



Rule Changes Summary

The following are the major changes to PGCD Rules adopted by Board of Directors at their December 20, 2018 meeting. The full copy of the rules can be found at www.pgcd.us/rules.

Major Changes:

- Operating Permits are required on all wells, new or existing, producing more than 17.5 GPM and are 2-inches or greater in pipe diameter. All Operating Permits must be applied for in 2019. *(PGCD Rules, Rule 4.2)*
 - **Maximum Allowable Volume** must not exceed one acre-foot per contiguous acre per year of water rights owned or controlled. Which has been the rule since 2004. *(PGCD Rules, Rule 4.2 (g))*
- To drill a new permitted well, operators must obtain an Operating Permit first and then apply for a Drilling Permit; these can be done simultaneously. *(PGCD Rules, Rule 4.3)*
 - **Maximum Rate of Production** will remain the same at 2,880 GPM on any square mile (equivalent to 640 acres) within a Contiguous Acreage Tract (CAT) or 4.5 GPM/acre, for CATS containing less than 640 acres. *(PGCD Rules, Rule 4.2 (g))*
- To ensure compliance, flow meters are required on all wells, new or existing, producing more than 35 GPM. Alternatively, meters may be installed on center pivot sprinklers, drip irrigations systems or at a central collection point if all production is captured. *(PGCD Rules, Rule 4.4)*
 - Operators are required to comply with District Meter Standards, meaning they are responsible to ensure meters are operating to manufacturer's specifications. Also, they must notify the District within three working days when a meter is not reading or operating correctly. *(PGCD Rules, Rule 4.4) District Meter Standards can be found online at www.pgcd.us/metering*
- PGCD Board of Directors set aside \$350,000 this fiscal year (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019) for a meter cost share program. The 50/50 cost share program is for wells that have not been required to install a meter previously. The program is for 50 percent of the meter cost up to \$1,500.
- Registrations are still required for all wells less than 2-inches in pipe diameter producing less than 17.5 GPM and exempt wells. Spacing Rules in Rule 8.1 still apply. *(PGCD Rules, Rule 5.1 and Rule 8.1)*