



**Barton Springs
Edwards Aquifer**
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Aquifer District Celebrates National Protect Your Groundwater Day

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) is celebrating National Protect Your Groundwater Day Tuesday by recognizing exemplary efforts of one of its permittees and by co-hosting a cleanup effort to improve the quality of water recharging the aquifer.

The District Board of Directors at its last meeting was pleased to name **Goforth Special Utility District (Goforth) as the Permittee of the Year**. This award highlights Goforth's efforts to conserve and protect the groundwater resources of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer. Both in and out of drought, Goforth has been proactive in securing alternative water supplies and developing a conservation plan as part of their future water supply strategies. Operationally, the water utility has an impressive record of promptly identifying and addressing line leaks and line breaks, resulting in minimal water loss. These measures, coupled with their efforts to communicate and provide conservation information to their end-users, helped keep per-capita water usage low and aquifer use down, providing some much needed pumping relief during the recent drought. . Goforth has proven to be a model permittee in many ways, and the District recognizes and commends their efforts as winners of the Permittee of the Year Award (*see attached photo*).

Additionally on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 9:30-noon, the District and the City of Sunset Valley will host a **Creek Cleanup along Williamson Creek** to improve the quality of water recharging the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer. Williamson Creek is one of six major urban creeks that cross the Recharge Zone of the Edwards Aquifer. Water enters the aquifer through caves, sinkholes, cracks, and fractures that are exposed within the creekbeds, accounting for up to 85% of the recharge entering the aquifer. The creek cleanup will help ensure that the water entering the aquifer is cleaner and free of debris. To participate in the cleanup or find more information, contact the District or visit www.bseacd.org/events/creek-cleanups/.