

Agenda Back-Up for the  
Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer  
Conservation District  
Board of Directors

Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2026

5:00 P.M.



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

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**Thursday, January 8, 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 **Thursday, January 8, 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**

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.**
- 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. 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 December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting.**
- 4. General Manager's Report.**

- a. GM Update
- b. Aquifer Status Report

**5. Discussion and Possible Action.**

- a. Approval of FY 2025 Audit.
- b. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage.
- c. Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.
- d. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 010826-01 replacing Dr. Loftus with Mr. Flatten as the TexPool Authorized Representative.
- 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.
- 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

**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.**

**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.

## **Item 1**

### **Call to Order**

## **Item 2**

### **Citizen Communications**

## Item 3

### Consent Agenda

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## Item 4

### General Manager's Report

- a. GM Update
- b. Aquifer Status Report

# Summary of Team Activities in November – December 2025

## Aquifer Science

### November-December Activities

- BS Multiport slug tests (permeability testing).
- Technical evaluations for GMA 10 2026 DFC planning cycle.
- Technical evaluations for Trinity Sustainable Yield policy development.
- FY25 HCP/ITP document edits.
- Garrison monitor well dissolved oxygen profile.
- Abandoned well risk assessment: Construction and analysis of the O and C factors of the Slovene approach are nearing completion. Dealing with complex and large datasets has slowed project progress, due to longer processing times and more room for errors to occur during data manipulation.
- Climate data API: A Python-based model has been created to provide streamlined access to PRISM climate data. This model is deployed as an application programming interface (API). The custom tool features a defined workflow designed to automate the entire data processing pipeline from initial request to final output. Currently the tool is operational for downloading and processing precipitation data at a monthly or daily resolution.
- Middle Trinity assessment: In collaboration with Collier Consulting, a Middle Trinity project is underway to assess and map the distribution of pumping within the Middle Trinity Aquifer.

### On Deck:

- Technical evaluations for GMA 10 2026 DFC planning cycle.
- Technical evaluations for Trinity Sustainable Yield policy development.
- Monitor well & Multiport quarterly visits
- Barton Springs manual flow measurements
- FY25 HCP/ITP draft to MAC members
- Milestone draft aquifer test evaluation
- Abandoned well risk assessment: Due to the complexity of processing and analyzing data using the Slovene approach, a modified Karst Aquifer Vulnerability Assessment (KAVA) Index will be used to generate initial results and deliverables.
- Climate Data API: The current iteration of the program is being prepared for an official launch through the District's new GitHub data repository.
- Middle Trinity Assessment: Creation of an integrative dataset of pumping production, which will be used to enhance the functionality and predictive capability of the Trinity Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) developed by Collier.

## Regulatory Compliance

### December Activities:

- Staff continued to process new applications, assist permittees with drought compliance, and assess DMF's and additional penalties to eligible overpumpers.
- Staff continued to review and process UDCP update submissions from permittees.
- Staff continued to work with LRE on the completion of database development.
- Completed relevant sections of both the FY26 Annual Report and HCP Annual Report.
- Staff held several pre-enforcement meetings with permittees that overpumped targets for the months of December.
- Completing investigation reports and penalty recommendation memos for several enforcement cases.

### On Deck

- Review of Hays Commons capacity pump test applications and Minor Amendment applications for planned rehabilitation efforts.

## Communications and Outreach

### December Activities:

- Began communications preparation for potential Stage 4 Emergency Response Period declaration.
- Initiated planning for collaborative rainwater harvesting event with HTGCD and SWTCGCD.
- Started conversations on Annual Well Water Checkup for spring 2026 with HTGCD, SWTCGCD, and Texas Well Owner Network
- Published and promoted Well Owner Spotlight on the City of Buda.

### On Deck

- Complete and publish article on Water Quality Protection Lands in partnership with the Austin Water Wildlands Conservation Division.
- Continue planning rainwater harvesting event and Annual Well Water Checkup.
- Build out events and communications for potential Stage 4 Emergency Response Period declaration.

