

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

Public Hearing and
Regular Meeting
October 16, 2026

12:00 P.M.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING of the BARTON SPRINGS-EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday, October 16, 2026

12:00 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 **Friday, October 16, 2026**, commencing at **12:00 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 Public Hearing and 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 hearing or 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. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to District Rules.

- a. Call Public Hearing to Order and Roll Call.
- b. Presentations by the District's legal counsel on proposed amendments to the District Rules
- c. Receive public comments on proposed amendments to District Rules
- d. Discuss, consider, and possible action to adopt amendments to the District Rules in the form originally published or with changes based upon comments received.

- e. Adjourn or continue public hearing.
- 2. Board Meeting.**
 - a. Call Board Meeting to Order
- 3. Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).**
- 4. 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 September 10, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- 5. General Manager's Report.**
 - GM Update
 - Aquifer Status Report
- 6. Discussion and Possible Action.**
 - a. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage.
 - b. Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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

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 of Board Meeting.

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 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

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The proposed amendments to the District Rules are 227 pages long and may be viewed on the District's website.

Item 2

Board Meeting

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Item 3

Citizen Communications

Item 4

Consent Agenda

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Item 5

General Manager's Report

- a. GM Update
- b. Aquifer Status Report

Summary of Team Activities in October – November 2026

Aquifer Science

September-October Activities

- TAGD Summit
- Texas Desal Conference
- Production kickoff for ~\$300,000 TWDB Grant for completion of Trinity Aquifer Sustainability (TAS) Model
- Creedmoor draft aquifer test evaluation
- Centex – Buda Quarry draft aquifer test evaluation
- Texas Disposal Systems pilot desal well drilling and pumping test
- Barton Springs manual flow measurements
- Package & send all data to KT Groundwater for TAS model
- Completion of the resource vulnerability analysis for the abandoned well risk assessment and review of initial results
Delivery of Final *Hydrogeological & Geochemical Study of the Lower Trinity Aquifer* report by LRE.
- The GMA 10 DFC Joint Planning group has voted to ratify the upcoming 5-year cycle's DFC
- Completion of the Aquifer Test Compilation Report Update

On Deck:

- Centex aquifer test
- Annual Report
- Barton Springs University
- Garrison DO study
- Coleman's Canyon Multiport slug testing (permeability testing)
- Antioch sliver property easement
- Investigation into modifying the precipitation assessment framework as modeled by the Slovene Approach for the abandoned well risk assessment
- Evaluation of the karst network for the Edwards Aquifer and the source vulnerability for the abandoned well risk assessment
- Completion of documenting, packaging, and integrating the PRISM API into GIS and the District's GitHub repository

Regulatory Compliance

September-October Activities

- Staff continued to process applications, assist permittees with drought compliance, and assess DMF's and additional penalties to eligible over-pumpers.
- Staff continued to work with LRE on the completion of database development.
- Staff initiated pre-enforcement with permittees that overpumped targets for the month of September.
- Began coordinating with WetRock's Andrew Worsley about aquifer testing plans for the LT well located at the Lost Lakes RV Park that will support the hydrogeological report in the future production permit application.
- Continued coordination with WetRock and Creedmoor to address staff recommended revisions to their aquifer testing plans for their newly drilled Middle Trinity well.
- Continued coordination with Bryan Bod of BBA Consulting to address staff recommended revisions to their aquifer testing plans for the Lower Trinity wells in support of their future production permit application.
- Staff finalizing edits to both the HCP and Management Plan annual reports.

- Staff completed review of annual overpumpage; overpumpage fees have been assessed and no enforcement action required.

On Deck

- Staff assessing current application fees for need of adjustment.
- Coordinating next steps in case that the proposed rule changes are adopted by the Board on October 16, 2026.

Communications & Outreach

September-October Activities

- [Update on Lower Trinity study presented at Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District](#) Hays Free Press
- Staff attended the GMA 9 Meeting.
- Staff attended the Hill Country Alliance Annual Leadership Summit.

On Deck

- Staff will participate in Barton Springs University hosted by Save Our Springs.
- Staff will participate in the Roots and Wings Festival hosted by South Austin Creek Alliance.
- Staff will participate in Buda Arbor Day hosted by the City of Buda.
- Staff will attend the EAA's 30th anniversary summit.

