

Water Licensing Committee Report

- Effective February 29, 2016, the Water Sustainability Act came into force
- Under the Act, SPID is required to obtain a groundwater license and pay water fees and rentals
- Members of Water Licensing Committee attended several meetings and workshops to understand how the new legislation and licensing process work
- SPID's license determines the volume of water we are authorized to draw from the aquifer as well as our "First in Time, First in Right" ("FITFIR") position for the aquifer
- SPID's FITFIR position is important because it places us in a priority for drawing water during times of water shortage. For example, during a water shortage, SPID may be directed to reduce its water usage before other water users are required to reduce their water usage, depending on our FITFIR rank.
- In preparation for the license application, records from 1966 to date have been reviewed, analyzed and culled for use in supporting SPID's water license application
- SPID's application is submitted and is currently being assessed by the government
- Timing for receipt of our groundwater license is uncertain.

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