

Amend CSSB 3 (House committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to ARTICLE 2 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of that ARTICLE accordingly:

SECTION 2.____. Section 36.113(d), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment, the district shall consider whether:

(1) the application conforms to the requirements prescribed by this chapter and is accompanied by the prescribed fees;

(2) the proposed use of water unreasonably affects existing groundwater and surface water resources or existing permit holders;

(3) the proposed use of water is dedicated to any beneficial use;

(4) the proposed use of water is consistent with the district's certified water management plan;

(5) if the well will be located in the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area, the proposed use of water from the well is wholly or partly to provide water to a pond, lake, or reservoir to enhance the appearance of the landscape;

(6) the applicant has agreed to avoid waste and achieve water conservation; and

(7) [~~6~~] the applicant has agreed that reasonable diligence will be used to protect groundwater quality and that the applicant will follow well plugging guidelines at the time of well closure.

SECTION 2.____. Section 36.117(d), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a district may require a well to be permitted by the district and to comply with all district rules if:

(1) the withdrawals from a well in the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area and exempted under Subsection (b)(1) are no longer used solely for domestic use or to provide water for livestock or poultry;

(2) the purpose of a well exempted under Subsection

(b)(2) is no longer solely to supply water for a rig that is actively engaged in drilling or exploration operations for an oil or gas well permitted by the Railroad Commission of Texas; or

(3) [~~(2)~~] the withdrawals from a well exempted under Subsection (b)(3) are no longer necessary for mining activities or are greater than the amount necessary for mining activities specified in the permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas under Chapter 134, Natural Resources Code.