## Administration

### December Activities:

- Onboarding will continue and includes banking signatory transfers, administrative systems training, HR requirements, and miscellaneous other details.
- Ensuring we have all the necessary paperwork for the transition of our new health care provider TX Health Benefits Pool for Jan. 1.
- Working with Patrick Hall to prepare for the upcoming *FY 2025 Financial Audit*
- Coordinated team building exercise for December 17, 2025, at Natural Bridge Caverns.
- Coordinated team building exercise for December 9, 2025, facilities improvements (garden bed refurb and motor-pool shed cleanup).
- The Administrative team handles a variety of recurring tasks, including generating invoices, processing payments, paying bills, and managing meter readings.

### On Deck:

- Transition to TX Health Benefits Pool on Jan. 1.
- Coordinate with staff and counsel to formulate a viable permittee and public engagement plan in preparation for potential *Emergency Response Period* declaration.

## Executive Outreach & Education (Charlie)

### December Activities:

- Continues to meet with elected and administrative leadership at Hays and Travis Counties; Cities of Austin, Buda, Kyle, and San Marcos; and statewide water agency administrators, and State Representatives.
- Met with Travis County Hydrogeologist to discuss past and future collaboration.
- Met with a Jackson School professor to discuss future collaboration.
- Met with Texas Disposal Systems to begin *Saline Edwards Desal Pilot* planning.
- Attended Tri-County GW Executive meeting to discuss *State of the Trinity*.
- Attended the Meadows Center for Water & the Environment *Fair Share* seminar.
- Met with Hays County Commissioner's Court candidate to educate on *Groundwater Management in Hays Co.*
- Met with staff program managers to update status reports and strategize future projects.

### On Deck:

- Meet with Travis County Environmental Director about future collaboration.
- Regional Water Quality Protection Plan (Barton/Onion Creek Watershed) meeting.
- TAGD Business Meeting

- TGWA Summit
- SwTCGCD Board meeting

### **Joint Groundwater, Regional Water, and Flood Planning (*Charlie & Jeff*)**

#### **December Activities:**

- Region 11 (Guadalupe/Blanco River Basins) Flood Planning Group meeting
- Region 10 (Lower Colorado River Basin) Flood Planning Group meeting
- GMA 10 (Edwards/Trinity Aquifer (BFZ)) meeting
- GMA 9 (Hill Country Trinity Aquifer) meeting

#### **On Deck:**

- These meetings are regularly spaced throughout the year and are attended either remotely or in person.

# **Status Report Update**

## **January 8, 2026 Board Meeting**

### **Summary of Significant Activities – Prepared by Staff Leads**

#### **Upcoming Dates of Interest**

- [Texas Association of Groundwater Districts Business Meeting](#) (members only) – January 20-21, San Marcos
- [Texas Groundwater Association Summit](#) (drillers mostly) – January 27-29
- Stage 4 Emergency Response Period Presentation for District Permittees – February 3, 10am
- [Water in the Desert](#) – February 11-13, Alpine, Texas
- [Geological Society of America's Triple Joint Southeastern, North-Central, and South-Central Annual Section Meeting](#) – March 8-11, Memphis, Tennessee
- [Texas Water Association Annual Convention](#) – March 11-13, Fort Worth, Texas
- [Texas Water 2026](#) – April 27-30, San Antonio, Texas

## DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

### Drought Status and Water-Level Monitoring (*Justin*)

December is shaping up as a mild, dry month, continuing the warm trend of above-normal temperatures and minimal rainfall to close out the year. Rainfall in the Austin-Hill Country region recorded an average of .53 inches between Camp Mabry and ABIA – about 2.1 inches below the historical monthly average.

Looking at January, averages about 2.7 inches of rainfall. However, with current La Nina conditions, climatologists are predicting a warmer and drier winter – pointing towards a continued trend of below-average rainfall through the end of the year and into early 2026.

As of December 23, the 10-day average flow at Barton Springs is about 13.8 cubic feet per second (cfs). The next manual measurement is scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup>.

As of December 23, the 10-day average water level at the Lovelady well is 454.8 feet above mean sea level (ft-msl). This is just 1.4 feet above the Stage 4 Emergency Response level.

The Lowe-Coronado Middle Trinity monitor well continues to show a steep decline in groundwater levels, reaching new lows. This downward trend mirrors conditions across the region, including in the overlying Upper Trinity Aquifer.

