Evaluation of proposed move for Water Right No. 8209

Proposed: Move water right no. 8209 a distance of 1,497 ft to the southeast.



Wells within 1 mile: 8418, 9004 & 18156, 8604, 16505, and a domestic well in section 10-28-42.

The saturated thickness at the proposed well location is estimated to be 365 ft, based upon the driller's log. For saturated thickness greater than 200 ft, the drawdown allowance is 4.0 ft. It should be noted that this well is being drilled well below the extent of the Ogallala Aquifer, and most of the subsurface soils expected to contribute to well production are located in the top 60 ft of the saturated thickness.

50 year Theis Analysis: The following values were used to run the analysis:

S = 0.00034, T = 12,254 ft²/day, tp_{current} = 365 days, $Q_{current}$ = 127 gpm, tp_{proposed} = 148 days, $Q_{proposed}$ = 1060 gpm (S is estimated based upon saturated thickness * 10⁻⁶. T is estimated from hydraulic conductivity tables.)

Theis drawdowns were calculated as follows:

8418:

Drawdown from current location = 1.89 ft

Drawdown from proposed location = 12.33 ft

Net drawdown = 10.4 ft

9004 & 18156: Drawdown from current location = 1.71 ft

Drawdown from proposed location = 10.75 ft

Net drawdown = 9.0 ft

8604: Drawdown from current location = 1.77 ft

Drawdown from proposed location = 11.47 ft

Net drawdown = 9.7 ft

16505: Drawdown from current location = 1.77 ft

Drawdown from proposed location = 11.03 ft

Net drawdown = 9.3 ft

Domestic 10-28-42: Drawdown from current location = 1.84 ft

Drawdown from proposed location = 10.40 ft

Net drawdown = 8.6 ft

Net drawdown exceeds the drawdown allowance of 4.0 ft for all wells within 1 mile of the proposed location. Critical well analysis is necessary on those wells.

Critical Well Evaluation:

8418:

Water Column = 365 ft

DP = 10.4 ft (Net drawdown from the proposal indicated above)

DE = 15.3 ft (Expected aquifer decline over the next 25 years based on average rate of decline in nearby observation wells)

DD = 8.5 ft (S = 0.00034, T = 91,660 gpd/ft, Q = 205 gpm, tp = 169 days, efficiency = 70%)

DT = 34.2 ft

Economic Drawdown Constraint (EDC) = 0.4 * 365 ft = 146 ft

Physical Drawdown Constraint (PDC) = 365 ft - 60 ft = 305 ft

Total drawdown of 34.2 ft is less than the EDC and PDC, so this well is not critical.

9004 & 18156:

Water Column = 365 ft

DP = 9.0 ft (Net drawdown from the proposal indicated above)

DE = 15.3 ft (Expected aquifer decline over the next 25 years based on average rate of decline in nearby observation wells)

DD = 0 ft (Well has not been operated in more than 10 years)

DT = 24.3 ft

Economic Drawdown Constraint (EDC) = 0.4 * 365 ft = 146 ft

Physical Drawdown Constraint (PDC) = 365 ft - 60 ft = 305 ft

Total drawdown of 24.3 ft is less than the EDC and PDC, so this well is not critical.

8604:

Water Column = 330 ft

DP = 9.7 ft (Net drawdown from the proposal indicated above)

DE = 15.3 ft (Expected aquifer decline over the next 25 years based on average rate of decline in nearby observation wells)

DD = 37.3 ft (S = 0.00034, T = 91,660 gpd/ft, Q = 909 gpm, tp = 118 days, efficiency = 70%)

DT = 62.3 ft

Economic Drawdown Constraint (EDC) = 0.4 * 330 ft = 132.0 ft

Physical Drawdown Constraint (PDC) = 330 ft - 60 ft = 270 ft

Total drawdown of 62.3 ft is less than the EDC and PDC, so this well is not critical.

16505:

Water Column = 330 ft

DP = 9.3 ft (Net drawdown from the proposal indicated above)

DE = 15.3 ft (Water level decline from 2021 through 2046 based upon GMD3 model)

DD = 21.0 ft (S = 0.00034, T = 91,660 gpd/ft, Q = 510 gpm, tp = 134 days, efficiency = 70%)

DT = 45.6 ft

Economic Drawdown Constraint (EDC) = 0.4 * 330 ft = 146 ft

Physical Drawdown Constraint (PDC) = 330 ft - 60 ft = 270 ft

Total drawdown of 45.6 ft is less than the EDC and PDC, so this well is not critical.

