

FBSD WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM CREDIT POLICY

Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, the Fort Bend Subsidence District (District) will partner with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD) in the implementation of the “Learning to be WaterWise” water conservation program. The program involves the education of predominantly 5th grade students in the need for water conservation, by providing student and teacher educational materials and a water conservation kit at no cost to the school or student. Sponsorships from permittees or other entities bear the cost of the program. The cost of the “Learning to be WaterWise” program is \$34.50 per student for the 2008-2009 school year. Water conservation program credits will be issued, administered, and redeemed in accordance with this policy.

1. Issuance of Water Conservation Program Credits

For every student sponsored in the District’s “Learning to be WaterWise” water conservation program, the sponsor will receive a water conservation credit of 84,000 gallons. The 84,000 gallon credit is based on a study conducted with the cooperation of the Texas Water Development Board which concluded that the potential savings of the Program was 1,400 gallons per household per month. The District will give a credit of 84,000 gallons per student sponsored, which is based 1,400 gallons per month for the first 5 years.

The FBSD water conservation program credits will be issued labeled on a “Series B” certificate with the following conditions:

- 1) term of no more than 20 years from issuance date
- 2) redeemable for no more than 30% of a permittee’s total water demand
- 3) only to be used within FBSD
- 4) based on 84,000 gallons per student sponsored
- 5) at a current cost of \$34.50 per student sponsored (2008-2009 school year)

2. Redemption of Water Conservation Program Credits

A permittee may request a permit for an amount of groundwater that exceeds the applicable groundwater reduction requirements without becoming subject to payment of a disincentive permit fee provided that the permittee submits water conservation program credits to cover the amount of groundwater requested in excess of the amount allowed. The permittee will be required to pay the regular permit fee for any amount of groundwater allocation requested, including any amount for which water conservation program credits are submitted.

Water conservation program credits may be sold or otherwise transferred without the involvement of the District.