



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

Thursday, April 9, 2026

5:00 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 **Thursday, April 9, 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. Christy Williams joined at 5:17 p.m.

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).**
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. Present Aquatic Science Adventure Camp Scholarships to recipients.
Shay Hlavaty presented the five winners of the Aquatic Science Adventure Camp Scholarships to recipients.
- b. Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, Specified Expenditures greater than \$10,000.
- c. Approval of minutes of the Board's March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting.
Director Stansberry moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes. Director Lucas seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

4. General Manager's Report.

- a. GM Update
- b. Communications and Outreach Update
Shay shared updates on recent media coverage addressing drought conditions, including features in the *Austin Chronicle*, KXAN, FOX 7, *Community Impact*, and KUT. She also highlighted the success of a well water testing and education event, as well as the "To Move Through Stone" art exhibit. Additionally, she promoted the upcoming Rainwater Harvesting Workshop scheduled for April 28, 2026.
- c. Aquifer Status Report
Justin Camp presented the drought update. He reported that March brought about a 1 inch in rain which falls short of the average 2.9 that March usually brings. In April so far, we've collected about an inch, and we expect typically 2.4 inches.

The 10-day average water level for Barton Springs is 15 CFS due to the rain.

For Lovelady, the 10-day average water level was reported 453.8 ft-msl, that's 4-5 inches above the stage for emergency response threshold.

The rain outlook predicts normal chance for average rainfall across Central Texas at between half inch to two inches.

5. Public Hearing

Will B Crenshaw and Beverly Crenshaw (3658 Stoneridge Rd, Austin, TX 78746), filed a well drilling authorization application on December 9, 2025, with the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (District) for a new nonexempt well. The well is proposed to be discreetly completed in the Middle Trinity Aquifer. Will B Crenshaw II and Beverley M Crenshaw will operate the proposed well for the irrigation needs of a residential property. A separate and subsequent application and permit will be required before this well may be operated. The proposed well is located in Travis County at 3658 Stoneridge Rd, Austin, TX 78746 (30°15'58.33"N, -97°48'58.48"W).

President Puig- Williams opened the Public Hearing at 5:51 p.m.

Jacob Newton presented the Will B Crenshaw II and Beverly M Crenshaw Well Drilling Authorization Application.

Executive Session began at 6:09 p.m. to discuss items 5 and 6a. No final action was made.

Executive session ended at 6:28 p.m. The board announced that, after consulting with legal counsel, the hearing would be continued to the next regular Board meeting on May 14, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Board members explained that the continuation would allow additional time for applicants to review options and for further discussion with staff regarding current conditions.

6. Discussion and Possible Action.

- a. Discussion and possible action related to a well drilling authorization application filed by Will B Crenshaw and Beverly Crenshaw (3658 Stoneridge Rd, Austin, TX 78746) for a new nonexempt well.
No action was taken as this time as it will be a continuation for the next Board meeting.
- b. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage.
No action was taken 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 March. Tier 3, Creedmoor-Maha WSC over pumped by 153%, and Monarch Utilities over pumped by 63%. Tier 2, we have five permittees of Aqua Texas Inc over pumped (65%, 45%, 37%, 28%, 8%) including Arroyo Doble Water System 18%, Marbridge Foundation 14%, St. Andrews School 14%. Tier 1 permittees Texas Old Town over pumped by 107% and Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks by 63%.
- d. Discussion and possible action related to Aqua Texas, Inc.'s non-response to February 2026 drought enforcement actions on Onion Creek Meadows, Shady Hollow Estates, Bliss Spillar (Middle Trinity), and the Bliss Spillar (Lower Trinity) systems for failure to reduce pumping during District declared drought.
Charlie Flatten updated the Board members that payment has been made, and a second payment was delayed due to being sent to an incorrect address. No action was taken.
- e. 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 State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) judge approved a site survey, which is scheduled to be conducted April 20-23, during which SOS will perform a Karst feature survey under specific court-ordered conditions, with the District staff participating and the effort intended to identify recharge features.
- f. 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

President Puig-Williams called an executive session at 6:47 p.m. to discuss 6e and 6f. No final action or decision was made in executive session.

Directors returned from executive session at 7:56 p.m.

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.

President Puig-Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:58 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 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 May 14, 2026

By: 
Vanessa Puig-Williams, Board President

Signed by: 
Attest: 
Christy Williams, Board Secretary