



**Barton Springs
Edwards Aquifer**
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District to Hold Public Meetings on Upcoming Changes to Groundwater and Drought Management Rules

May 28, 2009 – The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District will hold two town hall meetings to receive input from District permittees, individual groundwater users, and the public on prospective changes to the District’s Rules dealing with management zones and drought management, especially during extreme drought conditions. These are information-exchange meetings only and are intended to provide input to future proposed rulemaking.

“Currently, we are in one of the worst droughts experienced in the history of the District. Aquifer water levels and spring flows may drop further as we enter the driest time of year, when the aquifer typically receives little replenishment and has its highest water use. We believe that the rule changes we will discuss at the public meetings are essential to being prepared for the dry times ahead. And we want to hear from our stakeholders about those needs,” noted Kirk Holland, General Manager of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District.

Two town hall meetings are scheduled; from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on

- 1) Tuesday, June 2, 2009, Sunset Valley City Hall, 3205 Jones Rd., Sunset Valley, Texas 78745;
- 2) Monday, June 8, 2009, City of Buda City Hall, 121 Main St., Buda, Texas 78610

These meetings are open to the public and members of the District’s Board of Directors will be present to receive inputs from all stakeholders on the changes in the Rules to respond to more extreme drought conditions. Summaries of the prospective changes and a markup of the language changes currently being considered are available on the District website at www.bseacd.org/rules. For more information about these meetings, please contact the District office at (512) 282-8441.

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