Administration

September-October Activities

- The District is continuing the banking transition
- 2027 November elections cancelled
- Created the *FY 2026 HCP* for review to distribute it to the team for completion.
- Working on standard operating procedures
- The Administrative team handles a variety of recurring tasks, including generating invoices, processing payments, paying bills, and managing meter readings.

On Deck

- Meeting with Account Executive for next year's TX Health Benefits Pool for updates and health care specifics

Executive Outreach & Education (Charlie)

September-October Activities

- Attended Region K Water Planning Group meeting
- Attended Region 10 Flood Planning Group meeting
- Met with TWDB for Science Grant kick-off
- Attended GMA-10
- Attended Texas Desal Summit
- Attended HCA Leadership Summit
- Represented District at the Inter-District Executive meeting
- Met with AGS to discuss regional GW business
- Attended GMA-9
- Attended Region 11 Flood Planning Group Executive meeting
- Attended TWA Fall Conference
- Attended Southwest Travis Co GCD Board Meeting

On Deck:

- Barton Springs University tabling and presentation
- Representative Zwiener's Data Center Task Force meeting

- [Titan Talks: Big Ideas, Texas-Sized Science -- Hill Country Aquifers and Springs: Our Shared Resources](#)
Presentation at the Texas State Historical Museum
- Regional Water Quality Protection Program

Status Report Update

October 16, 2026 Board Meeting

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- [Barton Springs University](#) (High School Students) October 27 9:30-1:30
- [Texas Groundwater Invertebrate Forum](#) November 6, 9-4, Texas A&M San Antonio

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

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

Rainfall Recap

September was exceptionally dry across Central Texas. Camp Mabry recorded just 0.47 inches of rain, while Austin – Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) received only 0.08 inches. Averaged between the two stations, September rainfall totaled approximately 0.3 inches – about 2.4 inches below the long-term monthly average and ranking as the [14th driest September on record](#) (Figure 1).

Through September 2026, the region has received approximately 23.8 inches of rainfall, or about 66% of the historical annual average of 36 inches. This puts 2026 on a rainfall trajectory similar to the previous two years, continuing the pattern of below-average annual rainfall experienced across the region.

October – typically the region’s second wettest month – is off to a promising start. During the first few days of the month, approximately 1.9 inches of rainfall has already been recorded, nearly half of October’s historical average of 3.9 inches. Despite the welcome rainfall, its effects on aquifer conditions after two very dry months have so far been limited.

Barton Springs Flow

As of October 8, the 10-day average [discharge at Barton Springs](#) is 15 cubic feet per second (cfs) (Figure 2). Following the very dry August and September, spring flow has continued to decline. Much of the early-October rainfall was absorbed by dry soils, resulting in limited runoff and recharge to the aquifer.

Lovelady Monitor Well

As of October 8, the 10-day average [water level at the Lovelady Monitor Well](#) is 456.2 feet above mean sea level (ft-msl), placing the District within the Stage 3 Exceptional Drought threshold (Figure 3). Similar to the conditions observed at Barton Springs, the early-October rains provided little benefit to Lovelady’s continued downward trend.

Trinity Aquifer

Groundwater levels in the Trinity Aquifer also showed little to no improvement following the recent rainfall, most of which was concentrated in the western portion of the Hill Country. The Lowe-Coronado Middle Trinity monitor well continued its steady decline since late July (Figure 4), with similar downward trends observed in the Upper Trinity Aquifer.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

Groundwater Management Area 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. GMA 9 has used the old GAM for GMA planning purposes, and all previous DFCs will remain the same. The next meeting will be TBD at the Cow Creek GCD offices in Boerne.

➤ ***GMA 10 Coordination***

The GMA 10 DFC planning group met on April 27th to recommend proposed DFCs using the new Southern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) based on new pumping projections and drought/recharge scenarios. The GMA-10 members' updated Trinity Proposed DFC statements will impact policy development for the management of the Trinity Aquifer. The GMA representatives voted for the new Edwards and Trinity Aquifer DFC Proposals for TWDB review at the September 21 meeting and will begin the Explanatory Report. The next GMA-10 meeting will be at the EAA on November 2.