As of December 23, the 10-day average flow at Jacob's Well Spring (JWS) is just 0.00 cubic feet per second (cfs). The Blanco River at Wimberley is maintaining flows between 6-8 cfs.

## DISTRICT PROJECTS

### GMA Joint Planning

➤ ***GMA 9 Monitoring and Technical Advising***

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer has resumed its interaction and collaboration with GMA 9 as a non-voting member to reestablish connections with that up-dip Hill Country Trinity Aquifer Joint Planning Group. The next meeting will be January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cow Creek GCD offices in Boerne. GMA 9 has hired AGS (James Beach's group) as the prime consultant to run current numbers in the old Hill Country Trinity GAM Model to test DFC scenarios for the upcoming Explanatory Report and designation of the new Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) numbers by the TWDB.

➤ ***GMA 10 Coordination***

The next GMA 10 meeting will be held on January 5. Draft model files for the new Southern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model (STGAM) have been made available. District staff is working closely with Collier Consulting Inc. –the consultant hired to assist GMA 10 with DFC planning and exploratory report— to coordinate activities for the upcoming 2026 DFC planning cycle, including planning predictive model scenarios using the new STGAM.

### Trinity Aquifer Sustainable Yield Study & Planning

➤ ***Policy Concepts, Research Needs, and Advisory Workgroup Activity (Jeff and Bri)***

The Trinity Sustainable Yield Committee met on September 22, 2025 to discuss next steps for Trinity Sustainable Yield (TSY) science and policy development. Staff continue to work with District counsel to develop a draft TSY policy framework.

### ***Technical Evaluations (Jeff)***

Aquifer Science staff continue to collect and analyze hydrogeologic data to advance the state of the best available science of the Trinity Aquifers. This increased understanding will provide a robust scientific framework to guide Trinity Sustainable Yield policymaking efforts, a major priority for the District. We continue to maintain and expand the District's monitoring well network, and are closely monitoring impacts from the present drought on aquifer levels in both the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers. Aquifer science staff is currently focused on evaluating the new TWDB STGAM model and collaborating in the GMA 10 DFC planning process, which is underway. As part of this process, we are evaluating options for updating the District's Trinity DFC statement, which is important implications for Trinity Aquifer management.

### ***Habitat Conservation Plan (Staff)***

➤ ***FY 2025 HCP/ITP coordination began in late September.***

Staff have begun editing the FY2025 HCP document for draft form to be sent to the Management Advisory Committee (MAC) in early January 2026 for their comments. A meeting between staff and MAC members (12-14 members) will be set for early February 2026.

### ***Database Management System – LRE Water (Jacob)***

LRE Water has presented us with a next work plan to continue work on a few items that have emerged over the last year but were not part of Phase 2. Updates to the transducer data upload tool have also been made, and staff can confirm that it is now operational. Updates to the pumpage report have also

been made, including columns for coordinates and options for pumpage data to be pulled by well and by permit. Integrating our geocontacts into our wells layer and developing the permittee portal will be the next priority to complete in Phase 2.

#### **Climate Data API (*Bri*)**

A Python-based model has been created to provide streamlined access to PRISM climate data. This model is deployed as an application programming interface (API). An API acts as a standardized gateway that enables different software applications to communicate and exchange data. The interface allows users to request specific data from a server without needing to understand or engage with the underlying computational complexity of the server's internal systems.

The custom tool features a defined workflow designed to automate the entire data processing pipeline from initial request to final output. Currently the tool is operational for downloading and processing precipitation data at a monthly or daily resolution. Precipitation was chosen as the first API implementation for two purposes: 1) long-term, continuous precipitation data is available for a direct comparison with PRISM data, and 2) because it is critical for quantifying recharge into groundwater systems and assessing the long-term impacts of climatologic drought on groundwater storage, water levels, and spring flow.

#### **Abandoned Well Risk Assessment (*Bri*)**

Due to the complexity of processing and analyzing data using the Slovene approach, a modified Karst Aquifer Vulnerability Assessment (KAVA) Index will be used to generate initial results and deliverables. KAVA is a simpler modeling approach that was specifically designed to assess karst aquifers in urban environments. The goal is to document an official abandoned well assistance program for the 2026 Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

#### **Trinity Sustainable Yield: Middle Trinity Pumping Assessment (*Bri*)**

In collaboration with Collier Consulting, a Middle Trinity project is underway to assess and map the distribution of pumping within the Middle Trinity Aquifer. The primary objective is to create an integrative dataset of pumping production, which will be used to enhance the functionality and predictive capability of the Southern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) developed by the Texas Water Development Board.

