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EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

GROUNDWATER NEWS

## PROPOSED WATER APPROPRIATION REGULATIONS

**TOPEKA** — Public hearings will be conducted Wednesday, April 7, 2010, in the 4th floor training room of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th St., Topeka, to consider the adoption of one new rule and regulation, and several amendments to existing rules and regulations. Individuals wishing to participate by teleconference may go to the office of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District (GMD 2), 313 Spruce Street, Halstead, KS, on the date and time of the public hearing.

The hearing at **2:00 p.m.** will allow public comment on:

**K.A.R. 5-22-7. Safe Yield:** *The proposed amendment to the regulation changes the conditions under which 15 acre-feet exemptions will be allowed within the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 (GMD 2). The amendment will allow a 15 acre-feet exemption in GMD 2 but require that approval of a 15 acre-feet exemption not authorize more than 15 acre-feet when combined with another right or allow a 15 acre-feet exemption to be pumped through a common distribution system with another water right. Economic Impact: There will be no fiscal impact to the agency, governmental agencies and upon private business or individuals.*

The hearing at **2:30 p.m.** will allow public comment on:

**K.A.R. 5-4-1. Distribution of water between users when a prior right is being impaired AND K.A.R. 5-4-1a. (New) Distribution of water between users when a prior right is being impaired due to a regional lowering of the water table.** — *Specify procedures for filing, investigating, and resolving water right impairment complaints. Economic Impact: The average net fiscal impact to the agency is estimated to be approximately \$11,400 per year. The average fiscal impact to individuals filing impairment complaints is estimated to be approximately \$1,000 per filing. The average fiscal impact to groundwater management districts is estimated to be approximately \$2,300 per year, collectively.*

**K.A.R. 5-7-1. Due and sufficient cause for nonuse.** — *Changes the conditions where due and sufficient cause for non-use exist under a water right. Economic Impact: There would not be a fiscal impact to the agency, governmental agencies and upon private business or individuals.*

**K.A.R. 5-1-4. Water flowmeter specifications**

**K.A.R. 5-1-9. Criteria to determine when a water flowmeter is out of compliance.** — *Changes the conditions under which meter seals will be required to be installed. Meter seals that make it impossible to alter the totalizer reading will continue to be required unless parallel water records are kept. Economic Impact: There would not be a fiscal impact to the agency, governmental agencies and upon private business or individuals.*

All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the adoption of the proposed amendments during the hearing. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit any oral presentation to five minutes.

Copies of the regulations and economic impact statements may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture, Leslie Garner, 109 SW 9th St., 4th Floor, Topeka, KS 66612 or (785) 296-4623 or by accessing the department's website at <http://www.ksda.gov>.

Comments may also be made through DWR's website under the proposed regulations.

*News release courtesy of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Department of Agriculture, 2010.*

## UPCOMING BUDGET MEETING

**HALSTEAD** — The annual budget meeting for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at the District office, 313 Spruce Street in Halstead, KS.

During the meeting, the FY 2011 budget and water and land assessment rates will be adopted. The current land assessment rate is \$0.05 per acre and the rate for water assessments is \$0.80 per acre-foot. A water assessment rate of \$0.75 per acre-foot has been proposed for the FY 2011 budget.

The meeting is open to the public and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

## NEED ASSISTANCE WITH:

- Plugging an abandoned water well?
- Repairing, selecting or installing a water meter?
- Filing a water permit form or use report?
- Checking on available groundwater supply?
- Reviewing your water permit?

Contact the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District at (316) 835-2224.



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**35TH ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD OFFICERS ELECTION SUMMARY**

**HALSTEAD** — The 35th Annual Meeting of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 was held January 12, 2010, at Halstead Middle School. There were approximately 40 people in attendance.

- Larry Jacob, President, introduced District Staff and Manager Tim Boese, who presented information to the audience regarding the District’s activities for 2009.
- Larry Jacob, President, presented information about the District’s proposed activities for 2010.
- Don Koci, Treasurer, reported on the District’s financial status. The pre-audited 2009 revenues were \$346,136.09, and expenditures were \$241,304.65. The 2009 FY Budget was \$368,214.
- Tim Boese, Manager, reviewed a proposed fiscal year 2011 budget of \$378,820, which the Board approved to present at the budget meeting in June.
- Incumbent Board members Bob Seiler (Sedgwick County), Don Koci (Reno County) and David Stroberg (Reno County) were re-elected to another 3-year term.
- Debra Ary, City of Wichita, gave updates on the ASR Project Phase I and Phase II.
- Dale Gabel, CH2M-Hill, consultant for the City of Wichita, presented information regarding the ASR Project Geochemistry Study being conducted.
- The Board voted to continue revisions to the Aquifer Management Program.

At the February 9th Board of Directors meeting, officers for 2010 were elected by Board members.

Larry Jacob was re-elected President; David Stroberg was re-elected Vice-President; Fred Seiler was re-elected Secretary; and Don Koci was re-elected Treasurer. The officers will serve a one-year term of office.

Please refer to the District’s website for upcoming meeting dates and times. <http://www.gmd2.org>

**BOARD MEMBER RESIGNS**

**HALSTEAD** — Following the March 9, 2010, meeting, Board member David Warren (Sedgwick County) advised the District that he was retiring from the City of Wichita and, therefore, could no longer serve on the District’s Board of Directors.

Warren served on the Board since 2005 and was the City of Wichita’s Director of Water Utilities since 1989.

The Board will be seeking to appoint an eligible candidate to complete the remainder of Warren’s term, which expires in January 2011.

**Need to know the current rainfall, ET, soil temperature, groundwater level, and current atmospheric conditions in the Equus Beds? Simply call the nearest data station.**

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Don Koci .....	Treasurer

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Office hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.