Trinity Aquifer Sustainable Yield Study & Planning

➤ ***Policy Concepts, Research Needs, and Advisory Workgroup Activity (Jeff + Sci team)***

- The Trinity Sustainable Yield (TSY) Committee will meet as needed to discuss pending updates and determine the next steps for science and policy development.
- KT Groundwater Consulting will complete Phase II of the TAS modeling efforts previously done in-house. That contract will be funded by a \$300,000 grant (plus in-kind staff time) from the Texas Water Development Board. Its completion date is no later than June 25, 2028.
- The LRE/Spheros *Environmental Hydrogeological and Geochemical Study of the Lower Trinity Aquifer* revised draft is nearing completion. We expect a stamped report and a presentation at the September 10th board meeting.
- Staff continues to work with District counsel to develop a draft TSY policy framework.
- Aquifer Science staff completed a tech memo: *Update to the BSEACD compilation of Pumping Tests in Travis and Hays County, Central Texas* in late September 2026.

Technical Evaluations (Bri)

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 (TSY) policy-making efforts, a major priority for the District. Staff 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.

A project to update the 2010 Aquifer Test Compilation Report has been completed. Results of this analysis will be drafted into a fresh aquifer test compilation report and will guide TSY staff during policy-making efforts.

Habitat Conservation Plan (Justin)

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

Staff began preparing the draft FY2025 HCP document for distribution to the Management Advisory Committee (MAC) in early January 2026 for review and comment. A meeting between staff and five MAC members was held on February 2, 2026. MAC comments and edits were incorporated into the final FY2025 HCP draft, which was submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on February 26, 2026. The Board approved the FY 2025 HCP/ITP Final report at the March 12 Board meeting. FY 2026 HCP preparation began in early October 2026.

Database Management System – LRE Water (now Spheros Environmental) (Jacob)

The development team is close to wrapping up phase 3 of the database project. Development of the permittee portal has also been made with the ability for permittees to enter their own meter readings. Staff has not opened this capability to permittees yet; feedback has been given on this feature, and a monthly detailed summary of the current fiscal year has been added. The database can now pull data directly from HydroVu, this gives the database the ability to display levels from our telemetered monitor wells. Moving forward, the development team is focused on planning the online applications process and starting a new service agreement for ongoing maintenance and security for the database.

Abandoned Well Risk Assessment (Bri)

The resource vulnerability analysis for the assessment was completed, and initial results were reviewed by District staff. Modeled soil, geologic, and topographic criteria are agreed to be representative of natural observations. Modeled precipitation distribution yielded anomalous results, suggesting discrepancies between model criteria and regional rainfall observations. An investigation into modifying the model's precipitation framework is underway, alongside an evaluation of the karst network of the Edwards Aquifer. Following both this investigation and evaluation, the source vulnerability analysis for the assessment will be conducted.

PRISM Climate Data API (Bri)

The API tool functionality is being updated to include calculations for a normalized antecedent precipitation index and effective precipitation. Currently, the tool is being integrated into ArcGIS Notebooks to standardize tool dependencies for easier use across the team. This integration will also support future development of the District's in-house, hydrologic models. Packaging of the tool is also underway and will be updated to the District's programming repository on GitHub.

Aquifer Test Compilation Report Update (Bri, Justin)

Aquifer Science staff completed a technical memo to update the 2010 study with aquifer testing data from 2011 to 2025. The current dataset is now updated to include testing data following 2010, which will guide the Trinity Sustainable Yield committee in the development of management policy. This update supersedes the 2010 report, which compiled 95 tests to reflect new findings.

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 year's meeting will be held in late November 2026.

Current and Possible Permitting Status (Erin)

➤ Creedmoor-Maha and DC South Fork, LLC

UNDER REVIEW: Staff working with Andrew Worsley of Wet Rock on addressing the RFI Letter sent by staff. Andrew spoke with the AS Team on September 24, 2026 for clarification on requested information and confirmed that he will work on submitting the updated aquifer testing plans ASAP.

Upon completion of the aquifer testing phase, a hydrogeologic report will be prepared and submitted as part of a production permit application.

➤ Centex Materials, LP

UNDER REVIEW: This test well application and a well drilling authorization for a new monitoring well were GM approved on 24 August 2026. Staff are awaiting drilling notifications from Westward Environmental Consultant Jack Sackrider.

Upon completion of the aquifer testing phase, a hydrogeologic report will be prepared and submitted as part of a production permit application.

➤ Hays Commons

TLAP: Hays Commons has applied for a TLAP permit from the TCEQ. That permit application is in a contested case process with numerous parties. A site visit to inspect for karst features was conducted on April 20-23. Due to an unexpected right-of-way easement dispute between the applicant and an adjacent landowner and the introduction of the results of the karst survey, the SOAH Court Hearing on the merits has been abated until December 15-17.

Development Agreement with Hays County: Hays Commons and Commissioner Smith's proposed Development Agreement (DA) was not approved by the Commissioners Court on June 9.

IN PROGRESS: Bryan Boyd of BBA Consultants spoke with staff on September 28, 2026 to clarify the requested information outlined in the RFI letter staff sent. Byran will send an updated copy of the plans in early October. The original aquifer test application was submitted on 23 July 2026 that included the original plan for the aquifer test that will be used to later provide the hydrogeologic report that will be prepared and submitted as a part of a production permit application.

Mopac South Expansion

CTRMA has begun the administrative process of extending more lanes on Mopac from the river to Slaughter Lane. Staff is monitoring the process and will contribute its involvement, including technical comment, as required to protect the aquifer. The District has issued a Board Resolution requesting the implementation of a comprehensive EIS prior to moving forward.

Regional Water Planning Activities (Charlie)

➤ Region K Water Planning Activities

The Region K LCRWPG's (Lower Colorado basin) final 2026 Region K Water Plan has been adopted by TWDB for inclusion into the State Water Plan. An anticipated timeline for the 2031 planning cycle was presented. Charlie represents GMA-10 in that planning group. 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 January 20 at the LCRA Montopolis location.

➤ **Region L Water Planning Activities**

The Region L STRWPG's (Blanco/Guadalupe basin) final 2026 Region L Water Plan has been adopted by TWDB for inclusion into the State Water Plan. An anticipated timeline of the 2031 planning cycle was presented. Charlie was re-elected to continue representing environmental interests. The purpose of this interaction is to protect and maintain the Environment's groundwater supply interests in the basin. The next meeting is 9:30am on November 5 at the San Antonio River Authority headquarters.

➤ **Region 10 Flood Planning Activities**

Charlie represents the Lower Colorado basin (Region 10) as a non-voting member representing Region 11. The purpose of this interaction is to secure flood mitigation practices that enhance aquifer recharge. The next meeting is at 9am on September 17 at the Lower Colorado River Authority headquarters in Austin.

➤ **Region 11 Flood Planning Activities**

Charlie represents the Guadalupe/Blanco basin (Region 11) on the Executive Committee and 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 at 9am on November 10 at the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority headquarters in Seguin. Hays County Commissioner Morgan Hammer has been nominated to fill the vacant County position.

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)

- Most current proposed rule amendments will be presented before the Board at the public hearing to be held at the regular meeting on October 16, 2026.

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 October.

Enforcement and Compliance Matters (Erin)

Compliance/Enforcement			
Permittee or Entity Name	Aquifer	Use Type	Notes
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. Second penalty assessment 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.
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. Second penalty assessment paid.
Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks	Edwards	Commercial	No agreed order: penalty assessed and paid.
Aqua TX, Inc – Shady Hollow Estates	Edwards	PWS	2 separate penalty assessments paid.
Aqua TX, Inc. - Bliss Spillar (Middle Trinity)	Middle Trinity	PWS	2 separate penalty assessments paid.

