

## SUMMARY

# WICHITA COUNTY LEMA DRAFT PROPOSAL

## **15 YEAR PLAN – 3 CONSECUTIVE 5-YEAR TERMS**

- 2020 – 2024: 20% Reduction of historical use  
2025 – 2029: 30% Reduction of historical use  
2030 – 2034 40% Reduction of historical use
- Historical Use Period: 2009 – 2015 Inclusive – 7 year average use
- LEMA Minimum Allocation - 20% of the annual authorized quantity or held to historical use if already below the 20% minimum.
- Five-year allocations will be developed for each five-year term. The annual LEMA allocation may be exceeded, as long as the water right or individual point of diversion's annual authorized quantity and each five-year LEMA term allocation is not exceeded.
- 100% of any unused five-year allocation may be carried forward to the next five-year term. The carryover quantity will not be subject to the next term's conservation factor.
- Combined Well Unit – A combined quantity for multiple wells diverting water from the same source of supply and physically tied together for the distribution of water. No well shall be allowed to pump more than its annual authorized quantity. Water Right changes may be required to gain approval.
- Vested Water Rights are exempt from the LEMA and are excluded from utilizing LEMA flexibilities unless voluntarily enrolled.
- Due consideration for past voluntary conservation - For years in which the owner documents their past voluntary conservation, a flow rate test will be conducted by GMD1 or DWR to determine if the capability of the well(s) under appeal exceed their Historical Use. The resulting flow rate will be multiplied by 150 days to establish an annual acre foot quantity. The greater of Historical

Use or test result quantity shall be reduced by the appropriate five-year term Conservation Factor.

- Water Rights on land owned, leased or otherwise not previously controlled or pumped for any of the years, 2009 thru 2015, by the FSA producer of record as of January 1, 2019 shall be allowed a flow rate test. The test results multiplied by 150 days will establish a new Historical Use record.