



# OKLAHOMA

## Water Resources Board

April 16, 2026

Comanche County RWD #3  
Attn: Karen Bishop  
5845 SE 90th Street  
Lawton, OK 73501

RE: Amend Regular Groundwater Permit No. 1973-351A, Comanche County Rural Water District #3,  
Cotton County

Dear Ms. Bishop:

Your groundwater application to amend existing permit number 1973-351A has been reviewed by Board staff. In order to complete the amendment process, you must provide notice of the essential facts about your intended use by newspaper publication and by notifying certain neighbors.

In accordance with Section 309 of Title 75 and Section 1020.8 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and Section 785:30-3-4 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC), we have enclosed a Notice of Application to be published at your expense in a newspaper that is qualified to publish legal notices in Cotton County. The notice must be published once a week for the two consecutive weeks beginning on May 10, 2026, and May 17, 2026. Please send us, or have the publisher forward to us, the certified proofs of publication by June 8, 2026. Because the Board is not responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in the notice, please review the enclosed notice carefully and contact the Board if you note any errors or have any questions regarding notice.

In addition to giving notice by publication of your application to withdraw groundwater, OAC Section 785-30-3-4 requires that you notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, all surface estate owners of lands located within 1,320 feet of the outside boundary of each ten acre tract of wells subject of your application. Please notify these landowners on or before the first day of publication. We have enclosed extra copies of the notice for this purpose. You may make additional copies if you need more than we have provided. Also enclosed is an affidavit certifying that you have notified all of these surface estate owners. The affidavit must be signed, notarized and returned to the Board, along with all green cards, by or before June 8, 2026.

Any protests to your application must be filed with the Board by June 15, 2026. If a protest is filed, a hearing will be scheduled and you will be notified.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Sharon Robinson at the address below or call (405) 530-8800.

Sincerely,

Chris Neel, Division Chief  
Water Rights Administration Division

**AFFIDAVIT OF NOTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I, Karen Bishop, on behalf of Comanche County Rural Water District #3 have notified all surface estate owners of lands located within 1,320 feet of the outside boundary of each ten-acre tract of the wells subject of application number 1973-351A, of their intention to use groundwater by forwarding the notice of application by U.S. Mail, certified mail return receipt requested, on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date Mailed) to the following:

**(List of names and addresses should correspond to those listed on the Ownership Plat attached to the application. Please attach separate page if more space is needed. PLEASE ATTACH ALL GREEN CARDS TO AFFIDAVIT.)**

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

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Applicant's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ date of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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Notary Public Signature

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\_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires

**NOTE TO PUBLISHER:** To be published in Cotton County once during the week of May 10, 2026 but no later than May 16, 2026, and once during the week of May 17, 2026 but no later than May 23, 2026, AT APPLICANT'S EXPENSE. (PUBLISHER NEEDS TO FURNISH THE OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD A CERTIFIED PROOF OF PUBLICATION ON OR BEFORE June 8, 2026.

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GROUNDWATER**

**PERMIT NUMBER 1973-351A**

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Protests to the application must be in writing and received by the Board at the address listed below and by the applicant at the address listed above no later than June 15, 2026, and contain the following: (1) name, address, and telephone number of the interested person; (2) the particular application number to which the protest relates; (3) specific information to show how approval of the application proposed may directly and adversely affect legally protected interests of the person filing the protest; and (4) a statement of the relief sought by the interested person. A person who sends a letter containing only a general objection or comment will not be deemed to be a party, but the letter will be made part of the permanent record.

A hearing on this application will be scheduled and the applicant and protestant(s) shall be advised of the hearing date upon receipt of a proper protest. Protesting parties or their representatives must appear at the hearing and present the protest in order that it may be considered. Hearings are governed by Section 309 of Title 75 and Section 1020.8 of the Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the rules of the Board, OAC Title 785, Chapters 4 and 30. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Robinson at (405) 530-8800. Board mailing address: Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Water Rights Administration Division, 3800 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118-2881. Board fax number: (405) 530-8900.

