



GCGCD Rule Workshop Minutes

Related to Wilcox spacing and production
Rule 5.4(b)(c) and (f)
January 11, 2024

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200 N. Austin St. Suite # 301
Seguin, TX 78155
5:30 PM

Board members present: Bill Jones, Mark Gustafson, Hilmar Starcke, and Jeff Schuehle.

Others in Attendance: In-person: Kelley Cochran GCGCD, Caroline Hrnecir GCGCD, Bill Klemt GCGCD, Tiffany Willrich GCGCD, Regina Frankie CCSUD, Humberto Ramos CLSUD, Kaveh Khorzad WRGS, and Brady Kosub M&S.

Virtual Attendance: Adam Conner, James Bene RWTL- CRWA, Jim Harris, Trish Erlinger Carls, and James Beach AGS-CLSUD.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Hilmar Starcke opened the Workshop at 5:30 PM, welcoming all in attendance and on-line by stating the Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District periodically reviews its rules in order to protect private property rights, balance the conservation and development of groundwater, and use the best available science in the conservation and development of groundwater through rules developed, adopted, and promulgated by a district in accordance with directives of Chapter 36 TWC.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss and receive public comments on GCGCD Rule 5.4(b)(c) and (f) as related to Wilcox spacing and production requirements for non-exempt wells.

Mr. Starcke stated there will be no action taken at this workshop.

2. GCGCD staff outlined current rules related to Wilcox aquifer well spacing and well setbacks and Wilcox aquifer water rights (GCGCD Rule 5.4): Workshop materials provided included a summary of the relevant GCGCD rule and for comparison, listed the spacing rules adopted by Gonzales UWCD and Evergreen UWCD.

3. Public comments: James Bene, representing interests of CRWA, delivered a presentation on well-to-well and property-to-well spacing, emphasizing the district's rules and potential modifications. Mr. Bene discussed how rule adjustments could facilitate increased well drilling on individual properties. The presentation covered current rules, their implications, and recommendations for modifying the existing framework to accommodate property owners and the drilling of multiple wells to best utilize the development of wellfields.


Mr. Schuele offered his opinion of our current rules related to spacing.

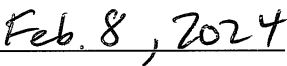
4. Discussion moderated by Board President and General Manager: Board President Mr. Starke and General Manager Kelley Cochran presided over the discussion. Kaveh Khorzad of Wet Rock Groundwater Services representing CCSUD shared his perspective on well-to-well spacing regulation within the district. Regina Franke from CCSUD asked of the potential implications of rule changes within the district and sought clarification regarding the implementation of a 'grandfather rule'. Mr. Starke replied that there are currently no planned rule changes and when/if that time comes, our attorneys will review all possible considerations of edits.

Humberto Ramos commented on protection of private property and drawdown impacts suggesting at some point, a mitigation program be developed and the CLSUD would support those efforts.

5. GCGCD closing comments: Ms. Cochran and Mr. Starcke thanked everyone for their time and input.

6. Adjournment: Workshop Adjourned at 6:40 PM


Mark Gustafson, Secretary


Date