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- Version 8 Draft Groundwater Allocations
  - Review with a focus on changes
- Revised Subsidence Management Plan
- Discuss Water Level Management Plan







- Intro & background
  - Language about water rights
- Native Yield
  - Parcels 5 acres or larger & may combine parcels
  - Parcels 5 acres or less receive de-minimis 2 AF/ac annually
  - NY will be assigned to A-zone once available
- Transitional Tier 1 Allocation
  - Land in production between 2015-2024 (LandIQ data)
  - Landowners may appeal







#### Credits/Debits

- Native Yield (trade)
- Landowner Developed Credits (trade w/ limits)
- Transitional Tier 1 Allocation (can not trade)
- Overdraft Tier 2 (penalty only)





## Allocation Methodology



- Allocation Timeframe
  - 2026 through 2030
- Measurement
  - use LandIQ data until Board authorizes use of meters







#### Native Yield for B & C Zones

- All eligible parcels 5 acres or larger
- Combine all your parcels into one account
- Update every 5 years
- Carryover each year for 5 years and Transferable
- NY = 0.66 AF/ac
- No native yield for A-zone at this time
  - Don't have the data
  - Will be assigned once value is available



- A-Zone no NY or transitional
  - Don't have the data
  - May be determined in the future
- B-Zone: up to 2.34 AF/ac annual
- C-Zone: up to 1.34 AF/ac annual
- Pumping Fee
- Does not carryover and not tradeable



## Max Pumping Caps

- Max cap for WY 26
  - A-zone 3.0 AF/ac not transferable or roll over
  - B-zone: 3.0 AF/ac (0.66 + 2.34)
  - C-zone: 2.0 AF/ac (0.66 + 1.34)
  - Maximum pumping combined 4.0 AF/ac
- Exceedance Tier 2 penalty fees + reduction in future pumping caps
- Pumping fees in A-zone at fixed rate of \$/AF



### Landowner Developed Credits



## Recharge credits

- In accordance with Recharge Policy
- Deleted language about when notice has to be made to the GSA





#### Order of Use



## Default priority unless changed by landowner

- 1. SY carryover
- 2. Sustainable yield
- 3. Landowner developed credits (swap with 3)
- 4. Tier 1 Transitional
- 5. Tier 2





#### Overdraft Tier 2

- Exceedance native + transitional
- Penalty pumping fee \$500/AF
- Reduction in future year allocations



## Subsidence Management Plan

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- Address subsidence impacts
- Establish enforceable management actions to address subsidence and avoid exceeding MTs
- Subsidence Management Areas
  - See map







## High Risk Areas

- Exceed 40% of the MT
- Notice all landowners in the management area
- Register all wells
- Require meters on non-de minimis wells
- GSA investigation
- GSA to identify options to support landowners





## **Corrective Management Actions**

#### Exceed 50% of MT

- Lose transitional allocation below the clay
- No transfer of credits into the affected area
- No new wells below the clay

#### Exceed 75% of MT

- No pumping from lower aquifer from wells contributing to subsidence
- But can pump from upper

#### 100% of the MT

No pumping from ells contributing to subsidence





## Water Level Management Plan

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# Reductions as approach MTs

- 50% investigation& informlandowners
- 100% reduce allocation?

## **Dry Wells**

- X dry wells in a grid?
- X number of dry wells across GSA?
- Both?



## Actions Triggered by Water Level

- Water Level MT 30 feet below the water level measured in 2015
- 50% of the MT
  - Investigation and inform landowners in the zone of impact
  - Review domestic well data in the zone
- 75% of the MT
  - Require that all non-de minimis wells be metered
  - Review domestic well data in the zone





## Actions Triggered by Water Levels (pg 2)

#### 100% of the MT

- Limit annual pumping to only SY + Transitional
- No pumping of recharge credit (don't lose but cant use)
- Exceedance reduces next year allocation
- Review domestic well data

#### 150% of the MT

- Limit pumping to only SY
- Review domestic well data





## Actions Triggered by Dry Wells Annually

- 2 Dry domestic wells in a zone
  - Investigate and enhanced public outreach to domestic well owners
- 10 dry domestic wells across the GSA
  - Review domestic well data & enhanced outreach efforts
- 20+ dry domestic wells across the GSA
  - Expand Well Mitigation Program
  - Require all non de minimis wells to be metered
  - Review domestic well data & enhanced outreach efforts

