
2. **Production Permit:** Located within the same section.

All applications are accessible online, and some forms are fillable directly on our website. Once completed, you can email your form to info@reevescountygcd.org, mail it to our office at P.O. Box 809 Pecos, Texas 79772, or drop it off in person at 119 South Cedar Street in Pecos, Texas.

Plugging A Water Well

Proper plugging of a Water Well is essential to prevent contamination and protect groundwater. According to RCGCD Rules, wells are considered abandoned if they are not in use and do not contain necessary equipment, have not been capped if not in use, or pose a pollution risk. A well may also be classified as deteriorated if its condition is likely to cause pollution. Such wells must be securely capped unless they are actively in use, ensuring they do not threaten groundwater quality. Complete the "Plugging Well" form available on our website or contact us for a physical copy, to ensure compliance.

Exemptions and Non-Exemptions

Understanding the distinction between exempt and non-exempt wells is critical. According to RCGCD Rule 15, an **exempt well** is typically used for small-scale domestic purposes or livestock watering, producing 20 gallons per minute or less, and does not require a permit. However, even exempt wells must be registered with the District under RCGCD Rule 6A to ensure comprehensive groundwater management.

Conversely, **non-exempt wells** are used for larger-scale operations such as commercial or industrial purposes and do require a permit from the District.

Monitoring and Compliance

In line with our mission to ensure equitable use and conservation, the District may monitor water levels or quality and conduct necessary inspections.

Contact and Resources

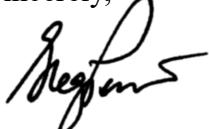
For additional information, please visit our website or contact our office. We are here to assist with any queries regarding your property and Water Well management.

Accessing the RCGCD Rules

The RCGCD Rules are available online or by contacting us:

- Call us at 432-445-9961 or email info@reevescountygcd.org to request a mailed copy.
- Visit our office at 119 South Cedar Street, Pecos, Texas.

Sincerely,



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