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FW: North Texas GCD Board Meeting - November 12, 2013 - Meeting Room Change

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**From:** Keith Self Judge

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Dear North Texas GCD Board:

My name is C. Kent Adams and am a resident and water-utilizer in the District. I received notice of the meeting today but am out of town on business and cannot attend, unfortunately. I say unfortunately because after reviewing the temporary rules and proposed revisions, it is clear to me that myself, and hundreds if not thousands of ordinary "rural dwellers" like me in the District are either grossly under-represented or are not represented at all in this process. Much like Obamacare, you are creating a regime that is flawed from the get-go and will impose heavy and unneeded burdens on people who are not contributing to the problems you are seeking to address. For starters, your dependence upon well pumping capacity to determine whether personal residential or small residential use is exempt and thus whether an individual will be subject to onerous and expensive regulation and reporting is misguided. Likewise, converting otherwise exempt use to non-exempt, and thus imposing onerous and expensive compliance, by virtue of a person placing well water into a non-hermetically sealed containment pond, ignores perfectly reasonable and traditional use of well water that would not impinge upon the District's goals and priorities.

I'll give a couple of examples to explain my concerns. I'll be brief here for the sake of keeping this short, but there is much more to the problems you are creating that I'd like to discuss with the Board in a more open-ended format, i.e. face-to-face. First, many low-volume residents and small farms and ranches have installed (long ago) 5 HP pumps in their wells to ensure volumes when needed. However, many like me only run their wells occasionally to supplement rainfall or lack thereof in small stock or fishing ponds. Annual use is no more than 6 to 12 weeks a year - tops. In this instance, the low-volume user is saddled with onerous, expensive and unnecessary regulation because the 5HP pump makes the use non-exempt based on capacity. Moreover, even if the pump is downsized, the same resulting regulation would be imposed because the well water is placed in a stock or fishing pond. This is absolutely ridiculous and wrong - remember that WE own the water under our land, not you or the State.

A second example that shows the misguided nature of your rules is the instance where people have invested large sums of money (long before the District came along) into systems to enable or enhance their ability to live a

rural lifestyle, e.g. a pond-based irrigation system or a pond-based hydro-thermal home heating/AC system. In either case, a person who is again a very low volume user (running his well at most 2 or 3 months per year) is saddled with the burden, expense and aggravation of regulations that were poorly designed to address the non-wasteful legitimate low-volume uses of District residents. This is our water and while we can understand the need to address our future water needs in a reasonable manner, we are not willing to have an onerous regulatory regime imposed on us regarding the use of our own water that sweeps occasional low volume users into the same category as the massive large agriculture, municipality and business users in the District.

I respectfully request the opportunity for input. This is our water. Actual volume, not capacity or potential volume, is the only reasonable concern that the district should be considering. That is, if your goal is actually conserving groundwater, not just imposing burdens, expense, reporting and collecting usage fees.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns (which are shared by hundreds if not thousands in the District). I look forward to hearing from and addressing you soon. Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience by phone or email.

Respectfully,  
C. Kent Adams

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Attached is the agenda for the November 12, 2013 meeting of the North Texas GCD Board of Directors. The meeting will be held at the Gainesville Civic Center at 311 South Weaver in Gainesville, Texas in Meeting Room 1. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM.

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Thank you,

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On Nov 8, 2013, at 2:41 PM, "North Texas GCD"  
<[ntgcd@northtexasgcd.org](mailto:ntgcd@northtexasgcd.org)> wrote:

The November 12, 2013 meeting of the North Texas GCD Board members will still be held at the Gainesville Civic Center at 311 South Weaver in Gainesville, Texas. However, the meeting is being changed from Room 1 to Room 2. Signs will be posted at the Civic Center to help visitors find the room with ease.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you,





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