



**Barton Springs
Edwards Aquifer**
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Aquifer District Names John Dupnik Assistant General Manager

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is pleased to announce that John Dupnik, P.G., has been named Assistant General Manager. As Assistant General Manager, Mr. Dupnik will continue to lead the Regulatory Compliance Program as he becomes more involved in directing the day-to-day operations of the District.

Mr. Dupnik has served as the Senior Regulatory Compliance Specialist at the District for seven years. During that time, he has served on the City of Austin Environmental Board, the Region K Regional Water Planning Group, and numerous working groups related to water resource planning and coordination, water quality protection, groundwater management, and drought planning. He has helped develop the District's Well Construction Standards, Rules and Regulations, Management Plans, and Annual Reports. This December, he expects to receive his Masters degree from the Jackson School of Geosciences at the University of Texas, where his research thesis focused on effective groundwater management and planning strategies.

Before joining the District in 2005, his professional experience included 9 years in State government with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Water Quality Section and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations's Water Well Drillers Licensing Program, and also 1 year with a soil and groundwater sampling and testing company. He is a Texas licensed professional geoscientist. John graduated from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University-San Marcos) in 1995 with a B.S. in Environmental Studies and a minor in Geology.

"It is a great honor to serve as the District's Assistant General Manager, but that honor comes with great responsibility. Kirk Holland, the General Manager, is a great mentor and planner. I have a lot to learn, but I'm glad to be surrounded by a diligent, competent, talented, staff," noted Dupnik.

BSEACD is a groundwater conservation district charged by the Texas Legislature to preserve, conserve, and protect the aquifers and groundwater resources within its jurisdiction, which includes parts of three Central Texas counties. It is governed by a Board of five elected directors and staffed with hydrogeologists, groundwater regulatory compliance specialists, environmental educators, geospatial systems specialists, and administrative support personnel.

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