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Barton Springs
Edwards Aquifer
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, September 10, 2026	5:00 PM	IN-PERSON

Notice is given that a **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District will be held on **Thursday, September 10, 2026,** commencing at **5:00 p.m.** at **the District office, located at 1124 Regal Row, Austin, Texas.**

This meeting will be video and audio recorded and the 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 members present at commencement: Vanessa Puig-Williams, Lily Lucas, Blayne Stansberry, and Jon Cradit

Staff present: Charlie Flatten, Justin Camp, Lilly Sachitano, Erin Swanson, Bri Moore, Jacob Newton, 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 5:02 PM

2. **Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).**

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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 August 13, 2026, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.

Director Stansberry made a motion to approve the consent agenda, financial reports, and meeting minutes. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 4-0.

4. **General Manager's Report.**

- Presentation by LRE/Spheros on the Revised Draft: *Hydrogeological and Geochemical Study of the Lower Trinity Aquifer*
  Stephanie Wong from LRE/Spheros presented the *Hydrogeological and Geochemical Study of the Lower Trinity Aquifer.*
- GM Update
- Aquifer Status Report
  Justin Newton presented the drought update. He reported that August brought about four-tenths of an inch of rain.
  The 10-day average flow at Barton Springs is 16 cfs.

  The 10-day average water level at Lovelady is 457.1 cfs.

  The Trinity water levels continue to decline, and Jacob's well has been reporting zero flow since late August.

  September monthly rain outlook predicts equal chances for average rainfall across Central Texas.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action.**

a. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage.
   No action was made
b. 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 August. Tier 3, Creedmoor-Maha WSC over pumped by 110%, and City of Buda over pumped by 5%. Tier 2, we have 3 permittees over pumped, Aqua Texas Inc (7%), Marbridge Foundation

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(73%), and Hays Consolidated ISD (14%). All tier 1 permittees were in compliance for August 2026.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding extension of legal services agreement with SledgeLaw Group, PLLC.
Director Stansberry made a motion to approve the legal services agreement with SledgeLaw Group, PLLC. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 4-0.

d. Discussion and possible action related to the November 2026 General Election for Directors, including but not limited to adopting an order canceling the election for precincts 2 and 5, and declaring unopposed candidates elected.
The Board discussed the November 2026 General Election. It was noted that President Puig- Williams and Director Stansberry were the only candidates who filed to run for their respective precincts, and both candidates were unopposed.

Director Stansberry made a motion to approve the orders canceling the election on the basis that the candidates were unopposed and declaring the candidates elected. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 4-0.

The Board also discussed the amount of money saved by canceling the election.

e. Discussion and possible action related to Texas Land Application Permit No. WQ0016373001 and the Decision of the TCEQ Executive Director for Hays Commons Development, Inc.
No action was taken.

f. 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
President Puig-Williams called an executive session at 6:04 p.m.

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The executive session concluded at 8:11 p.m.

g. Discussion and possible action regarding the date of the upcoming Board meeting.
Director Stansberry moved to approve the October Board meeting to Friday, October 16, 2026 at noon. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 4-0.

h. Discussion and possible action related to authorizing the General Manager to publish proposed amendments to the District Rules and set a public hearing for their consideration
Director Stansberry made a motion to authorize the General Manager to publish the proposed amendments and set a public hearing for October 16 at 12:00 p.m. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 4-0.

i. Discussion and possible action on Resolution and Order Establishing Interim Procedures for Acceptance and Processing of Certain Permit Applications During Stage 3 Drought and Pending Completion of Rulemaking to Conform the District Rules to Laws Enacted by the 89th Texas Legislature and to Make Other Changes to the District's Regulations and Permitting System
Director Stansberry made a motion to approve the Resolution and Order No. 091026-01. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 4-0.

6. 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:

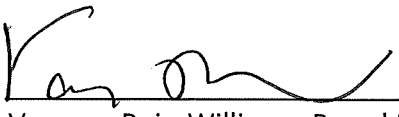
- Meetings and conferences attended or that will be attended;
- Board committee updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

7. Adjournment.
President Puig-Willams adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

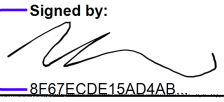
Please note: This agenda and available related documentation, if any, have been posted on the District website, www.bseacd.org. If you have a special interest in a particular item on this agenda and would like any additional documentation that may be developed for Board consideration, please let staff 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.

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Approved by the Board on October 16, 2026

By: 

Vanessa Puig-Williams, Board President

Attest: Signed by: 
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Christy Williams, Board Secretary