



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

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Tuesday, March 10, 2026

5:00 PM

IN-PERSON

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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 **Tuesday, March 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, Jon Cradit, and Christy Williams attended virtually

**Staff:** Erin Swanson, Justin Camp, Jacob Newton, Bri Moore, Shay Hlavaty, 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 p.m.

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

Victoria Rose from *Save Our Springs* raised concerns regarding the Mopac South Expansion being developed by CTRMA in coordination with TxDot. Ms. Rose explained that the project could add lanes across the Enfield Lane exit going all the way to Slaughter across the recharge zone. She requests that the District submit comments due to inadequate water-quality

mitigation, lack of cave-protection measures, and potential impacts to endangered species with the timeframe of May 3.

**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 February 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.  
*There were no questions or comments on the consent Agenda.*

*Director Stansberry moved to approve the Consent Agenda and minutes. Director Lucas seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.*

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

- a. GM Update
- b. Aquifer Status Report

*Justin Camp presented the Aquifer Status Report. In February, he reported the region experienced about ½ inch of rain, so falling short the monthly average.*

*The 10-day average for Lovelady elevation is 45.4.1. This is only .7 or 8.4 inches above the stage 4 emergency response threshold, which is currently flatlining.*

*The 10-day average for Barton Springs Flow is 12.6, which is 2.6 cfs over the ERP.*

*The Trinity water levels show a decline. Jacob's well has been reporting 0.00 CFS since last November.*

*March monthly rain outlook predicts equal chances for rainfall.*

**5. Discussion and Possible Action.**

- a. Approval of FY 2025 Audit.

*Director Stansberry moved to approve the FY 2025 audit. Director Credit seconded the motion, passing 5-0.*

- b. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage.  
*No action was made on this item.*

- c. 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 February. Tier 3, Creedmoor-Maha WSC over pumped by 146%, and Monarch Utilities over pumped by 56%. Tier 2, we have 4 permittees of Aqua Texas Inc over pumped (43%, 29%, 20%, 11%). All Tier 1 permittees were in compliance for February 2026.
- d. Discussion and possible action on FY2025 Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).  
Justin Camp reported on the HCP for FY 2025. He explained that Barton Springs remained in Stage III drought for nearly the entire fiscal year, and this extended period of low aquifer flow continued to influence the ecological conditions that the HCP monitors. Dissolved oxygen levels generally followed the flow trends but remained mostly above critical thresholds. Although, the modeled “take” estimates increased due to the prolonged drought, actual salamander monitoring by the City of Austin showed stable or increasing populations at Eliza Spring. Justin reviewed ongoing scientific work, including monitoring from multi-ports well and coordination with other collaborating agencies on climate-related research needs. Director Stansberry moved to approve the HCP. Director Cradit seconded the motion, passing 5-0.
- e. Announcement regarding Board President’s appointment of Mr. Flatten as the new coordinator for GMA-10.  
President Puig-Williams appointed General Manager Charlie Flatten as the new coordinator.
- f. Discussion and possible action regarding Desired Future Condition (DFC) proposals for the GMA-10 planning cycle.  
General Manager Charlie Flatten reported that the GMA10 planning cycle is nearing completion, with modeling work ongoing. The District expects to finalize its DFC proposal by May 1. No action was made on this item.
- g. Discussion and possible action on the District’s Professional Services Policy  
GM Charlie Flatten presented the revised Professional Services Policy recommended by legal counsel. The updated version aligns with state law and replaces a significantly longer and more complex previous version. Director Stansberry moved to approve the District’s Professional Services Policy. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 5-0.
- h. Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute and submit an application on behalf of the District for an FY2026 Texas Water Development Board Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grant requesting TWDB funding to support third-party groundwater modeling services for Phase II of the Trinity Aquifer Sustainability Model  
GM Charlie Flatten requested authorization to submit the TWDB grant. The proposed project would support Phase 2 of the Trinity Aquifer Sustainable Yield project. He introduced and recommended contracting with KT Groundwater Services, to provide more detailed groundwater analysis for long-term planning. The grant would cover all costs if awarded, which is expected to be decided in May. Director Stansberry moved to approve General Manager Charlie Flatten to execute and submit the TWDB Grant. Lucas seconded, passing 5-0.

- i. 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. [The contested hearing is scheduled for July 29– 31, and the final proposal for decision is expected on November 5. No action was made on this item.](#)
- j. 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

[The executive session began at 6:27 p.m. to discuss item F, I, and J under section 551.071 , Government Code, for consultation regarding attorney client matters.](#)

[At 7:49 p.m., Board President reconvened the meeting.](#)

## **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:

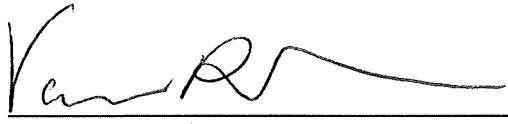
- Meetings and conferences attended or that will be attended;
- Board committee updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

## **7. Adjournment.**

[President Puig-Williams adjourned the board meeting at 7:50 p.m. Director Stansberry moved to adjourn, and Director Cradit seconded the motion. The motion passed 5–0.](#)

**Please note:** This agenda and available related documentation, if any, have been posted on the District website, [www.bseacd.org](http://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.

Approved by the Board on April 9, 2026

By:   
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Vanessa Puig-Williams, Board President

Attest:   
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Christy Williams, Board Secretary