

## **Rule I – Appropriation of Groundwater**

### **1 Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Managers to regulate appropriations to ensure the health and availability of groundwater in the watershed.

### **2 Regulation**

A permit from the District, incorporating an approved groundwater-appropriation plan, is required for an appropriation of groundwater of less than 10,000 gallons per day and up to 1,000,000 gallons per year or of any amount for domestic use by less than 25 persons.

### **3 Criteria**

3.1 An applicant for a permit under this rule must demonstrate that the implementation of its groundwater appropriation plan will:

- a Be reasonable and practical with regard to alternative sources of water or methods available;
- b Include the utilization of water storage and reuse and conservation practices to the greatest extent feasible;
- c Be subject to restriction to meet in-stream flow needs or protect basin water levels.

3.2 A permittee must provide by March 1 each year a report including:

- a A written summary of how appropriated water was used and conservation utilized; and
- b the method of appropriation, if changed from original application.

3.3 Permits issued under this rule will continue until revoked or relinquished. Failure to comply with the criteria and requirements of this rule will be grounds for revocation.

### **4 Exhibits**

An applicant for a permit under this rule must provide a completed application and groundwater appropriation plan including:

- 4.1 Applicant address;
- 4.2 Applicant email address;
- 4.3 Purpose of the requested appropriation;
- 4.4 Alternative sources of water considered and reasons why the groundwater appropriation proposed was selected;

- 4.5 Depth of well, and number and capacity in gallons per minute of pump(s) to be installed;
- 4.6 Information on any water storage facilities and capabilities and any proposed reuse and conservation practices; and
- 4.87 A contingency plan or draft agreement with the District to discontinue the appropriation in the event of restriction.

An appropriation application form may be obtained from the District offices or website.