#### **ILA Commitments (*Justin*)**

The District has an ILA with COA to coordinate studies for the respective HCPs such as scientific feasibility studies and monitoring evaluations; to collaborate on the planning of future Kent Butler Summits; and to exchange technical information regularly on an annual basis. An annual technical meeting is held between the District and COA in November each year to discuss each organization's activities related to their respective HCPs. This meeting was held on November 20, 2025.

#### **Region K Water Planning Activities**

The Region K LCRWPG (Lower Colorado basin) met and adopted the final 2026 Region K Water Plan. The finalized plan has been delivered to and accepted by TWDB. An anticipated timeline for the 2031 planning cycle was presented. Charlie assumes GMA-10 representation duties. The purpose of this interaction is to protect and maintain all of the GMA-10 member Districts' water supply interests in the basin. The next meeting is 10am on January 16 at the LCRA Montopolis location.

### **Region L Water Planning Activities**

The Region L STRWPG (Blanco/Guadalupe basin) met and adopted the final 2026 Region L Water Plan. The finalized plan has been delivered to and accepted by TWDB. An anticipated timeline of the 2031 planning cycle was presented. Charlie represents environmental interests. The purpose of this interaction is to protect and maintain the District's groundwater supply interests in the basin. The next meeting is 9:30am on February 5 at the San Antonio River Authority headquarters.

### **Region 11 Flood Planning Activities**

Charlie represents the Guadalupe/Blanco basin (Region 11) as a voting member representing Water Districts. The purpose of this interaction is to secure flood mitigation practices that enhance aquifer recharge. The next meeting is 2pm on January 13 at the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority headquarters in Seguin.

### **New Maps, Publications, or Reports**

A list of recent publications can be found at: <https://bseacd.org/scientific-reports/>

## **RULEMAKING, PERMITTING, AND ENFORCEMENT**

### **(*Erin, Jacob, Charlie, District Counsel, and Rules and Enforcement Committee*)**

#### **Rulemaking and Enforcement (*Erin*)**

- Last updates to the rules were approved and adopted by the Board at the August 14, 2025, regular meeting of the Board. These changes were related to drought stage communications and stage nomenclature.

#### **Drought (*Erin*)**

- Will continue working with permittees to ensure compliance with their Agreed Orders.
- Will continue monthly pumpage analysis to determine all permittees' compliance status of drought curtailments.
- Will continue to assist permittees in ensuring they successfully comply with their UDCPs and Stage 3 Exceptional drought curtailments for the month of January.
- Will continue helping permittees successfully update their user drought documents.
- Will continue meeting with staff and counsel to formulate a viable permittee and public engagement plan in preparation for potential Emergency Response Period declaration.

#### **Enforcement and Compliance Matters (*Erin*)**

<b>Compliance/Enforcement</b>			
<b>Permittee or Entity Name</b>	<b>Aquifer</b>	<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Aqua Texas, Inc. – Bear Creek Park	Edwards	PWS	Agreed Order Executed.
Aqua Texas, Inc. – Bliss Spillar (Edwards)	Edwards	PWS	Agreed Order Executed.
Aqua Texas, Inc. – Bliss Spillar (Lower Trinity)	Lower Trinity	PWS	No agreed order: penalty assessed and paid.
Creedmoor-MAHA	Edwards	PWS	Agreed Order Executed.
Monarch Utilities, Inc.	Edwards	PWS	Agreed Order Executed.
Tindol Restaurant Group, LLC	Middle Trinity	Commercial	Agreed Order Executed.
Aqua Texas, Inc. – Sierra West	Middle Trinity	PWS	Agreed Order Executed.
Seiders, Roy	Middle Trinity	Irrigation	Agreed Order Executed.
Ruby Ranch Water Supply Corporation	Edwards	PWS	Agreed Order Executed; working to fulfill the final technical requirements.
Texas Old Town	Upper Trinity	Irrigation	No agreed order: penalty assessed and paid.
Aqua Texas, Inc. - Onion Creek Meadows	Edwards	PWS	No Agreed Order; penalty assessed and paid.
Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks	Edwards	Commercial	No agreed order: penalty assessed and paid.

