

### **SECTION 3. WASTE AND WATER CONSERVATION**

#### **RULE 3.1 - WASTE AND WATER CONSERVATION.**

The following rules provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, and prevention of waste of groundwater as authorized in Texas Water Code Chapter 36.

- (a) Groundwater shall not be produced within, or used within or without the District, in such a manner or under such conditions as to constitute waste as defined in Rule 2.1 hereof.
- (b) Any person producing or using groundwater shall use every possible precaution, in accordance with reasonable methods, to stop and prevent waste of such water.
- (c) No person shall pollute or harmfully alter the character of the groundwater reservoir of the District by means of salt water or other deleterious substance admitted from some other stratum or strata or from the surface of the ground.
- (d) In order to prevent waste and achieve water conservation, no person shall willfully or negligently cause, suffer, or allow groundwater to escape into any river, creek, natural watercourse, depression, lake, reservoir, drain, sewer, street, highway, road, or road ditch, or onto any land other than that of the owner of the well unless such discharge is authorized by permit, rule, or order issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under Chapter 26, Texas Water Code.