

SEO FORUM

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Current Well Administration

General Well Information

- Approximately 9000 decreed High Capacity Wells in South Platte and Tributaries on Record. Less in actual existence.
- Augmentation plans for well groups continue to be adjudicated. Wells without decreed plans continue to get approval from our office.
- Continuing to field check wells and issue orders as appropriate. Approximately 2000 left to review. We do not believe many of these are active.
- Have issued approximately 1200 orders to date.
- Have filed or in process of filing complaints concerning 54 order violations to date.
- One case was pursued to the Supreme Court concerning question of notice adequacy. We won notice question.
- Enforcement is still generally a year in arrears because of the limitations in staffing.

Staffing

- Decision Item gave us 4.5 additional people for enforcement purposes.
- We have hired 3 of the 4.5 people
- Focus is in District 1 and 2. Most of the wells in District 3 and 64 are in an SWSP or augmentation plan.
- With additional staff, enforcement delays will be reduced and better monitoring of recharge and other measurements and accounting will be achieved.
- Looking at new decision item to allow us to monitor daily replacement rather than monitoring adequacy on an auditing basis. Also, allow us to more closely monitor diversions by municipal providers.

Focus on working with users as opposed to enforcement

- Level playing field with single set of rules that is protective of everyone's water rights. In some cases, need to move municipal providers to same standard as well user groups.
- Increased efforts to obtain input on water administration decisions
- Increased effort to make data available
- Need to train users concerning flume and data logger installation.
- Have developed more formal recharge, exchange, and SWSP & Augmentation Plan Accounting Guidelines
- Have encouraged Automatic data collection

Central WAS Wells

- Wells may not be pumped without augmentation plan by Court Order
- Box Elder well impact and non-irrigation season replacement requirements key unresolved issues
- Case scheduled for six weeks starting February 5, 2007.

South Platte Recharge

