

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 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.
- 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 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.