



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING of the
BARTON SPRINGS-EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, August 13, 2026	5:00 PM	IN-PERSON
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Notice is given that a **Public Hearing and Regular Meeting** of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District will be held on **Thursday, August 13, 2026**, commencing at **5:00 p.m.** at the District office, located at **1124 Regal Row, Austin, Texas**.

This meeting's video and audio recording will be available on the District's website after the meeting.

Public Comments at the Board Meeting – Please complete a comment card prior to the start of the meeting. Each registered person will be recognized and identified by the Presiding Officer or staff moderating the communications when it is their turn to speak. **Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person.**

AGENDA

Board member present at commencement: Vanessa Puig- Williams, Lily Lucas, Blayne Stansberry, and Jon Cradit.

Christy Willaims joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Staff present: Charl Erin Swanson, Justin Camp, Jacob Newton, Bri Moore, Lilly Sachitano, Alyssa Garcia

Note: The Board of Directors of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District reserves the right to meet in a closed Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), 418.183 (Homeland Security). No final action or decision will be made in Executive Session.

1. **Call to Order.**
President Puig-Williams called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
2. **Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).**
3. **Consent Agenda.** *(Note: These items may be considered and approved as one motion. Directors or citizens may request any consent item be removed from the consent agenda, for consideration and possible approval as a separate item of Regular Business on this agenda.)*

- a. Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, Specified Expenditures greater than \$10,000.
- b. Approval of minutes of the Board's June 11, 2026, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.
- c. Approval of appointment of the General Manager to the Capitol Area Council of Governments General Assembly.

Director Stansberry made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the financial reports, an invoice from Sledge Law, the meeting minutes and the CAPCOG appointment. Director Lucas seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

4. General Manager's Report.

- GM Update
Well Owner Spotlight presentation by Hank Miller on Residential Rainwater Harvesting.
- Communications and Outreach Update
Lilly Sachitano presented the communications and outreach update. She shared that we had garnered 300,000 views, and 7,000 likes, and a Facebook post with a million views. Lilly added that we had several events, Ground to the Gulf, Ukrainian Water Science and River Basin Planning Symposium.
- Aquifer Status Report
Justin Camp presented the Aquifer Status Report. In July, he reported the region experienced about 3.5 inches of rain, roughly 2 inches above the monthly average.

The 10-day average for Lovelady elevation is 458.1.

The 10-day average for Barton Springs Flow is 20 cfs.

The Trinity water levels showed some gains but like Edwards and Love Lady it's declining. Jacob's well is still reporting 0.00 CFS.

August monthly rain outlook predicts below normal chances.

5. Public Hearing

The Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing at its regular meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 1124 Regal Row, Austin, Texas, 78748. The Public Hearing concerns the District's proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. At the conclusion of this Public Hearing, the Board may approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

The Public Hearing began at 5:32 p.m. for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget with no public comments. The Public Hearing concluded at 5:34 p.m.

6. Discussion and Possible Action.

- a. Discussion, and possible action on proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

Director Stansberry made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Director Cradit seconded the motion, passing 5-0.

- b. Discussion and possible action related to the adoption of the FY 2027 Fee Schedule and annual water use fee for the City of Austin by Resolution #081326-01.
Director Stansberry made a motion to approve the FY 2027 Fee Schedule and annual water use fee for the City of Austin. Director Cradit seconded the motion, passing 5-0.
- c. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage.
Justin Camp discussed whether to move from Stage 3 to Stage 2 drought conditions. Concerns were raised that Lovelady is expected to decline again within the next few weeks, making a temporary move to Stage 2 impractical.
Staff also considered additional data from area wells, including those in Buda, along showed decline. Staff recommended, and the Board agreed, to remain in Stage 3.
- d. Discussion and possible action on the Mopac South Expansion Resolution #081326-01.
General Manager Charlie Flatten discussed the proposed MoPac South expansion and concerns that the CTRMA's environmental impact study methodology is insufficiently comprehensive.

Director Stansberry was made to approve Resolution 081326-01, with an amendment to include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the distribution and allow minor legal corrections. Director Lucas seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

- e. Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.
Jacob Newton presented the UDCP, updated through July. Tier 3, Creedmoor-Maha WSC over pumped by 83%. Tier 2, we have Aqua Texas Inc. (Bliss Pillar Edwards) over pumped by 7%. Tier 1, we had two permittees not in compliance, Texas Old Town over pumped by 163% and Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks over pumped by 29%.
- f. Discussion and possible action related to adopting an Order Calling the November 3, 2026 Election; approving Joint Election and Election Services Agreements with Travis, and Hays counties; and ordering other matters incident and related to such election.
General Manager discussed the Order calling for the November 3, 2026 election and to approve the service agreements with Travis and Hays. Director Stansberry initially made to approve the election order. Director Stansberry amended to include approval of the joint election and election services agreements with Travis and Hays Counties and to order all other matters incident and related to the election. Director Cradit seconded the motion, passing 5-0.
- g. Discussion and possible action related to Texas Land Application Permit No. WQ0016373001 for Hays Commons Development, Inc.
No action was made on this item.

- h. Discuss, consider, and possible action on reconsideration of Well Drilling Authorization Application submitted by William B. and Beverly Crenshaw.

The executive session began at 6:13 p.m. to discuss item h and i, Directors returned from the executive session at 6:46 p.m.

Director Lucas made a made a motion to reconsider the motion that was passed in May for the well drilling authorization of the Crenshaws. Director Stansberry seconded the motion and approved. Following the reconsideration, Director Lucas made a new motion to approve the well-drilling authorization for Crenshaw's with District Standard conditions. Director Williams seconded the motion, passing unanimously.

The Board clarified that the new authorization applies only to the drilling permit. It does not grant authorization to produce from the well; production will require a separate permit. Staff will follow up with the applicant to provide additional explanation regarding the distinction between drilling authorization and production authorization and to ensure the applicable requirements are understood.

- i. General Counsel's Report: The District's legal counsel will brief the Board on pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last Board meeting, and legal counsel's activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation waste injection well monitoring activities including any protests of injection well applications with the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), monitoring or protests of water rights, wastewater discharge, or other waste-related applications at the TCEQ that may impact groundwater resources in the District; District rules enforcement activities, possible amendments to the District rules and management plan, or implementation issues related to the rules or plan, the District rules or groundwater-related legislative activities, aquifer joint planning and DFC development activities, developments in groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs, contractual issues related to the District, open government, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District, threatened or pending claims or litigation against the District, and other legal activities on behalf of the District – Brian Sledge, Legal Counsel, Sledge Law Group, PLLC

7. Director Reports.

Directors may report on their involvement in activities and dialogue that are of likely interest to the Board, in one or more of the following topical areas:

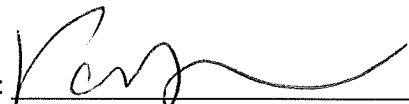
- Meetings and conferences attended or that will be attended;
- Board committee updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

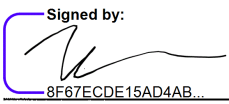
8. Adjournment.

President Puig-Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Please note: This agenda and available related documentation, if any, have been posted on the District website, www.bseacd.org. If you have a special interest in a particular item on this agenda and would like any additional documentation that may be developed for Board consideration, please let staff know at least 24 hours in advance of the Board Meeting so that we can have those copies made for you. The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please contact the District office at 512-282-8441 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

Approved by the Board on September 10, 2026.

By: 
Vanessa Puig-Williams, Board President

Signed by:

Attest: 
Christy Williams, Board Secretary