



# PGCD Rules Summary

- **Operating Permits are required** on all wells producing more than 17.5 gallons per minute and are 2 inches or greater in pipe size diameter, for new or existing wells. All Operating Permits must be applied for and granted by January 1, 2020. An Operating Permit must be granted before any production takes place in 2020.
- As part of the Operating Permit process, producers are required to submit and confirm their **Contiguous Acreage Tract (CAT)** information. District staff will verify CAT(s) and Maximum Allowable Volume will be calculated based off the number of acres within each CAT.
  - ◇ **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.
  - ◇ **Contiguous Acreage Tract ¼ Mile Restriction Waiver:** The ¼ mile restriction may be waived on a CAT and may allow operators to include up to 640 additional contiguous acres to that tract. The waiver applies to only one side of the property and the two properties must share a common boundary. The waiver may be used one time per Operating Permit.
- 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.
  - ◇ **Maximum Rate of Production** will remain the same at 2,880 GPM/section or 4.5 GPM/acre.
- In order to ensure compliance, an acceptable metering method is required on all wells producing more than 35 gallons per minute. Acceptable metering methods can be found in District Meter Standards online at [www.pgcd.us/metering](http://www.pgcd.us/metering).
- **Operators will be required to comply with District Meter Standards**, meaning they are responsible to ensure meters are operating to manufacturer's specifications. If using another acceptable metering method, like a remote monitoring control system, operators must ensure the data is true and correct. Operators must notify the District within three working days if their meter needs repairs and to submit initial meter readings at the beginning of each pumping season or calendar year.
  - ◇ The initial meter reading is for PGCD staff to notate the meter is operational. Operators will be able to text or email the initial reading picture.
- 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 cost share is for 50 percent of the meter cost up to \$1,500. The cost share is only for traditional flow meters.
- **Registrations are required for all wells less than 2 inches** in pipe size diameter producing less than 17.5 gallons per minute and exempt wells. Spacing rules in Rule 8.1 will still apply.

Enforcement will begin on January 1, 2020, giving operators throughout the District 2019 to obtain Operating Permit(s) and make necessary adjustments for compliance. The current rules are in place to ensure each owner/operator within our District will be treated equally. The rules are also designed to help PGCD achieve its ultimate Desired Future Condition of the Ogallala Aquifer, which is the 50/50 Management Standard. The goal is to have 50 percent of the total volume of water remaining 50 years from today.