

COW CREEK GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regulatory Exempt Well Registration Application Tier 2

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. However, 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 have 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.

District Rule 10.5 applies to a water well used for domestic or livestock purposes, and which is incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons per day or 17.36 gallons per minute and registered under Rule 3.2(A)(1)(a), that was drilled on real property platted or subdivided after October 10, 2023.

Rule 10.5 applies to wells located in subdivisions and on land described in abstract and survey. A parcel or tract of land shall only have one domestic or livestock well per ten acres. The total number of wells located on the parcel or tract shall be no more than the total acreage of the tract divided by ten. This equates to a 10 acre density.

Again, to qualify as a Regulatory Exempt Well, the parcel or tract of land that the well is being drilled on must meet the District Rule 10.5 requirements. Regulatory Exempt Well owners are allowed to equip their wells with a pump capable of producing up to 17.36 gallon per minute or 25,000 gallons per day. Regulatory Exempt Wells are required to abide by the District's Rule 11 Drought Management Rules.

****Please note** All new water wells drilled after September 9th, 2025 that are equipped to pump between 5.01 gpm and 17.36 gpm must be spaced a minimum of 100' from the property line and a minimum of 200' from existing wells.**

If you drill your well closer than 100' from the property line, your well production will be restricted to 5 gpm.

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

Signature

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 Regulatory Exempt Water Well

A Regulatory exempt well that is drilled or properly completed on a parcel or tract that complies with District Rule 10.5 (10 acre density), equipped to pump no more than 17.36 gallons per minute, and used solely for domestic or livestock purposes

Substantial Alteration of a Regulatory Exempt 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)

Pump Size Target aquifer

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 100 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?

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

Closest property line Closest existing well

Septic tank Septic drain field or spray area

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 and substantial alterations of Regulatory Exempt Wells attach the \$500 (five hundred dollar) application fee.

Existing Regulatory Exempt 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 Regulatory Exempt Well

Well Complies with Rule 6 Spacing requirements

Provided Well Owner or Agent with a Certificate of Registration

KAD/PID:

Precinct:

Issued by:
