

Notice: Exempt Claims

The DNRC Water Adjudication Bureau would like to thank claimants for their patience during the filing of HB 110 claims and subsequent entry into the DNRC database. The department received approximately 25,000 claims filed by the June 30, 2019 deadline; eight regional offices and the adjudication office are currently working to enter those claims into the water rights database. DNRC would like to remind the public about initial entry process and what comes next.

Currently, DNRC staff are creating water right numbers for each claim filed. During this initial entry process, the water rights will contain only six things to expedite entry into the database. The six items are as follows:

- Owner
- Basin Number
- Point of Diversion
- Source Name
- Means of Diversion
- Date Received

It is important that initial entry be finished in a timely manner so that DNRC and Water Court can assess the number of claims in each basin and prioritize examination needs. Each of these claims will be examined per basin prioritization and in accordance with water right claim examination rules and water right adjudication rules. During examination, each water right holder will be contacted by DNRC adjudication staff to discuss their claim. Prior to complete examination of water rights, DNRC would like to note that elements of the water rights may appear different than what was provided on the form.

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