

Resolution No. 2015-02

of the

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL EFFICIENCY ALLOCATION BY OPERATORS THAT SUPPLY GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE BY OTHERS

WHEREAS, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Ordinance Code section 5.6.1.2 allows an operator to establish an Annual Efficiency Allocation by demonstrating that the Irrigation Allowance Index for agriculturally developed land is 1.0 or less; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Code section 5.6.1.2.2 requires operators filing for an Annual Efficiency Allocation to submit a report that includes all details specified in a resolution adopted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2011-04 specifies the information required for establishing an Annual Efficiency Allocation, including the total volume of water applied from all sources and the irrigation allowance based on irrigated acreage and crop type; and

WHEREAS, there exists within the FCGMA certain agricultural well operators, including mutual water companies and special districts, that primarily supply groundwater to others for agricultural use but are not an end user of groundwater for irrigation (referred to herein as an "Agricultural Provider"); and

WHEREAS, there also exists within the FCGMA instances in which more than one Agricultural Provider is a source of groundwater used for irrigation by the same agricultural user; and

WHEREAS, there also exists within the FCGMA instances in which a recipient of groundwater from an Agricultural Provider combines that source of irrigation water with groundwater from its own extraction facility; and

WHEREAS, the FCGMA desires to specify requirements for establishing an Annual Efficiency Allocation by Agricultural Providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND RESOLVED:

1. Except as otherwise provided herein, an Agricultural Provider filing under an Annual Efficiency Allocation shall calculate the Irrigation Allowance Index for all irrigated land within its service area.
2. An Agricultural Provider required to calculate the Irrigation Allowance Index under Section 1, above, may exclude from the calculation all lands which are included in an Annual Application for Efficiency Allocation filed by:

a) An Agricultural Well Operator that has extraction facilities within the

Agricultural Provider's service area that includes the water received from the Agricultural Provider in its Annual Application for Efficiency Allocation; and

- b) An Agricultural Well Operator that has extraction facilities outside of the Agricultural Provider's service area
 - (i) That also irrigates land within the Agricultural Provider's service area that includes the water received from the Agricultural Provider in its Annual Application for Efficiency Allocation.
 - (ii) This would require the Agricultural Well Operator's CombCode (well grouping) be within the same groundwater basin as the irrigated land within the Agricultural Provider's service area.
- 3. Where an Agricultural Provider properly excludes an Agricultural Well Operator from the Agricultural Provider's IAI reporting, the excluded Agricultural Well Operator shall be solely responsible for including groundwater delivered by that Agricultural Provider in the Agricultural Well Operator's IAI calculation and Annual Application for Efficiency Allocation.
- 4. An Agricultural Provider required to calculate the Irrigation Allowance Index under Section 1, above, may perform that calculation in the aggregate. This means that the Agricultural Provider may sum all acres of each crop category, multiply that by the irrigation allowance for that crop category and then sum the irrigation allowances.
- 5. An operator subject to this Resolution shall include with its Annual Application for Efficiency Allocation a list of all parcels supplied with groundwater, and (for verification) each parcel's crop acres by crop category, and a map showing its service area.

On motion by Director West, and seconded by Director Bennett, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted on May 27, 2015, by the following vote.

AYES – Chair Maulhardt, Directors Andrews, Bennett, West, and Borchard

NOES – None

ABSTAINS – None

ABSENT – None

By: 

Lynn E. Maulhardt, Chair, Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2015-02.

By: 

Jessica Kam, Clerk of the Board