

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Fiscal Year 2015  
Fee Schedule**

To be Effective September 1, 2014.

**I. PERMIT AND WATER USE FEES**

**A. Permit and Application Fees**

**\$50.00 Application Fee** – assessed to all new non-exempt domestic use (NDU), monitor, and test wells subject to the general permits by rule outlined in District Rule 3-1.20 (a non-refundable, one-time fee assessment). For monitoring wells, multiple wells that are similar in well design, construction, location, and purpose will be assessed an additional \$10 fee for each monitoring well.

**\$500.00 Production Permit Application Fee** - assessed to all new Production Permits for non-exempt wells not covered by Rule 3-1.20 - general permits by rule (a non-refundable fee assessment).

**\$500.00 Transport Permit Application Fee** – assessed to all new Transport Permit applications for non-exempt wells (a non-refundable fee assessment). This is in addition to production permit application fee, if applicable. s.

**\$50.00** fee assessed to all permittees for renewing annual permits (a non-refundable fee assessment).

**B. Water Use Fees**

**\$0.17 per 1,000 gallons** for annual permitted or authorized pumpage for water to be withdrawn from a well or aggregate of wells by a Historical Permit or a Conditional Permit not authorized by material amendment.

**\$0.46 per 1,000 gallons** for annual permitted or authorized pumpage for water to be withdrawn from a well or aggregate of wells by a new Conditional Permit or a Conditional Permit authorized by material amendment.

**\$0.08 per 1,000 gallons** for annual permitted or authorized pumpage for water to be withdrawn from a well or an aggregate of wells in the Saline Edwards Management Zone.

**\$1.00 per acre foot** for Agricultural Wells for annual permitted pumpage for water to be withdrawn from a well or aggregate of wells.

Water Use Fees are assessed annually based on the current permitted pumpage volume of certain non-exempt wells. Permits are issued annually for non-exempt wells and are explicit as to the volume of water permitted to be withdrawn from a well or aggregate of wells over a specific time period.

**C. Transport Fees**

**\$0.31 per 1,000 gallons** - assessed annually to all permittees who are transporting water out of the District. Transport fees are based on the volume authorized to be transported outside the District boundaries, in addition to the water use fee associated with the production of that water (a non-refundable fee assessment).

**D. Production Permit Amendments– Minor / Major** (see District Rules for clarification).

**Change of Ownership** – change of ownership on all non-exempt wells - **\$50.00**

**Production Permit Minor Amendments** (a non-refundable fee assessment):

- minor amendments to increase NDU pumpage authorized by District Rule 3-1.20.B - **\$50.00**

- minor amendments to increase pumpage authorized by individual permits - **\$400.00**

**Production Permit Major Amendments** – major amendments to increase pumpage volumes - **\$500.00** (a non-refundable fee assessment).

**E. Excess Pumpage Fee**

Permittees who exceed their annual permitted pumpage shall be assessed an excess pumpage fee for groundwater withdrawn in excess of the permitted volume in accordance with the following schedule:

An excess of **500,000 gallons or less:** \$0.17 per 1,000 gallons for Historical Permit or a Conditional Permit not authorized by material amendment.

\$0.46 per 1,000 gallons for new Conditional Permits and Conditional Permits authorized by material amendment.

An excess of **more than 500,000 gallons:**

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| Up to 25% of permitted pumpage -   | \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons plus the applicable production fee* |
| 25% to 100% of permitted pumpage - | \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons plus the applicable production fee* |
| Over 100% of permitted pumpage -   | \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons plus the applicable production fee* |

\* Applicable production fee means the higher rate associated with any authorized pumpage.

**F. Regulatory/Drought Management Fees**

During periods of District-declared drought starting after two full months of a drought period, a drought management fee will be imposed on permittees permitted for more than 2,000,000 gallons annually (excludes all uses under general permits). This regulatory fee will be paid annually in arrears, as a condition of permit renewals at the beginning of each fiscal year. The fee will be assessed per full month of declared drought, with a credit of that same fee amount per month applied for each month that the permittee does not exceed its monthly mandated restriction in the prevailing UDCP. Fees will be assessed in accordance with the following schedule:

For production zone casing with outside diameters nominally 5.0 inches or less \* - **\$100.00/month**

For production zone casing with outside nominally between 5.0 inches and 10.0 inches\* - **\$250.00/month**

For production zone casing with outside diameters nominally greater than 10.0 inches\* - **\$500.00/month**

\* For aggregated multiple-well systems, an average outside diameter of production wells.

