

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources

Article 23.—Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No.

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5-23-6. Water-measuring devices.

The diversion works for each nontemporary, nondomestic well located within the boundaries of the district shall be equipped with a water flowmeter that meets or exceeds the specifications in K.A.R. 5-1-4 through 5-1-12.

(a) The owner shall perform the following:

(1) Ensure that the water flowmeter is installed according to specifications in K.A.R. 5-1-4 through 5-1-12;

(2) maintain the water flowmeter in proper working condition whenever the diversion of water for nondomestic use can reasonably be expected to occur; and

(3) promptly initiate action to repair or replace any water flowmeter that is out of compliance, and correct any problems with the installation of a water flowmeter.

(b) The owner shall notify the district, on a form prescribed by the district, within 30 days after any of the following:

(1) A new water flowmeter is installed.

(2) A water flowmeter is repaired and reinstalled.

(3) A water flowmeter is repaired without removing the water flowmeter.

(4) An improper water flowmeter installation has been corrected.

(c) An extension of time to install a water flowmeter may be granted by the district for a reasonable period of time if just cause is shown to the district. Each appeal shall be filed with the board at least 10 days before a regularly scheduled board meeting. Just cause may include any of the following:

(1) A contract has been signed by the owner and the seller to sell or install the water flowmeter, but the seller cannot complete the sale or installation before diversion of water will take place.

(2) Weather conditions prevent the water flowmeter from being installed before the diversion of water.

(3) Legal proceedings prevent the owner from installing the water flowmeter.

(4) The supply of natural gas to power the well has been cut off by the seller of the natural gas for reasons beyond the control of the owner of the water right.

(d) A water flowmeter shall not be required to be installed if any of the following criteria is met:

(1) A well is authorized to divert 15 acre-feet or less per calendar year.

(2) Two or more wells are authorized by the same water right or approval of application with one authorized annual quantity of water for all the wells, and all of the water diverted by all of the wells is measured by a single water flowmeter prior to its application to beneficial use.

(3) The well is enrolled in a multiyear federal conservation program or the water rights conservation program pursuant to K.A.R. 5-7-4.

(4) The well is registered as inactive with the Kansas department of health and environment.

(5) An affidavit is filed by the owner with the district stating that the well is not, and will not be, operated until a water flowmeter meeting the specifications in K.A.R. 5-1-4 through 5-1-12 is properly installed. Thirty days before operating the well, the owner shall file a notice with the district indicating that a water flowmeter has been installed and indicate when the owner proposes to begin the diversion of water.

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