NECHES & TRINITY VALLEYS
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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WELL REGISTRATION

FOR DISTRICT USE ONLY	
State/District Well No.: _____	Date Application Received: _____
Fee Received: $ _____ Paid By: _____	Date Received: _____
Date Approved: _____	Approved By: _____

Instructions: No person may operate a well in the District without first registering it with the District and obtaining written District approval (§ 5.501). Use this form to register a new or existing well and to claim exempt status where applicable. Complete one form per well, print or type, and attach the items listed in Part F. Except as provided by § 7.009, a non-refundable registration fee must accompany this form for an exempt well (§ 7.001). No fee of any type is assessed on a well whose production is used only for domestic, agricultural, or wildlife purposes within the District, or on a well meeting § 36.117 criteria, including a coal or lignite dewatering or monitoring well (§ 7.009).

This form replaces Form EW1 (Rev. 11-28-06) and the prior "exempt well" registration.

Part A. Exemption Claim (§ 5.401)

Is exempt status being claimed for this well?

☐ No — well will be authorized under an Operating Permit ☐ Yes — claiming exemption (check the applicable basis below)

☐ Domestic use or water for livestock, poultry, or wildlife — incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons/day AND located on a tract of 10 acres or more (§ 5.401(a)(1)(A)).

☐ Domestic use or water for livestock, poultry, or wildlife — incapable of producing more than 10,000 gallons/day, meets District spacing requirements, AND located on a tract smaller than 10 acres (§ 5.401(a)(1)(B)).

☐ Well that does not produce more than 9,125,000 gallons per year, located on a tract of 10 acres or more, that is metered and reports production — District approval of this registration constitutes a limited production permit authorizing not more than 9,125,000 gallons annually; production fees are paid on the 9,125,000 gallons authorized by that permit unless the water is used only for domestic, agricultural, or wildlife purposes within the District (§ 5.401(a)(3)). A meter (§ 8.001) and quarterly and annual groundwater use reports (§ 8.004) are required.

☐ Well that qualified as exempt prior to October 15, 2026, and has not since been altered, equipped, or used for a purpose or in a manner that is not exempt (§ 5.401(a)(9)).

☐ Water well used solely to supply a rig actively engaged in drilling or exploration for an oil or gas well permitted by the Railroad Commission, where the permit holder is responsible for the water well and it is on the same lease or field as the rig (§ 5.401(a)(2)).

☐ Temporary well (up to 180 days, which the District may extend until the well is complete) used solely to supply a rig actively engaged in drilling a groundwater well authorized by a District well construction permit (§ 5.401(a)(4)).

☐ Well authorized under a Railroad Commission permit issued under Chapter 134, Texas Natural Resources Code, or production required for mining activities, regardless of any subsequent use of the water; the permit holder must comply with § 8.005 (§ 5.401(a)(5)).

☐ Well used for dewatering or monitoring in the production of coal or lignite (§ 5.401(a)(10)).

☐ Well meeting the requirements of § 36.121, Texas Water Code (§ 5.401(a)(6)).

☐ Monitoring well or remediation well (§ 5.401(a)(7)).

☐ Well drilled into an aquifer not identified in § 5.101 (§ 5.401(a)(8)).

☐ Previously registered well the District determined exempt, not since altered or used in a non-exempt manner (§ 5.401(a)(9)).

An exemption does not apply where groundwater supplies a subdivision requiring plat approval under Chapter 232, Local Government Code, or where the District invokes § 36.117(d), Texas Water Code. Exempt wells must still be registered, kept accessible for inspection, and pay applicable production/export fees on water transported outside the District.

Will water from this well supply a subdivision requiring plat approval under Chapter 232, Local Government Code? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does this well currently hold a District operating permit? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, registering the well as exempt requires abandoning the operating permit (§ 5.403(a)).

Part B. Registrant and Landowner (§ 5.501(b)(1)–(2))

Registrant

Name: _____

Mailing Address (Street/PO Box, City, State, Zip): _____

Physical Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Landowner (if different from Registrant)

Name: _____

Mailing Address (Street/PO Box, City, State, Zip): _____

Physical Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

If the registrant is other than the landowner, attach documentation (lease, power of attorney, etc.) establishing authority to construct and operate the well for the proposed use.

