

SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3

LOCAL GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY 2014-1

I. OBJECTIVE

The Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 (GMD3) seeks to establish a policy recognizing the sovereign rights of the state of Kansas to manage the groundwater found within its borders free from federal agency incursion, including the United States' claim of ownership, right of administration, right of overreaching management and rule.

II. POLICY CONTENT

GMD3 believes the Congress of the United States and the Kansas state legislature should ensure the sovereign rights of the state as to the ownership, administration and management of groundwater found within Kansas.

III. PROVISIONS



GMD3 calls for all federal agencies to respect the position, dignity and rights of all citizens while protecting and preserving the individual's property. GMD3 requests the Congress of the United States of America to take action which will ensure that all federal agency claims to the ownership, administration and management of groundwater located within Kansas boundaries be consistent with state laws and regulations, and the public be given ample opportunities to be fully informed and heard.

GMD3 opposes the attempts by agencies of the United States government, including but not limited to, the United States Forest Service, Department of Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency regarding claims of ownership, administration and management of water, including the attempt to add groundwater in the Clean Water Act as being "waters of the U.S." Such claims by the Federal Agencies are contrary to the sovereign rights of Kansas.

GMD3 fully supports local and state groundwater agencies and the Kansas Groundwater Management Districts in their efforts to conserve, manage and administer the groundwater within their respective areas.

The GMD3 fully supports and adopts as its policy, the use of conservation measures, including groundwater storage, aquifer recharge programs, water reuse and public education practices. The GMD3 encourages the practice of water conservation under all climate conditions.

Adopted by the GMD3 Board of Directors in regular session on this 13th day of August, 2014:

Signed by  and attested by 

Kent Dunn, President

Mike McNiece, Secretary