NOTICE PROVIDED VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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CK#10966 \$200.00 GW Amendment 1973-351A Check #11081 \$200.00

APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO A GROUNDWATER PERMIT OR PRIOR RIGHT

OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD WATER RIGHTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION 3800 North Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118 Phone: (405) 530-8800 Fax: (405) 530-8900 Website: http://oklahoma.gov/owrb.html (See website for FAQs)

FILING FEE

Application review will not begin until the proper filing fee is received. Double the filing fee if water is used before application approval. If the requested amount of water is fractional, round up to the next whole number for the purposes of determining the filing fee.

Table with 2 columns: Not Adding Water, Filing Fee\*\*. Rows include Public Notice Not Required (\$200.00) and Public Notice Required (\$400.00).

If adding water, replace the fee schedule above with the one below, which is based on the amount of water requested:

Table with 2 columns: Adding Water, Filing Fee\*\*. Rows include 1-320 acre-feet (\$400.00), 321-640 acre-feet (\$750.00), 641-1,500 acre-feet (\$900.00), and Over 1,500 acre-feet (\$900.00\*\*).

\*Plus \$250.00 for each increment of 500 acre-feet above 1,500 acre-feet requested (Maximum Fee \$4,000.00). \*\*Plus \$250.00 if the application overlies a sensitive sole-source groundwater basin. Applications for the purpose of enhanced recovery of oil and gas shall have a flat filing fee of \$4,500.00.

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Permit No. 19730351A Permit Type Regular GW Basin A&T Deposits of Cache Creek Equal Proportionate Share 1.0

1. NAME & CONTACT INFORMATION Print the applicant's name to exactly match what is listed on the ownership document. Consultants and legal counsel should provide a cover letter with contact information and state if they will remain the contact after permit approval.

Applicant Name Comanche County Rural Water District #3 Phone (580) 355-1343 Mailing Address 5845 SE 90th Street City Lawton State OK Zip 73501 Email rwd3@martineer.net Fax (580) 355-1398

Contact Name (if different than applicant) Karen Bishop Phone (580) 355-1343 Mailing Address 5845 SE 90th Street City Lawton State OK Zip 73501 Email rwd3@martineer.net Fax (580) 355-1398

How should correspondence be sent during application review? Check all that apply: Postal Mail Email Fax

2. TYPE OF AMENDMENT Write the permit number and check each type of change to be made to the permit. The amount of water cannot be increased and dedicated land cannot be added to a prior right. If land ownership has changed since the permit was originally approved, then a Petition to Transfer Ownership will be required before an amendment can proceed. Forms are found on the OWRB's website.

Groundwater Permit or Prior Right # 19730351A

Identify the parts of the permit to be changed:

- Water (complete Sections 3, 8, 9, and 10)
Purposes (complete Sections 3, 8, 9, and 10)
Dedicated Land (complete Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10)
Wells (complete Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10)

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3. QUANTITY OF WATER & PURPOSE Fill out only those parts that apply. Specify the amount of water and purposes that will be changing. Choose purposes (i.e. beneficial use), from the following list: Irrigation, Agriculture, Mining, Public Water Supply, Commercial, Industrial, Power Generation, Recreation Fish & Wildlife, and Other. A description can be helpful and may be required to complete application review. Conversion factor: one acre-foot of water will cover one acre of land one foot deep and is equal to 325,851 gallons.

Groundwater:  Add  Remove \_\_\_\_\_ acre-feet per year. Water used in \_\_\_\_\_ county.

Purpose:  Add  Remove \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Agriculture – Poultry Houses or Greenhouse; Mining – Oil & Gas or Rock Quarry)

Assign a quantity of water to each purpose?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. 100 acre-feet to irrigation and 100 acre-feet to oil & gas)

Have you already used the water for which you are applying?  Yes  No If yes, double the filing fee will be required.

Will water be sold?  Yes  No If yes, list the purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_ (not required for public water suppliers)

Will animals be raised?  Yes  No If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_ (not required for domestic use of stock water)

Will crops be grown?  Yes  No If yes, approximate area of watered crops: \_\_\_\_\_ and; (use units of acres for fields or square feet for indoor)

List of crops: \_\_\_\_\_

4. DEDICATED LAND List the legal description of all dedicated land to be added to the existing permit. Do not use city lot and block numbers or metes and bounds. If additional space is needed, list on a separate sheet of paper. An explanation of legal descriptions can be found on the OWRB website FAQs page. Dedicated land must be drawn on the attached plat map.

