

Colorado South Platte Valley Well Shutdown Information

Well Shutdowns Ordered by the State of Colorado. On June 29, 2006 an informational memorandum was issued to all reinsured companies, RMA offices, and other interested parties providing clarification regarding insurance coverage on spring planted and prevented planted crops following the State Of Colorado's announcement in May ordering approximately 440 wells within the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District (CCWCD) cease pumping.

Important note: This informational memorandum does not address fall-seeded acres that were planted before CCWCD's Well Augmentation Subdistrict (WAS) augmentation plan was submitted to the State Engineer's office. According to information available from official sources, the augmentation plan for a 15% pumping capacity was submitted in December 2005. Fall wheat in the area is normally planted in September and October, well in advance of any knowledge of the details of the 2006 plan. Producers planting in the fall would have a reasonable expectation at the time of planting of receiving the amount approved under terms of the 2005 plan. The 2005 approved plan provided for 40% pumping capacity. Producers covered under the WAS of the CCWCD with fall-seeded crops may have planted with the reasonable expectation of receiving of 40% water allocation. In this case, producers who planted an amount of fall crop acreage that would have required an amount of water equal to a 40% allocation would not have a reasonable expectation of receiving the full 15% irrigation allocation for their spring crops.

2006 W.A.S Well Shutdown Maps. These maps are intended to show the approximate location of land affected by the 440 wells that were shutdown in 2006 in Adams, Morgan, and Weld counties in Colorado. All 440 wells are part of the Well Augmentation Subdistrict (W.A.S.) under the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District (CCWCD). **Please note the following limitations regarding the use of these maps:**

- RMA does not have the original source data with the affected areas at this time. The data for these maps was supplied in the form of a map from the CCWCD GIS contact. This map was georeferenced and rectified so that the data could be extracted and shown on a smaller scale, showing more detail for the use of locating land by legal description.
- Due to the processes involved with georeferencing a large area to show a small area, these maps are to be used for showing the affected areas as a general reference only. Due to the conversion and extraction of the data, the true shape of the areas affected may be somewhat skewed. As a result of this, true acreage can not be calculated.

Due to ongoing digitization efforts within CCWD, it is possible that not all parcels in the CCWCD had been digitized yet. Therefore, it is possible that some areas affected by the well shutoff could be missing. These maps are, however, the latest version available.