

# <u>1.</u> District Policy: Confidentiality of Well Information.

It shall be the policy of the District that all information pertaining to private water wells obtained by the District from well owners and through the District's access to such wells shall be public records exempt from disclosure in accordance with Government Code section 6254(e).

## <u>2.</u> <u>Consent to Release of Information.</u>

District staff shall provide the attached authorization and consent form to owners of private water wells who receive a request from the District for information concerning, and access to, such wells. The authorization and consent form shall provide the owner with the opportunity to specify that such information concerning the owner's well(s), while exempt from public disclosure in accordance with Government Code section 6254(e), may also be released to other public agencies engaged in studies, in a manner not attributable to the owners' specific well(s); or conversely the owner may specify that the District may freely share such data with no restrictions.

### 3. Adoption of Recitals as Findings.

The Board adopts the foregoing recitals as findings in support of this Resolution establishing District policy, and incorporates by reference such findings as if fully set forth herein.

### <u>4.</u> Severability.

It is the Board's intention that the provisions of this policy be construed in accordance with California law. If any part of this policy or the attached authorization and consent form is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of UWCD on July 9, 2003.

Thank you very much for agreeing to provide the United Water Conservation District with information concerning your water well(s), and with access to your well(s) so that we can take samples! The geological and geophysical data we obtain from you supports our efforts to protect, conserve and enhance groundwater resources in our area.

Your consent means that you authorize us to use and include the data we obtain from you in the analyses and reports we release concerning groundwater resources. In addition, if we receive requests for well data from other public agencies which are performing studies, we may provide such data to them in a manner not attributable to your specific well(s).

We regard the information we obtain from you to be confidential and legally not subject to public disclosure without your consent. Except as we have outlined above, we will not voluntarily disclose the information to any other party, or in a manner identifiable to your specific well(s), without your consent, unless otherwise required by law.

When we enter your property to access your well for sampling purposes, we will indemnify, defend and hold you harmless from any injury or damage to persons (including our employees) or property (e.g. to your well) caused by Our negligence or misconduct in our sampling activities.

Please indicate your preference regarding additional disclosure of information by checking one of the boxes below.

Other than as outlined above, please maintain all well information obtained by the District as confidential.

\_\_\_\_\_ You may freely share well information which the District has collected, with no restrictions.

Please call either Tony Morgan or Dan Detmer directly at the District office at 805-525- 4431 if you have any questions. This authorization and consent will remain in effect until revoked by you.

# UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

I acknowledge and agree to the above provisions and consent to United Water Conservation District access to my water well(s) and information regarding such well(s).

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Property Representative

Address

Telephone Number