



## **Talking Points**

### **High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1**

### **Proposed Rules**

**The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) is proposing amendments to its rules. The proposed rules can be found at its website, [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com).**

**Following are Texas Association of Dairymen talking points regarding the proposals:**

1. The proposed rules on water usage should be implemented over a three year period. For instance, reduce to 20 inches per acre the first year, reduce to 18 inches the second year, and reduce to 15 inches the third year.
2. Everyone should be required to meter and report their water usage, regardless of location in the district. This is fair to everyone in the aquifer.
3. The term “contiguous controlled area” needs clarification for both agriculture and municipalities.
4. The proposed rules should allow the ability to “bank” water usage from year to year. For example, allowed water amounts not used during a “wet” year should be permitted to be carried into the next year.
5. The proposed rules not only require the high and low decline areas to be designated by county, but also within a certain number of miles, using specific metered wells. But how many miles is the best number to use? This problem is avoided if everyone is required to meter their wells.
6. The 5 percent reduction in allotted water usage called for in the proposal should designate a floor amount that a producer would not be required to go under. A suggested amount would be 12 inches per acre. Setting this lower limit would give producers some long term security.

**HPWD will hold a series of public meetings to present and take public input on its proposed amendments. Below is the hearing schedule:**

- March 23 at 9 a.m.: Hereford ISD Banquet Room, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave., Hereford
- March 23 at 3 p.m.: Dysart Room, Lamb County Electric Co-op, 2415 S. Phelps Ave., Littlefield
- March 24 at 9 a.m.: Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium, 1505 Western Circle, Dimmitt
- March 24 at 3 p.m.: Plains Cotton Co-op Association Board Rm., 3301 E. 50th St., Lubbock
- March 25 at 9 a.m.: Plainview Country Club & Conference Center., 2902 W. 4th St., Plainview