A Permit Exemption to Use State Water for Fire and Emergency Use is allowed under Texas Administrative Code § 297.26. Without obtaining a permit, county and rural community fire departments and other emergency service providers may divert and use state water for fire and emergency purposes including fire fighting, managing chemical spills, and dealing with emergency public welfare concerns. Rural emergency service providers may also establish Dry Hydrant installations in streams and reservoirs, including exempt reservoirs as long as the following information is provided within 120 days after completion of installation:

County: ________________ Resource, Conservation & Development Area: _________________________

Landowner: ____________________________________________

Location (State Highway, County Road, Zip Code, Miles from known reference point, etc.):

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Longitude: ___________________________ ° N  Latitude: _______________________________ ° W

Provide Latitude and Longitude Coordinates in decimal degrees to at least six decimal places. (If known or you may provide a map showing location)

Dry Hydrant Identification Code (if applicable): ____________________________

Installing Entity: ____________________________________________________________

Date Installed: _______________________________________________________________

Please mail completed form to:

Water Rights Permitting Team (MC-160)
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas  78711-3087

Diversions from dry hydrant installations should be reported within 60 days of use.
Please note that pump testing of facilities is not required to be reported.