### Permitting Activity (*Erin, Jacob*)

<b>Upcoming</b>					
<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Aquifer</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Volume Request (GPY)</b>
2 – Stansberry	Plugging	Edwards	TBD – In contact with Glass Well	Abandon	0 - Plugging
2 – Stansberry	WDA/Production	Middle Trinity	Bryan Boyd is consultant	Commercial – Medical Clinic	TBD
2- Stansberry	WDA	Middle Trinity	Creedmoor-Maha, WSC	Monitoring	0 – Monitor Well
2- Stansberry	WDA	Middle Trinity	Creedmoor-Maha, WSC	Aquifer Testing	TBD
<b>In Review</b>					
<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Aquifer</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Volume Request (GPY)</b>
1- Cradit	Aquifer Testing (Pump Test Only for Wells 2 and 3)	Lower Trinity	Hays Commons Land Investments, LP	PWS	TBD
1 – Cradit	Minor Amendment – Substantial Alteration of a Well (Wells 2 and 3)	Lower Trinity	Hays Commons Land Investments, LP	PWS	
5 – Puig-Williams	WDA	Middle Trinity	Will B and Beverley M Crenshaw	Irrigation	< 2 Million
1 - Cradit	LPP	Edwards	Braden, Robert	Domestic	250,000
1 - Cradit	Plugging	Edwards	Braden, Robert	Collapsed	0 - Plugging
1- Cradit	Exempt	Trinity	Sola, LLC	Domestic	7GPM
1 - Cradit	Plugging (2)	Edwards	Liberty Civil Construction	Abandoned	0 - Plugging
<b>Recently Approved and/or Admin Complete</b>					
<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Aquifer</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Volume Request (GPY)</b>
2 – Stansberry	Plugging	Edwards	Matthew Goebler	Abandon	0 - Plugging

## AQUIFER STUDIES

*(Jeff and Justin)*

### **Permitting Hydrogeologic Studies:**

AS staff continues to work with Regulatory Compliance on permitting issues as they arise, including provided geologic interpretation of geophysical logs prior to final well completion to ensure that new wells are completed accurately within the target water-bearing interval. AS staff continued to work closely with Jacob Newton and LRE water to ensure that the District's monitoring well data is fully migrated onto the new database. AS also worked with Jacob to develop a new public-facing interactive map which will allow the public to view and download all water level data collected by the District. This map has been published and is now available on the District website.

### **Groundwater Studies: *Dye Tracing, Water Quality, Aquifer Characterizations***

- Technical evaluations to inform upcoming GMA 10 DFC planning cycle and establishment of new Trinity DFCs.
- Hydrogeologic evaluations for Trinity Sustainable Yield policy framework development.
- Barton Springs multiport well study
  - Slug test aquifer permeability data collection July-August 2025
- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) sampling – collecting water level, water quality and chemistry from select wells with funding provided by TWDB.
- Aquifer Test plans – evaluating submitted plans, designing monitor well networks, and data collection for analysis.
- AS staff are working with the GM on design updates to the drought resources presented in regular monthly board meetings to improve communication on drought impacts.

### **Field Activities:**

- Aquifer Science staff performed dissolved oxygen profiling of the Garrison Park monitoring well in December 2025.
- Barton Springs multiport well water quality measurements, rain-event data collection and slug testing.
- Cooperating with USGS and City of Austin staff to confirm accurate real-time gauge reporting at Barton Springs and Lovelady. Conducting bi-weekly to monthly field measurements.
- Cooperating with USGS staff to confirm accurate real-time gauge reporting at Jacob's Well and the Blanco River at Wimberley.
- Calibrating telemetry monitoring equipment at the Needmore index well (Amos) and reviewing pumping and water-level data as drought worsens.
- Antioch- Continuing to maintain the system and to collect data on flow into the vault (when there is flow). A recent visit to Antioch Cave to assess operating components and electronics indicated the need to recondition most electrical systems.
- Well monitoring- Because of drought, staff are increasing the amount of time maintaining equipment in numerous monitor wells and downloading and interpreting data; and occasionally checking on wells that have been reported as "dry".

