



WESTERN KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO.1

To: Western Kansas GMD #1 Water Right Holders

From: David A. Brenn, Executive Director

RE: Flash Update

2009 WATER USE REPORTS DUE MARCH 1, 2010

The 2009 Annual Water Use Reports are due **into the office of the Chief Engineer KDWR by MARCH 1, 2010**. Failure to do so can be subject to penalties and fines. You must file the report(s) even if you did not exercise (pump) your water right in 2009. If your water right is enrolled in a federal or state conservation program you **still** need to file a report. Make sure you fill out your report(s) completely including beginning and ending meter readings. This applies to flow meters and hour meters. These forms were sent out to water right holders in early January this year. If you have any questions on filling out your water use report, contact our office.

METERS

As many of you are aware, the Kansas Division of Water Resources staff has significantly increased their random inspections of well sites and meters. This has resulted in a number of noncompliance letters being sent out by the KDWR Field Office in Garden City. To avoid this, be sure your flow meters are properly installed and in operational condition. This also applies to authorized hour metered wells. Hour meters on electric wells need to be accessible for reading without interrupting the power supply or shutting off the system. Hour meters that can be reset to zero are **not** recommended. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

ANNUAL MEETING IN SCOTT CITY

The 37th Western Kansas Groundwater Management District #1 Annual Meeting will be held in Scott City on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at the fairgrounds in the William Carpenter 4-H Building. The Meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. CST. Chief Engineer of the KDWR, David Barfield, will be our guest speaker. Included on the program will be updates on the District, election of Directors for Scott and Greeley Counties, and presentation of the 2011 budget.

P.S. Work continues in Topeka to find a reasonable replacement for the Water Right Conservation Program (WRCP) which expired Dec. 31, 2009. We will keep you posted.