

CONTROL AREA MORATORIUM

Voluntary Agreement Framework



Redefine Control Area Boundaries

- Define by hydrogeologic constraints
- Expand westward to include Cheyenne- and eastern slope of Laramie Range
- Include users in all impacted areas
- Limit to High Plains Aquifer vertically

Reconfigure District Boundaries

- An opportunity to redistrict based on hydrogeologic conditions and water use
- Allow for management and administrative flexibility
- Potential Districts: Carpenter area, Pine Bluffs area, Albin area, Cheyenne area, Horse Creek area

Establish Overall Use Reduction Plan

- Reduce overall use and improve groundwater conditions through market based approach
- Encourage economic growth and development
- Relies on fees assessed to both new and existing users
 - Addresses high capacity users as well as new residential
- Following proposal includes ALL Laramie County users

Market Based Proposal

- Adaptive Management
- Payments to Retire Existing Wells (@\$1800 per acre)
 - New Rural Homes
 - New High Capacity Wells
 - Irrigation, Municipal, Industrial
 - Annual Fees to Existing Users
 - Stock, Domestic, Municipal, Miscellaneous Use and Industrial (Flat Fee or per Acre Foot)
 - Irrigation (based on Irrigated Acres)

Establish Water Management Council

- Include cross section of users balanced by water use and demand
 - irrigation, municipal, academic, industrial, domestic, etc.
- Assist in development and implementation of policy
- Serves in an appellate capacity for water users and has quasi-judicial authority
- Ensure transparency and oversight

Increase Well Spacing Requirements

- Keep temporary order spacing requirements
 - Opportunity to adjust well spacing requirements based on District Boundaries
 - Applies to areas where there appears to be water for future development
- Add spacing requirements for new higher capacity wells
- Lessen potential for future well interference

Comments & Suggestions?

- What can be done to improve this framework?