Part C. Use and Withdrawal (§ 5.501(b)(3),(4),(6),(16))

Use of well (check all that apply):

☐ Single-family domestic (incl. lawn/garden) ☐ Livestock/Poultry/Wildlife ☐ Agriculture ☐ Irrigation

☐ Municipal/Public Supply ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Monitoring/Remediation

Other (specify): _____

Nature and purpose of use and annual amount of water for each purpose: _____

Location where the water will be used: _____

Estimated withdrawal rate (gpm): _____ Maximum capacity (gallons/day): _____

Part D. Well Location and Tract (§ 5.501(b)(5),(13),(14))

Physical (911) address of the property: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: TX

GPS Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Legal description — county / section / block / survey: _____

Number of feet to the two nearest public streets or highways: _____

Total acreage of tract owned by registrant: _____ Lot size (if applicable): _____

Distance to nearest existing well: _____ ft. Distance to septic system: _____ ft.

Part E. Well Construction and Driller (§ 5.501(b)(7)–(11))

Well depth (or proposed depth): _____ ft. Casing depth: _____ ft.

Internal diameter of well casing: _____ in. Approximate construction date: _____

Pump size/HP: _____ Source of power: _____ Estimated production rate (gpm): _____

Maximum rated capacity of the pump installed or to be installed (gpm) (used to calculate required spacing, § 6.101(e)): _____

Well driller — name, address, email, telephone: _____

Source aquifer: _____

Part F. Required Attachments (§ 5.501(b)(12),(15),(17))

☐ **1.** Copy of any well drilling/completion report, driller's logs, geophysical logs, or well equipping report for the well.

☐ **2.** If the registrant is not the landowner: documentation establishing authority to construct and operate the well.

☐ **3.** If requested by the District: a city/county map with the property highlighted and the well pinpointed, and a scaled plat (not greater than 1" = 1000') showing the pinpoint well location.

☐ **4.** Where applicable: a copy of any Railroad Commission permit relevant to the well.

☐ **5.** Signatory documents — attach each that applies:

- ☐ Written evidence of an agent's authority to sign for the registrant (§ 9.104(b)(1)).
- ☐ Assumed name certificate (individual or partnership doing business under an assumed name) (§ 9.104(b)(1), (3)).
- ☐ Joint registrants: written designation of the registrant selected to represent the others (§§ 9.103, 9.104(b)(2)).
- ☐ Estate or guardianship: current letters testamentary or order appointing guardian (§ 9.104(b)(4)).
- ☐ Corporation, district, county, city, or other entity: bylaws, charter, resolution, or corporate affidavit showing the signing official's authority (§ 9.104(b)(5)).
- ☐ Trust: name of the trust, nature of the trust agreement, and name and current address of each beneficiary (§ 9.104(b)(6)).

Part G. Certifications (initial all that apply)

_____ I will equip and maintain the well to prevent the escape of groundwater to any reservoir not containing groundwater and to prevent pollution or harmful alteration of the water in any groundwater reservoir.

_____ I will use every possible precaution, by the most approved methods, to stop and prevent waste of groundwater.

_____ If the well fails or becomes inactive, I will comply with District Rules and TDLR rules (16 TAC Chapter 76) for well plugging and will report closure to the District.

_____ I understand the well loses its exemption if it is altered, equipped, or used in a manner that is not exempt. I will give written notice to the District within 30 days of any facts that may cause the well to lose its exemption and will obtain any required permit (§§ 5.401(d), 5.402).

_____ I will keep the well site accessible to District representatives for inspection and cooperate in any reasonable inspection (§ 5.401(e); Tex. Water Code § 36.123).

Attestation and Signature (Required — § 9.104)

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

I certify that the information provided in this registration is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I subscribe and swear or affirm under oath that the facts set out herein are accurate.

Signature requirements (§ 9.104): A partnership must state whether it is a general, limited, or limited liability partnership. A trustee must sign as "trustee." Each joint registrant must sign, and where spouses own the well, each spouse must sign. A person signing on behalf of the registrant must provide the information below.

Signer's Position: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signer's Physical and Mailing Address:

_____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Joint Registrant / Spouse (if applicable):

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____ Notary Public, State of Texas