\_\_\_\_\_ total acres owned; **40** total acres leased; \_\_\_\_\_ total acres platted (municipal only)
**40** acres in \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of **NW** 1/4 of **SE** 1/4 of Section **21** Twp. **2**  N  S Rng. **12**  EIM  WIM in **Cotton** County
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\_\_\_\_\_ acres in \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_\_\_  N  S Rng. \_\_\_\_\_  EIM  WIM in \_\_\_\_\_ County
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5. MUNICIPALITIES Only municipalities are required to complete this section. All other applicants can skip this section. Answer the questions and provide copies of the requested maps.

Will platted land be dedicated within the municipal boundary?  Yes  No

If yes, will the municipality make water available to those platted lands?  Yes  No

If yes, provide attached map(s) that show the following: service area, water lines, and platted lands.

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6. WELL INFORMATION List the number and legal description for all wells (either existing or proposed) to be added or deleted from the permit. Existing wells require a ten acre tract legal description. Depth and pumping rate are required for all existing wells and a range of values (e.g. 400 – 500 feet) can be provided for multiple existing wells. Estimated depth and pumping rate may be required for proposed wells in areas with multiple groundwater basins. Provide an answer to the well spacing exception question. If additional space is needed, list on a separate sheet of paper. An explanation of legal descriptions can be found on the OWRB website FAQs page. All wells must be drawn on the application plat map.

Wells to be added:

1 wells in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 21 Twp. 2 S Rng. 12 EIM WIM in Cotton Existing Well? Yes No  
 O N S Rng. O EIM WIM in County Well? Yes No  
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 O N O EIM  
 O S Rng. O WIM in County Well? Yes No  
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 O ECM

Depth: 40' feet; Pumping Rate: 100 gallons per minute

Requesting a well spacing exception? Yes No Blank responses will not be accepted. If yes, please provide an attached explanation to show how compliance with well spacing would be inequitable or unreasonable. Examples can be found in OAC 785:30-3-6(b)(1). A well spacing exception may be required based on application review.

Wells to be deleted:

\_\_\_\_\_ wells in \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ S Rng. \_\_\_\_\_ EIM WIM in \_\_\_\_\_ Existing Well? Yes No  
 O N S Rng. O EIM WIM in County Well? Yes No  
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 O S Rng. O WIM in County Well? Yes No  
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EXPLANATION IF PUBLIC NOTICE IS REQUIRED -

Public notice is not required with an amendment when the applicant is only requesting additional wells and those wells meet one of the following conditions:

1. Groundwater basin with well spacing restriction - The applicant has done a diligent search and found no other wells within applicable spacing of the wells to be added 660 feet for alluvium and terrace or 1,320 feet for bedrock).
2. Groundwater basin without well spacing restriction - The applicant either owns all the land within 1,320 feet (1/4 mile) of the wells to be added or has written permission from each surrounding surface estate owner within 1,320 feet.

