Barton Springs
Edwards Aquifer
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Friday, October 16, 2026	12:00 PM	IN-PERSON

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 **Friday, October 16, 2026,** commencing at **12:00 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 Public Hearing and 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. Christy Williams attended virtually.

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 hearing or 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. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to District Rules.

a. Call Public Hearing to Order and Roll Call.

President Puig-Williams called the regular meeting and public hearing on proposed amendments to the District Rules to order at 12:06 p.m, and announced that the heading was being recorded.

b. Presentations by the District's legal counsel on proposed amendments to the District Rules

District legal counsel Brian Sledge noted that notice of the proposed amendments and rulemaking hearing had been provided as required by Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and all applicable laws, and made a presentation outlining the key substantive amendments to the District Rules.

c. Receive public comments on proposed amendments to District Rules

President Puig-Williams announced that the Board would receive public comments on the proposed amendments to the rules, and noted that the District had also received written public comments. Several persons in attendance provided oral and written comments on the proposed rules amendments.

d. Discuss, consider, and possible action to adopt amendments to the District Rules in the form originally published or with changes based upon comments received.

Closed Session: At 12:37 p.m., President Puig-Williams announced that the Board would recess into a closed executive session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with the District's legal counsel regarding the proposed rule amendments and public comments received. President Puig-Williams stated that no final action would be taken in executive session and that the Board would reconvene in open session afterward.

Reconvene in Open Meeting: At 1:45 p.m., President Puig-Williams announced that the Board was reconvening in an open public meeting.

President Puig-Williams asked if anyone else present physically or online wanted to present public comment on the proposed rules. Hearing none, she announced that the public comment portion of the hearing was closed. President Puig-Williams asked the District's legal counsel to discuss final proposed substantive changes to the proposed rules amendments based on comments received based on the discussion in closed session. Mr. Sledge outlined several final changes he recommended the Board make to the rules amendments for final adoption.

Director Lucas makes a motion to pass resolution 101626-01 to adopt the proposed rule amendments with additional changes recommended by our legal counsel. Director Cradit seconded the motion, passing 5-0.

e. Adjourn or continue public hearing.

President Puig-Williams entertained a motion to adjourn the public hearing on proposed rule amendments. Director Stansberry made a motion. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 5-0. The public hearing was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

2. Board Meeting.

a. Call Board Meeting to Order

President Puig-Williams called the regular meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. and noted that a quorum of all directors was still present, with Director Williams attending virtually.

3. Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).

4. 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 September 10, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Director Lucas moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes and the financial reports, and invoice of Sledge Law. Director Cradit seconds the motion, passing 5-0.

5. General Manager's Report.

- GM Update
- Aquifer Status Report

Justin Camp presented the drought update. He reported that September brought about three-tenths of an inch of rain.
The 10-day average flow at Barton Springs is 15 cfs.

The 10-day average water level at Lovelady is 455.9 cfs.

The Trinity water levels is relatively stagnant, and Jacob's well has been reporting zero flow since late August.

October monthly rain outlook predicts above average rain chances for Central Texas.

6. Discussion and Possible Action.

a. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage.
No action was taken.

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 151%, and City of Buda over pumped by 29%. All Tier 2 Permittees were in compliance in September. Tier 1, Cook-Walden over pumped by 20%.

c. 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.

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.
No action was taken.

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 of Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 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 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 November 12, 2026

By: _____ Attest: _____

Vanessa Puig-Williams, Board President

Christy Williams, Board Secretary