**G. Variance Requests Fee – General and Drought**

An applicant may, by meeting eligibility requirements of Section 3-1.25 or Section 3-7.10 and by written petition to the Board, request a variance from the requirements of District Rule 3-1, except Sections 3-1.20, 3-1.22, 3-1.23, and 3-1.24, or District Rule 3-7, respectively. Variance request fees - \$100.00.

**II. WELL CONSTRUCTION FEES**

**A. Well Development Application - per well**

A well development application fee is assessed to drill or modify any well in the District. It is also assessed when classifying existing wells as non-exempt and bringing them into compliance with the permitting process. The first assessment of this fee also registers the well with the District. The classifications of the various well types are as defined in the District's prevailing Rules & Bylaws.

**\$125.00** – Drilling or modifying all new non-exempt domestic use, monitor, and test wells subject to the general permits by rule outlined in District Rule 3-1.20.

**\$500.00** - Drilling or modifying all new non-exempt wells. This does not apply to non-exempt domestic use, monitor, and test wells subject to the general rule by permit outlined in District Rule 3-1.20. This fee is also assessed on previously unpermitted non-exempt existing wells applying for a pumpage permit for more than 12,000,000 gallons (a non-refundable fee assessment).

**\$125.00** - Drilling or modifying all exempt wells including closed loop geothermal well systems consisting of ten (10) wells or less within the same system and of like well design and construction. Also assessed on previously unpermitted existing wells applying for a pumpage permit for 12,000,000 gallons or less (a non-refundable fee assessment).

**\$10.00** – Assessed for each additional well (above the first ten wells) of the same closed loop geothermal well system and with the same well design and construction.

#### **B. Well Construction Inspection Fee**

**\$125.00** - Assessed to all wells constructed within the District including well modifications. District staff provides inspection for compliance with District Rules and standards.

#### **C. Well Abandonment / Capping Application Fee**

**\$50.00** - This fee is for application and site review of proposed abandonment procedures, inspections, and registration on abandonment of exempt wells (a non-refundable fee assessment).

**\$125.00** – This fee is for application and site review of proposed abandonment procedures, inspections, and registration on abandonment of all non-exempt wells (a non-refundable fee assessment).

### **III. OTHER FEES**

#### **Meter Verification / Inspection Fee - \$50.00**

Assessed only when a permitted user fails inspection after being advised that meters must be installed or calibrated, or when a permittee fails to submit the required meter readings and District personnel must visit the well site or take the meter readings. May be assessed as many times as permitted user fails to comply with Board Orders or District Rules to come into compliance (a non-refundable fee assessment).

#### **Special Fees – \$80.00 per hour**

Fee rate will be based on time required for such things as plan review, type of project, fieldwork required, and inspection time. These fees may be applicable to a variety of special cases including closed loop geothermal well systems, special or innovative well developments or closures, and special inspections or requests from local government or private entities.

#### **Returned Check Fee - \$25.00**

The District will assess the person writing the returned check a \$25.00 fee for each check returned by the District depository due to insufficient funds, account closed, signature missing, or any other problem causing such a return. This fee will be charged each time a check is returned. If bank charges to the District's account exceed \$25.00, the District shall assess the higher of the two amounts (a non-refundable fee assessment).

#### **Accounting Fee - \$50.00 per hour**

Anyone requesting that the District conduct any accounting, other than the routine accounting normally done by the District, shall be assessed an accounting fee of \$50.00 per hour of District staff time spent on the accounting. Accounting fees will not be assessed if District generated errors are found in the Permittee's account.

### **IV. FEE REFUNDS**

The General Manager or a specifically designated representative may approve a refund of any fee for which no District service has been provided at the time of the request for refund is submitted. Requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to the District office and can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered, or sent by e-mail. Fee payers who feel they have been unfairly denied a refund may request that the matter be reviewed by the Board.