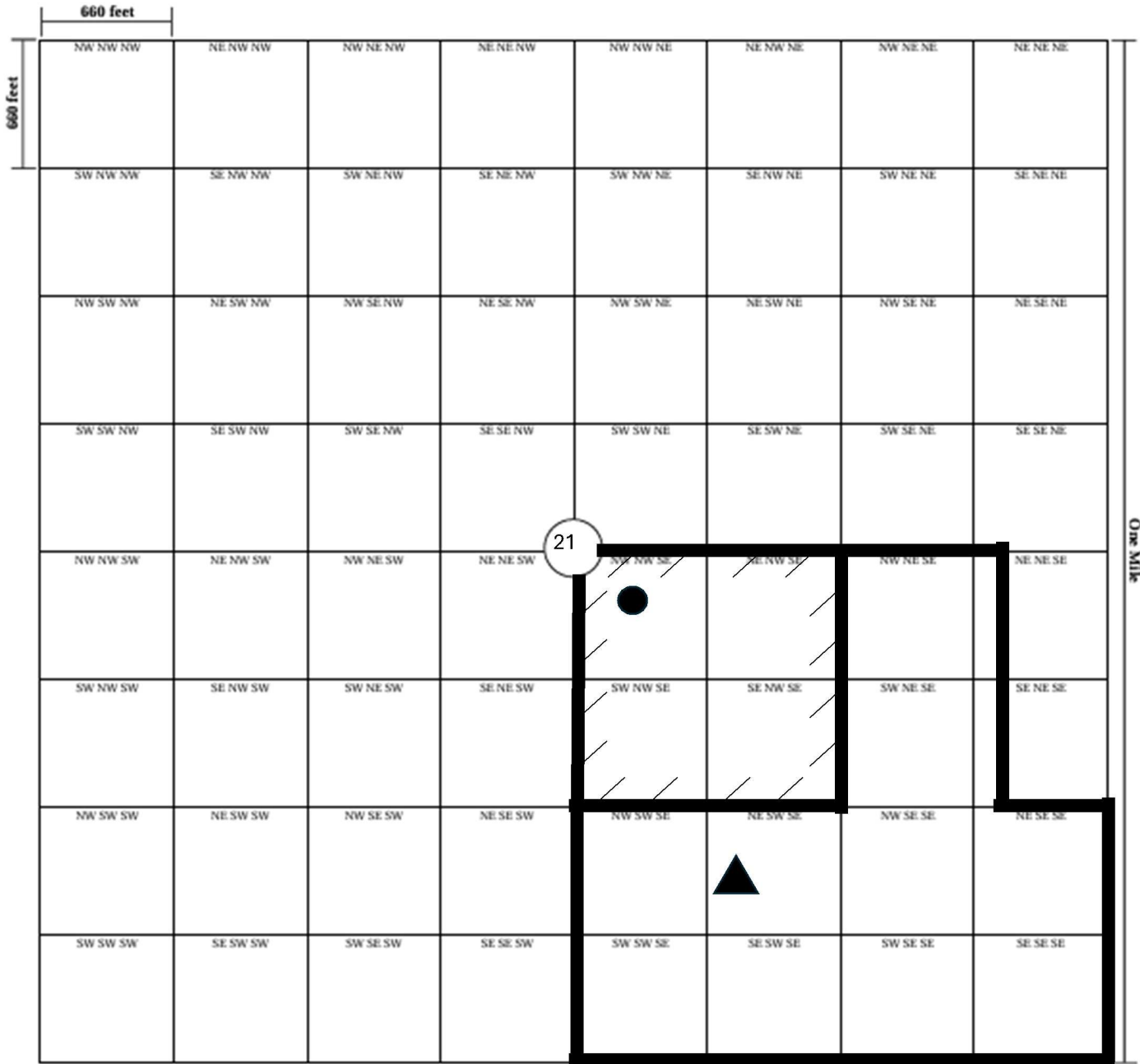
Public notice is required for all amendments that do not meet the above requirements.

| OFFICE USE ONLY          |                |   |
|--------------------------|----------------|---|
| Uses: Rural Water Supply | 275 AF ac. ft. | Acres Dedicated: 275 old acres + 40 new acres = 315 acres |
| _____ ac. ft.            | _____ ac. ft.  | Acres Irrigated: _____                                    |
| _____ ac. ft.            | _____ ac. ft.  | Number of Wells: 5 old wells + 1 new well = 6 wells       |

**7. PLAT MAP** Follow the instructions on the preceding page unless otherwise directed by the Board. Drawings must match the legal description of dedicated land and wells described in Section 4 and 6 of the application. If adding or replacing wells, please show all wells currently authorized on the permit and the wells to be replaced. More than one plat map may be required.

19730351A

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_






21 T2S R12W1M

Cotton

Section – Township – Range

County

-  Land Dedicated
-  Area of Use
-  Proposed Well Location Area


- Existing Wells to Add to the Permit
- ▲ Existing Wells on the Permit
- Existing Wells Owned by Others (i.e. domestic, stock, permitted, etc.)



