



# THE WATERLINE

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## CHANGING A WATER RIGHT'S USE MADE OF WATER

After consideration of comments from District members & extensive deliberation, the District has commenced the process to revoke (K.A.R. 5-21-7) for changes in the Use Made of Water (UMW) from irrigation use to any other type of beneficial use. The formal process of revocation will not likely be completed until early 2018. Until then the Board may, at their discretion, waive the existing regulation. Once revoked, applications for change in UMW will be regulated by the Division of Water Resources newly revised (K.A.R. 5-5-9) that became effective September 22, 2017.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### **BOARD MEETINGS:**

NOV 16, 2017

DEC 12, 2017

### **GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE**

NOV 8 - 9

## COST SHARE PROGRAM

In an effort to incentivize water conservation & assist those already conserving, the District implemented a cost share program for water efficient technologies. The first application period was conducted from March 9, 2017 through August 31, 2017 resulting in the contribution of funds for 63 moisture probes, 5 bubbler nozzle packages, 4 pivot control systems, 1 mobile drip irrigation system, & support for the development of a water technology farm.

After briefly closing the application period to evaluate & consider possible changes to the program, we are **now** accepting applications through May 31, 2018. If funds remain after this date the application period may be extended. Applicants approved during the first period may reapply, with the exception of previously funded technologies for the same location.

Approved technologies & their respective cost share amounts are as follows: (1) Up to \$2000 each for (MDI) mobile drip irrigation, (SDI) sub-surface drip irrigation & bubbler packages. (2) Pivot control systems, aerial field imagery, soil field mapping & moisture probes up to \$1000 each, & (3) Weather stations up to \$750 each.

Applicants may apply for multiple moisture probes, but are limited to 1 probe per quarter.

In addition to applying for moisture probes separately, applicants may also apply for up to 5 additional efficient technologies.

Water Conservation Area applicants will receive up to \$2500 for 1 technology in group (1) & up to \$1500 for their first moisture probe.

Applications are awarded on first come first serve basis until funds are exhausted & are available on our homepage at [gmd1.org](http://gmd1.org) or the District office.

**AS A REMINDER**

The penalty structure for Water Use Reports submitted after March 1st has changed. The maximum penalty is now \$1000 per file & possible suspension of the water right until the report is submitted. This penalty may be reduced to \$250 per file if a complete & accurate report is submitted after March 1st but before June 1st along with payment of the penalty.

New penalties are also in effect for over pumping. View the changes by clicking on the link - ("Consequences of Over Pumping") on the homepage at [gmd1.org](http://gmd1.org).

Participation in **WATER CONSERVATION AREAS (WCA)** expanding:

Currently within the district boundaries there are 19 water rights totaling 25 wells & 4246.52 acres participating in WCAs. The Wichita County WCA (WCA) accounts for 14 of those water rights & just over 3309 acres with 2 more water rights within the WCWCA, but outside the district boundaries. Additionally there are 5 - 6 more applicants in the process of enrolling in the WCWCA. Other water rights in the district enrolled in WCAs are in Scott & Lane counties totaling 5 water rights & 937 acres.

In the Western Ks area there are 6 additional WCAs within Finney, Seward, Sherman, & Stanton Counties. We commend these voluntary conservation efforts & encourage others to explore the possibilities. If you would like additional information for developing a WCA, visit our homepage at [gmd1.org](http://gmd1.org) or contact the local Division of Water Resources field office in Garden City.