

POLICY POSITION STATEMENTS OF CALHOUN COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors of the Calhoun County Groundwater Conservation District believes that the citizens of Calhoun County should be provided clear communication regarding major policy issues related to groundwater conservation, preservation, and protection within Calhoun County. The following statements express the broad policies the District's Board of Directors intend to use as the basis for developing District Rules:

- 1. Long-Term Sustainability:** The District intends to establish policies and rules designed to achieve long-term sustainability and availability of the groundwater resources of Calhoun County.
- 2. Grandfathering of Water Wells:** The District intends to establish rules exempting water wells that existed prior to the adoption of the District's rules (Grandfathered Wells) from well spacing requirements so long as future well operations are consistent with historic operations of the well.
- 3. Registration Water Wells:** The District intends to establish rules related to the registration of water wells within Calhoun County. The registration of grandfathered water wells used solely for domestic (house wells) or livestock purposes will be voluntary. The registration of grandfathered water wells used for purposes other than domestic or livestock purposes shall be mandatory.
- 4. Permitting of Well Activities:** The District intends to establish rules related to permitting of water well drilling, groundwater production, and groundwater transport as required by state law. Water wells used solely for domestic (house wells) or livestock purposes will be exempt from permitting for water well drilling and groundwater production.
- 5. Groundwater Production Reporting:** The District intends to establish rules requiring the reporting of amount of groundwater produced from water wells that are not water wells used solely for domestic (house wells) or livestock purposes. The District will not require the use of meters.
- 6. Well Spacing Requirements:** The District intends to establish rules specifying spacing requirements (offsets) for new water wells that require water well drilling permits and groundwater production permits to prevent well interference and damage to the aquifers within Calhoun County.
- 7. Well Production Limitations:** The District intends to establish rules specifying limitations on the volume of groundwater that can be produced by a water well that are not used used solely for domestic (house wells) or livestock purposes to ensure longterm sustainability of the groundwater resources with Calhoun County.
- 8. Protection of Historic Use:** The District intends to establish rules that authorize the continued operation of grandfathered wells that are not used solely for domestic (house wells) or livestock purposes for those purposes and amount of groundwater production validated by evidence of historic use.
- 9. Monitoring of Aquifer Conditions:** The District intends to monitor the condition of the aquifers within Calhoun County to ensure the rules and policies established by the District result in the long-term sustainability and availability of groundwater resources within Calhoun County.
- 10. District Funding:** The District intends to operate on revenue generated from reasonable property tax and groundwater transportation surcharges.

