

Summary of the 2003 FBSD Regulatory Plan

Regulatory Areas & Conversion Requirements:

Area A – Generally northeast half of Fort Bend County (See attached Map)

- Required to reduce groundwater pumpage by 30% by 2013
- Required to reduce groundwater pumpage by 60% by 2025
- Requirements subject to change based on future Reg. Plan re-evaluations
- Exemptions from reduction requirements:
 - Agricultural Irrigation
 - Total Water demand under 10mgd (but will be required to convert when alternative water supply is available)
 - Possibly economic hardship

Area A, Richmond/Rosenberg Sub-Area – Generally including the Richmond/Rosenberg areas

- All requirements and exemptions apply within the R/R Sub-Area, except that the first 30% reduction is required in 2015, not 2013

Area B – Generally south and west Fort Bend County (See attached Map)

- No scheduled reductions
- Requirements subject to change based on future Reg. Plan re-evaluations

Disincentive Fees:

- In addition to the regular Permit Fee (currently at \$10.00 per mg, \$5.25 for Irrig. Ag.)
- Rate set at \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons
- Irrigated Agricultural and small quantity users (10mgd or less) are exempt from Disincentive Fee
- Implemented for Area A, beginning January 1, 2008
- Applied to 60% of total water demand in Area A, if permittee is not in compliance
- Not applied to Area B, since no reduction schedule established
- Any funds collected will be accounted for in a special fund that will be used for further conversion
- **Avoidable!**

Groundwater Reduction Plans:

- Area A permittees, submitting GRPs must have them certified prior to their permit start date in the year 2008 to avoid Disincentive Fees
- Permittees can join together and submit 1 collective GRP as long as the collective group meets the scheduled reduction requirements
- Permittees should submit GRPs for certification several months prior to their certification deadline, to assure adequate time for review
- Must include, at a minimum:
 1. Current and projected water demands through at least 2030
 2. Justifications for projected water demand increases or decreases
 3. Infrastructure requirements to meet projected water demands
 4. Construction timetable for needed infrastructure
 5. Preliminary engineering report of the proposed facilities for 2013, conceptual schematic facility plans through 2025 facilities
 6. Executed contracts with participants or other evidence of authority to represent participants
 7. Definition of GRP Management procedures (if more than one participant – who will obtain permits)
 8. Description of financing mechanisms
 9. Water Conservation and Drought Contingency plans
 10. Executed contracts for a reliable alternative water supply from reliable source

