

COW CREEK GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Permitted Low Production Well Registration Application Tier 3

The District amended its well exemption rules on September 9th, 2025, to allow only the statutory well exemptions listed in §36.117 of the Texas Water Code (Statutory Exempt Wells). The District will respect and uphold all well exemptions that were granted under the District's Rules prior to September 9th, 2025, unless the usage changes and the exemptions conditions are no longer met. To qualify as a Regulatory Exempt Well under District Rule 3.2.A. the water well owner must of applied for and received an exempt well registration prior to September 9th, 2025 or be a water well that is exempted under District Rule 10.5.

New water wells drilled on less than ten (10) acres or wells that are located in a subdivision of land for which plat approval was required by Chapter 232 of the Local Government Code are not considered exempt under Rule 3.2.A.

All permitted water wells are required to register and obtain an operating permit. This application is to register a Permitted Low Production Well. Permitted Low Production Wells are water wells that are not exempt under District Rule 3.2.A. and are equipped to produce at the instantaneous rate of five (5) gallons per minute or less and also do not produce more than one acre-foot annually. Permitted Low Production Wells also require an Operating Permit application.

Water well owners who seek to produce more than five (5) gpm or more than one (1) acre-foot annually are not considered Permitted Low Production Wells and should use the Application(s) for a Permitted Non-exempt Well.

****Please note** All Permitted Low Production Wells must be equipped to produce at the instantaneous rate of 5 gallons per minute or less AND produce less than a total annual production of 1 acre-foot (325,851 gallons).**

Permitted Low Production Wells are allowed to be no closer than 50 feet from the property line and no closer than 100 feet from an existing well.

Please acknowledge that you understand the District's rules as they relate to your water well:

A. Well Owner Information (Any person who has the right to produce groundwater from the land, either by ownership, contract, lease, easement, or any other estate in the land.)

Name

Mailing Address

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Daytime Phone Number

Alternate number

Email Address

Well Location

Well Location Address

Gate Combo

Legal Description of the well location

Proposed Well Site Latitude/Longitude N:

W:

B. Water Well Driller & Pump Installer Information

Company contracted to drill the water well

Phone Number

TDLR License Number

Company contracted to install the pump

(If different than the water well driller)

Phone Number

TDLR License Number

C. Purpose of Well Registration

☐ Register a Permitted Low Production Well **used solely for Domestic or Livestock purposes**

A well that is not-exempt under rule 3.2(A) but is only capable of producing at the instantaneous rate of 5 gallons per minute or less **AND** less than a total annual production of 1 acre-foot and is used solely for domestic or livestock purposes. This water well requires an operating permit application and does not require a meter.

☐ Register a Permitted Low Production Well **used for any use other than Domestic or Livestock**

A well that is not-exempt under rule 3.2(A) but is only capable of producing at the instantaneous rate of 5 gallons per minute or less **AND** less than a total annual production of 1 acre-foot and is used for any purpose other than domestic or livestock purposes. This water well requires a meter and an operating permit application.

☐ Substantial Alteration of a Permitted Low Production Water Well

Any change to the physical or mechanical characteristics of a well, its equipment, production capabilities, or its purpose or location of use of the water produced in a way that may impact the level of fees the well is subject to or may impact whether an operating permit or amendment to an operating permit is required. This does not include repairing well equipment, well houses or enclosures, or replacement with comparable equipment.

If Alteration, explain reason for and nature of alteration:

Anticipated Start Date of Drilling/Alteration: _____

D. General Water Well Information

Proposed conditions for new water wells

Casing Size	Estimated Well Depth	Production capability (gpm or gpd)
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Pump Size	Target aquifer
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For what purpose will the water well be used (list all uses)?

Domestic Use or Purpose – use of groundwater by a residence (**not a business or other commercial structure**) to support essential domestic activity, including but not limited to: uses inside the residence; irrigation of lawns, flower beds, shrubs, trees shading the residence, or of a garden or orchard that produces vegetables and fruit for consumption within the residence and not for sale; protection of foundations; and non-commercial recreation associated with the residence

Livestock Use or Purpose – use of groundwater to provide water to domesticated horses, cattle, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, ostriches, emus, rheas, exotic deer and antelope, and other similar animals involved in farming or ranching operations. Dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, small mammals, potbellied pigs, and other animals typically kept as pets are not considered livestock. Livestock-type animals kept as pets or in a pet-like environment are not considered livestock although providing water to such pets may be considered domestic use when associated with a residence.

E. Well Location and Spacing

Attach a copy of a location map or property survey drawn on a scale that adequately details the well site, the property lines, the location of existing wells on the subject tract, the location of the existing use(s), the limits of any designated FEMA flood hazards, the location of any existing or proposed on-site wastewater system, and the location of any other potential source of contamination within 150 feet of the existing wells or new well.

Are there any existing water wells on this tract or on contiguous property belonging to the well owner?

Yes or No If Yes, how many? _____ Are the wells registered? Yes or No

What is the size of the tract?

What is the legal name of the subdivision (if applicable)?

Please provide the distance in feet from the water well to the following:

Closest property line	Closest existing well
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Septic tank	Septic drain field or spray area
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Concentrated Sources of Potential Contamination, such as livestock or poultry facilities

Is the proposed well located within 50 feet of or within the service area of a retail public water utility or public water system?

Yes or No

If you answered “yes,” attach a document from the retail public water utility or public water supply system stating that it is unable or unwilling to provide service, or does not object to the well.

Will water from this well be transported out of the District for use? Yes or No

F. Application Fee

New or substantial alterations of a Permitted Low Production Wells attach the \$500 (five hundred dollars) application fee per well.

Existing Permitted Low Production Wells do not require an application fee.

G. Signature

By signing this form, I declare that the information provided in this form is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Furthermore, I am familiar with all pertinent requirements contained in the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District Rules including the District’s well construction standards. I agree to notify the District at least 24 hours before the start of drilling/alteration and upon completion of the well. I understand that it is the Well Owner’s responsibility to ensure that within 60 days after the completion of the well, the driller submits the State of Texas Well Report to the District. I agree to allow District representatives to enter the well site property to inspect during drilling and upon well completion. I agree and acknowledge that if the information I have provided changes in the future, it is my responsibility and the responsibility of the well owner to provide the new information to the District. I understand that a change in this information may result in additional fees and requirements.

Signature of Well Owner or Authorized Agent

Printed Name

Date

FOR DISTRICT USE ONLY

Date Received:

District Well Number:

Date Registration Issued:

State Well Number (if applicable):

- ☐ Collected \$500 Application Fee (if applicable) Cash or Check # _____
- ☐ Well complies with definition of a Permitted Low Production Well
- ☐ Well Complies with Rule 6 Spacing requirements
- ☐ New Well
- ☐ Existing Well
- ☐ Provided Well Owner or Agent with a Certificate of Registration

KAD/PID:

Precinct:

Issued by:
