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Allocation: No.
Flow meters: Yes, new development.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes, temporary stay.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 16”-20”

Allocation: 655gpm.
Flow meters: Yes, all wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 15”-16”

Allocation: 705gpm & Pumpkin Creek = 6075gpm.
Flow meters: Yes, on all wells by 12/31/16.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 14”-18”

Allocation: 39”-4035gpm.
Flow meters: Yes, all wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 14”-18”

Allocation: No.
Flow meters: No.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Limited acre expansion.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 18”-22”

Allocation: 6075gpm.
Flow meters: Yes, all wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 18”-22”

Allocation: No.
Flow meters: No.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 22”-24”

Allocation: 2775gpm.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 24”-28”

Allocation: 455gpm.
Flow meters: Yes, all wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 23”-34”

Allocation: No.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, where flow meters are required.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 24”-28”

Allocation: No.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, where flow meters are required.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 24”-28”

Allocation: No.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, Phase A & B areas
Rainfall Yearly Average: 24”-28”

Allocation: 13”-14”/yr, in-sub-areas.
Flow meters: Yes, on all irrigated wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 26”-30”

Allocation: 2775gpm.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 30”-32”

Allocation: 2175gpm.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No, on irrigated acres.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 28”-30”

Allocation: No.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 28”-30”

Allocation: No.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No, on irrigated acres.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 34”-36”

Allocation: No.
Flow meters: Yes, new development.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes, in-sub-area.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 26”-30”

Allocation: When triggered = 30”/yr.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No, no permit required.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 26”-30”

Allocation: When triggered = 30”/yr, max 45”/yr.
Flow meters: Yes, on all wells by 1/1/16.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 28”-30”

Allocation: When triggered = 65” + 5”/any 5 year.
Flow meters: Yes, on all wells by 1/1/16.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 26”-30”

Allocation: When triggered = 30”/yr.
Flow meters: Yes, on new wells.
Well Drilling Moratorium: No.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 28”-30”

Allocation: When triggered = 30”/yr.
Flow meters: Yes, on all wells by 1/1/16.
Well Drilling Moratorium: Yes.
Required Water Use Reports: Yes.
Rainfall Yearly Average: 28”-30”

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