**Trinity Aquifer Modeling Development:**

Aquifer science continue to evaluate the draft Southern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model files, released by the TWDB in late July. This model will likely be used by the TWDB to calculate modeled available groundwater (MAG) for the Trinity aquifer in GMA 10. Thus, understanding how the model simulates water levels under different pumping scenarios will be critical in the upcoming 2026 DFC planning cycle. The District's in-house model: the Trinity Aquifer Sustainability model (TAS) was completed in 2023 and is being used to guide Trinity Sustainable Yield policymaking and Trinity DFC planning.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH**

*(Shay)*

### **Drought Communications**

- [November Drought Update](#) – BSEACD, 12.10.25
- Drought-related social media posts - *These were shared on Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn.*
  - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BoyBX6YAS/>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/186yiUDfx8/>
- Stage 4 Emergency Response Period (ERP)
  - Shay Hlavaty has begun working on resources in case the District declares Stage 4 ERP in early 2026. She has a draft press release, FAQs, and is collaborating with staff to coordinate events for permittees and the general public.

### **Outreach**

- [Well Owner Spotlight – The City of Buda](#)
  - Shay Hlavaty interviewed Blake Neffendorf, Director of Public Works at the City of Buda, about the city's water conservation practices. In the resulting article, Shay highlights their aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) system, smart meters, and additional water conservation efforts throughout the community. The article was published in the bi-monthly newsletter, on the District website, and across social media outlets. Shay will present the article at an upcoming board meeting for the Directors and general public.
- Rainwater Harvesting Event Planning
  - Shay Hlavaty met with Lane Cockrell from Southwestern Travis Country Groundwater Conservation District (SWTCGCD) and Laura Thomas from Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) to start planning a collaborative rainwater harvesting event for the springs of 2026.
- Well Water Checkup
  - Shay Hlavaty is in the early stages of planning the 2026 Well Water Checkup with HTGCD, SWTCGCD, and Texas Well Owner Network.

### **Digital Communications Data**

<b>Social Media Data</b>				
<b>Platform</b>	<b>November Reach</b>	<b>% MOM Growth: November vs. October</b>	<b>Followers</b>	<b>% MOM Growth: December vs. November</b>
Facebook	5,231	-17%	3,458	0%
Instagram	972	-39%	1,993	1%
X	507	21%	834	-1%
LinkedIn	1,341	-10%	579	1%

Mass Email Data	# Sent	# Opened	Open Rate	# Clicks	Click Rate %
November and December Newsletter + BSEACD Drought Update	2,350	1,007	43%	79	8%

Website Data	Avg. Engagement Time/User	Views	Event Count	Most Visited Page	Top Landing Page
November 2025	12s	7,200	19,795	<a href="#">Aquifer Research</a>	<a href="#">Aquifer Research</a>
December 2025	10d	6,210	17,732	<a href="#">Aquifer Research</a>	<a href="#">Aquifer Research</a>

## **ADMINISTRATION**

*(Charlie, Alyssa, and Tina Cooper/AAG)*

We start our new health care benefits with TX Health Benefits Pool on January 1.

The District Finalized the *FY 2025 Annual Report* at the December Board Meeting. We are anticipating completion of the *FY 2025 Financial Audit* for board approval by the January 8 Board meeting.

All fiduciary and signatory responsibilities have been transferred from Dr. Loftus to Mr. Flatten except for the TexPool Retirement which will be formalized in an Interlocal Agreement at the January 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

*The Administration Team typically has repetitive monthly tasks e.g. monthly bank reconciliations, monthly adjusting journal entries, accounts payable, payroll, contract/grant/project tracking, office maintenance and repairs, budget monitoring, bi-weekly payroll journal updates, directors' compensation, pre-paids, DMFs, posting public meetings, preparing meeting backups, etc. These types of tasks are not listed in this report because they are repetitive. Administration status reports are generally more summarized than the other teams, as we list our extraordinary tasks outside of our routine tasks, while supporting all other teams.*

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

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## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

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

## Item 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
- Issues or problems of concern

## Item 7

### Adjournment