

**RESOLUTION 95-6**

**OF THE**

**SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the District has long recognized that abandoned and inactive wells pose a serious threat to water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors adopted management policies in 1988 governing the disposition of inactive and abandoned wells within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to enforce the articles of the Kansas Groundwater Exploration and Protection Act, as provided by the Kansas Legislature, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has adopted Rules and Regulations regarding the disposition of inactive and abandoned wells; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas Legislature has also provided for the creation of the Local Environmental Planning Program, in part for the purpose of assisting County Commissions with the adoption of local codes and ordinances regarding the proper disposition of inactive and abandoned wells; and

**WHEREAS**, the State and Federal Government has also provided for the creation of other programs to ensure the protection of groundwater throughout the proper disposition of inactive and abandoned wells; and

**WHEREAS**, the District does not intend to be duplicative of other existing regulatory programs regarding the enforcement of inactive and abandoned well dispositions; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's involvement in water quality protection and conservation is found to be more appropriately directed in education and technical assistance programs; then

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Southwest Groundwater Management District that Management Policy Nos. 88A and 88B be herewith revoked for the District's purposes of enforcing the proper disposition of inactive and abandoned wells; and

**THEREFORE**, that the District will work prospectively and cooperatively with agencies of Federal, State, and Local governments and private industry to effect the proper disposition of all inactive and abandoned wells within the District.

**Adopted this 13th day of December, 1995.**

  
Thomas R. Bogner, President

  
Michael J. McNiece, Secretary