

RULE 16.7. PERMIT LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS. The maximum allowable production of water authorized by a permit may be limited, adjusted and reduced as follows:

1. If the maximum allowable production of 2 acre feet of groundwater per acre of contiguous land is reduced for one or more Management Zones, or if any such reduced maximum of allowable production is thereafter reduced again, a new permit may not be issued for the production of more water than is established under this Section 16 as the maximum allowable production of water per acre of land for the Management Zone(s); [Amended June 12, 2012]
2. Excluding production authorized by a historic use permit, and production authorized by wells exempt under Rule 7.10(1), the production of water authorized by any permit issued by the District for the production of water is subject to limitation, adjustment and reduction;
3. The volume of water authorized by permit to be produced in one or more Management Zones may be reduced by the Board, if it determines a reduction is necessary, based on studies and evaluations performed by the Board, or as determined by the Board to have scientific merit. This reduction shall begin as soon after a decision by the Board that such reduction is reasonably required for the conservation and preservation of groundwater, or the protection of the aquifer or groundwater users, within such Management Zone(s). [Amended June 12, 2012]
4. If the Board, based on studies and evaluations performed or determined by the Board to have scientific merit, determines, it is necessary to reduce the maximum allowable production per acre, or the permitted production for any Management Zone or Zones, to accomplish the desired future conditions, the protective drawdown limits, to preserve and conserve groundwater, to protect groundwater users within a Management Zone or Zones, or to implement reductions required under Rule 16.5, the Board shall establish a schedule for a reduction in the maximum allowable production or permitted production for the Management Zone or Zones. [Amended July 12, 2005] [Amended May 3, 2017]

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