



NECHES & TRINITY VALLEYS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FEES

Effective Date: March 1, 2026

SECTION 1: EXEMPT WELL REGISTRATION FEES			
Fee Description	Amount		
New Exempt Well Registration Fee	\$100.00		
Existing Exempt Well Registration (wells existing before June 11, 2003)	No Fee		
Exempt Well Definition: (1) A water well used solely for domestic (one single-family house) or agriculture use that is either drilled, completed, or equipped to pump less than 36,000 gallons per day (25 gallons a minute), and (2) water wells licensed by the Railroad Commission for Hydrocarbon Exploration (gas/oil).			
Note: An Exempt Well is exempt from permitting requirements and production fees.			
Required Documentation: All new exempt wells require well information, including the driller's State Well Report and Pump Installation Report.			
SECTION 2: NON-EXEMPT WELL DRILLING AND OPERATING PERMIT FEES			
All fees are due at the time of application and prior to being issued a permit.			
DRILLING PERMITS			
Permit Type	Well Casing Diameter	Fee per Permit	Duration
Drilling Permit	≤ 6 inches	\$200.00	120 days
Drilling Permit	> 6 inches	\$400.00	120 days
Drilling Permit	> 10 inches	\$800.00	120 days
Drilling Permit – Public Water Supply Wells	All sizes	\$1,500.00	One year
OPERATING AND TRANSFER PERMITS			
Permit Type	Well Casing Diameter	Fee per Permit	Notes
Operating / Transfer Permit	≤ 6 inches	\$200.00	
Operating / Transfer Permit	> 6 inches	\$400.00	
Operating / Transfer Permit	> 10 inches	\$800.00	
PERMIT AMENDMENTS & RENEWALS			
Fee Type		Fee per Permit	Notes
Operating Permit Amendment		\$200.00	
Operating / Transfer Permit Renewal		\$50.00	+ applicable operating permit fee
DRILLING PERMIT EXTENSION FEES			

Well Type	Extension Period	Fee per Permit	Notes
Public Water Supply Wells	6 months	\$300.00	One extension only
All Other Non-Exempt Wells	120 days	Applicable Drilling Permit Fee	Per extension
Non-Exempt Well Definition: Wells that pump greater than 36,000 gallons per day or greater than 25 gallons a minute.			
Required Documentation: All new non-exempt wells require well information, including the driller's State Well Report, Pump Installation Report, and are subject to the drilling and operating permit fees based on well casing size if use is other than agriculture or domestic. Proof of agricultural exemption is required.			
Non-Exempt Wells existing before June 11, 2003: Must register, apply for an operating permit, and pay the applicable fee based on well casing size.			
SECTION 3: PRODUCTION AND OTHER FEES			
Fee Description		Amount	
WELL PRODUCTION FEES			
Production Fee for Non-Exempt Wells (per thousand gallons)		\$0.03	
Production Fee for Non-Metered Wells		\$30.00 up to 1,000,000 gallons annually \$60.00 up to 2,000,000 gallons annually \$90.00 up to 3,000,000 gallons annually	
Note: Production fees do not apply to Non-Exempt Wells used for Domestic or Agricultural use that are not capable of producing more than 100,000 gallons per day. The production fee for Agricultural use is \$0.00.			
TRANSFER FEES			
Transfer Fee (per thousand gallons)		\$0.21	
HYDROLOGICAL STUDY / REPORT REVIEW			
Hydrological Study/Report Review		Pass-through Cost	
Note: Applicant is responsible for the cost of the District Consultant's Review and/or Recommendations, as the General Manager deems appropriate. The District will advise Applicant of the pass-through cost as soon as possible. The cost must be paid prior to issuance of permit.			
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES			
Change of Ownership Fee		\$50.00	
Spacing Exception Fee		\$50.00	
Photocopy Charge		\$0.10/page	
Returned Check Fee		\$35.00	
Staff Administrative Cost		\$50.00/hour	
PENALTIES			
Late Payment Penalty		15%	
Late Reporting Penalty		\$50.00 (unless escalated by Board Action)	
ADDITIONAL COSTS			
Certain wells are subject to additional studies, engineering reports, and other administrative permitting procedures or requirements. All reasonable costs incurred by the District are to be reimbursed by the well owner. These fees will be determined by the General Manager or District Board of Directors.			

Fees are subject to change by the Board of Directors. Please contact the District office for the most current fee schedule.