

# **WICHITA COUNTY LEMA DRAFT PROPOSAL**

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

- 2019 – 2023: 20% Reduction of historical use  
2024 – 2028: 30% Reduction of historical use  
2029 – 2033 40% Reduction of historical use
- Historical Use Period: 2009 – 2015 Inclusive – 7 year average use
- All Water Rights will retain a minimum allocation of 20% of the annual authorized quantity.
- Five year allocations will be developed for each 5 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 5 year LEMA term allocation is not exceeded.
- A maximum of 50% of any unused 5 year allocation may be carried forward to the next 5 year term.
- Consolidated 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.
- 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 135 days to establish an annual acre foot quantity. The greater of Historical Use or test result quantity shall be reduced by the appropriate 5 year term Conservation Factor.