Domestic 10-28-42:

Water Column = 38 ft

DP = 8.6 ft (Net drawdown from the proposal indicated above)

DE = 15.3 ft (Water level decline from 2021 through 2046 based upon GMD3 model)

DT = 23.9 ft

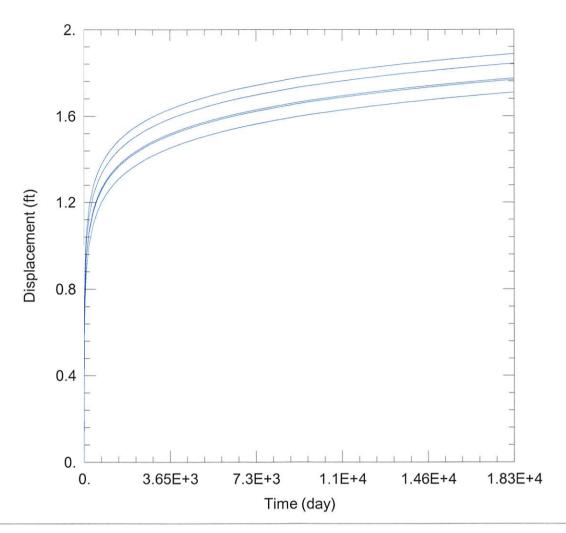
Economic Drawdown Constraint (EDC) = 0.4 * 38 ft = 15.2 ft

Physical Drawdown Constraint (PDC) = 38 ft - 20 ft = 18 ft

Total drawdown of 23.9 ft is greater than the EDC and PDC, so this well is critical.

Conclusion:

The proposed move is located in an area where the Ogallala portion of the High Plains Aquifer has mostly been depleted. The driller's log shows good formation in the top 60 ft, and nothing but rock, consolidated sand and sandstone, and clay in the remaining 305 ft. Most well logs in the area are not available, but those that are also drilled below the extent of the Ogallala Aquifer, so saturated thickness estimates ranged from 330 ft to 365 ft in the absence of a driller's log. Had the analysis been limited to the extent of the Ogallala Aquifer, most of the wells would have been identified as critical. The domestic well was flagged as critical and is likely to become inoperable in the next 25 years if it is not already. This well is owned by the applicant. Neighbors who are concerned about the move, or would like more information on well interaction effects, should contact either GMD3 staff at (620) 275-7147 or DWR staff at (620) 276-2901.



WELL TEST ANALYSIS

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Date: 08/23/21

Time: 16:08:15

PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: GMD 3 Project: 8209

Location: Stanton County

WELL DATA

P	umping Wells	
Well Name	X (ft)	Y (ft)
8209	-313463	272618

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	-313463	272618
- 8418	-315180	269928
9004 & 18156	-315320	267340
□ 8604	-310138	269502
- 16505	-309077	271063
Domestic 10-28-42	-315782	275463

Observation Wells

SOLUTION

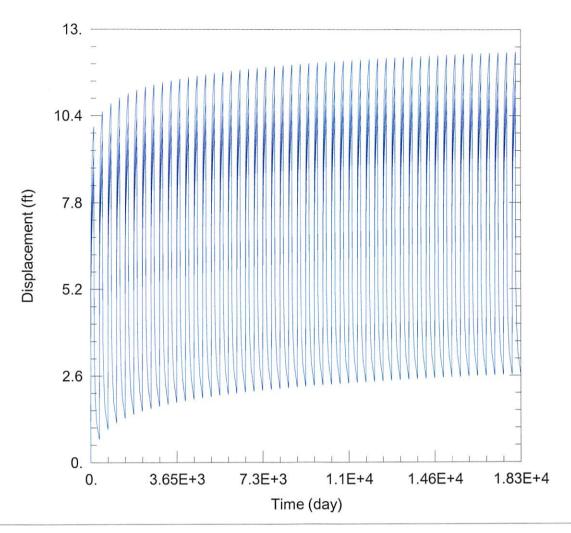
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= 1.225E+4 ft²/day

Kz/Kr = 1.

Solution Method: Theis

S = 0.00034b = 365. ft



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