9. SIGNATURES

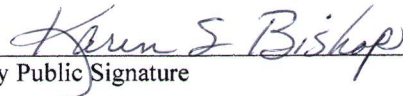
Upon my oath or affirmation, I swear or affirm (1) that all information submitted to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in connection with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge; and (2) that I or the person or entity I represent will comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Oklahoma or its agencies, and any lawful conditions imposed by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, which apply or pertain to the use of fresh groundwater.

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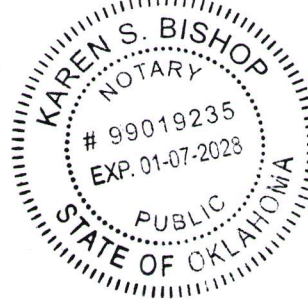
  
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT  
  
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PRINTED NAME  
  
Chairman  
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TITLE (e.g. owner, manager, trustee, legal counsel, etc.)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
OKLAHOMA BAR ASSOCIATION NUMBER  
(IF APPLICABLE)

NOTARY

STATE OF Oklahoma )  
COUNTY OF Comanche ) ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before  
me this 4th day of September, 20 25.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature  
My commission expires: 1-07-2028

(SEAL)



10. SUBMISSION AND PROCESSING

The submitted application packet must include the following:

- a. **Original completed application** (Typed or printed in ink, with legible markings, signed and notarized.);
- b. **Filing fee payment** (Review of the application will not begin until the filing fee is received. Filing fees are refunded at the discretion of the OWRB. Preferred payment method is a check payable to the OWRB. Other payment methods include cash, money order, or credit card via the OWRB Website Pay Portal – please provide a copy of the Pay Portal receipt. If water is used before application approval, double the filing fee will be required.);
- c. **Ownership documents** (Copies of deeds, groundwater leases, easements, and/or other letters of consent for all the land owned/controlled by the applicant associated with the application. Tax documents are not accepted. Social security numbers are not required and should be marked out on documents that contain them.)
- d. **Any other documentation requested by OWRB staff as necessary** (Articles of organization or incorporation, memorandum of trust, license or registration from OMMA or ODAFF, contract for water sales, etc.).

**Please note: Any incomplete or unresponsive answers may cause a delay in the processing of your application.**

In addition, Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 785:30-1-4(d) states: "If the application is defective to as to form, the Board shall advise the applicant of the corrections, amendments, or changes required and sixty (60) days shall be allowed for the refilling thereof. If the application is not corrected, amended, or changed within the time required, the Board may inactivate the application. Furthermore, OAC 785:30-3-3(b), states: "If an applicant does not correct an application or publish notice as instructed by the Board, and no further proceedings are initiated by the applicant for six months or more after last contact with the Board, the application shall be deemed withdrawn. The Board shall provide notice to the applicant that the application has been deemed withdrawn.

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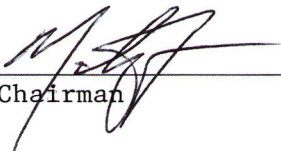
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To: Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
3800 N. Classen Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK 73118  
ATTN: Jacob Hernandez

(405) 530-8928 Phone  
(405) 530-8900 Fax

I authorize the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to make the following revisions to the Groundwater Permit Application # **19730351A**:

1. The permit number that is being amended will be changed to "19730351A"
2. The bubble indicating the number of wells will be changed will be filled in.
3. The bubble indicating the area of use will not be filled in.
4. The symbols for adding a proposed well will be removed from the plat map.
5. The land that the well is going to be drilled on is not currently on the permit. The well needs to be on dedicated land, so the land needs to be added to the permit.
  - a. The ownership documents or lease agreement with Comanche Co RWD #3's name will be needed.
  - b. If land is being added to the permit, then additional landowners will need to be identified on the surface estate owners map.
    - i. The landowners that need to be identified are on the modified surface estate owners map on the following page.
  - c. Once the new ownership documents are submitted, the amendment application will be updated to reflect the changes.
6. The plat map will have to be modified

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date: 12/05/2025