Permitting Activity (Erin, Jacob)

Upcoming					
Precinct	Application Type	Aquifer	Applicant Name	Use Type	Volume Request (GPY)
2 – Stansberry	TBD - Plugging or Minor Amendment for Substantial Alteration	Austin Chalk	Blanco Trace	TBD – Abandon or Rehabilitate	TBD
1 – Cradit	Production	Middle Trinity	Paradis Vineyard and Winery, LLC	Commercial/Irrigation	No more than 2,5000,000
1 - Cradit	Aquifer Testing	Lower Trinity	Lost Lakes RV/Happy Goat RV Park	Commercial	No more than 7,300,000
1 - Cradit	Scientific Monitoring Well	Lower Trinity	Hays Commons Developments, LP	Monitoring	0 – Long term monitoring
In Review					
Precinct	Application Type	Aquifer	Applicant Name	Use Type	Volume Request (GPY)
1 – Cradit	Production Permit	Middle Trinity	MRP HNHB, LLC (Anthem)	Irrigation (Stormwater Treatment Pond)	649,000
1 – Cradit	Aquifer Test	Lower Trinity	Hays Commons Developments, LP	PWS	TBD
1 – Cradit	Exempt	Austin Chalk	Owens Property Holdings, LLC	Livestock	7 GPM
2 – Stansberry	Well Drilling Authorization	Middle Trinity	Creedmoor-Maha WSC	Monitoring	0 - Monitoring
2 - Stansberry	Aquifer Testing	Middle Trinity	Creedmoor-Maha WSC	PWS	TBD
1 – Cradit	LPP	Middle Trinity	Estrada, David	Domestic	250,000
1 - Cradit	LPP	Upper Trinity	Martinez, Pete	Domestic	250,000
Recently Approved and/or Admin Complete					
Precinct	Application Type	Aquifer	Applicant Name	Use Type	Volume Request (GPY)
2 - Stansberry	Exempt	Edwards	Grubert, Jeff	Livestock	7 GPM

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.
- Texas Disposal Systems pilot desalination well monitoring with BSEACD multiport well
- Barton Springs multiport well study
 - Slug test aquifer permeability data collection July-August 2025
- Coleman's Canyon multiport well study
 - Slug test aquifer permeability data collection February-July 2026
 - Assisted and observed Brian Hunt (BEG), The Jackson School of Geoscience, City of Austin Watershed Protection, and Travis County
 - Dye injected on May 26, no reports of a signal as of this writing
- Received LRE/Spheros' *Hydrological & Geochemical Study of the Lower Trinity Aquifer* report.
 - Review and comment is underway.
 - A final version and an in-person report by LRE should be ready for the next Board meeting.
- 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.
- Update to BSEACD Data Series Compilation of Pumping Tests.
- 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:

- 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 evaluation of the draft Southern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model files, released by the TWDB in late July has confirmed its superiority to the old version. This model is being used by the TWDB to calculate modeled available groundwater (MAG) for the Trinity aquifer in GMA 10.

The District’s in-house model: Phase I of the Trinity Aquifer Sustainability model (TAS) was completed in 2023 and is being used to guide Trinity Sustainable Yield policymaking and Trinity DFC planning.

Phase II Numerical portion of this model has been funded by a one-time technical grant by the TWDB and will be contracted to KT Groundwater for a May 31, 2028 completion date.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

(Lillian)

Drought Communications

- Drought-related social media posts - *These were shared on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.*
 - <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/19WTxirLm3/>

Articles and Media in Which the District was Mentioned

- [Update on Lower Trinity study presented at Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District](#) Hays Free Press

Outreach

- Attended GMA 9 Meeting
- Staff attended the Hill Country Alliance Annual Leadership Summit

Digital Communications Data

Social Media Data - August				
Platform	August Reach	% MOM Growth: August vs. July	Followers	% MOM Growth: August vs. July
Facebook	6,753	-91%	12	0%
Instagram	14,574	120%	29	1%
LinkedIn	250	-74%	5	1%

Mass Email Data	# Sent	# Opened	Open Rate	# Clicks	Click Rate %
September & October Newsletter	2,292	991	43.2%	250	25.2%

Website Data	Avg. Engagement Time/User	Views	Event Count	Most Visited Page	Top Landing Page
July 2026	28s	6,419	18,252	Drought Status	Drought Status
August 2026	26s	5,682	17,329	Drought Status	Drought Status
September 2026	18s	6,023	17,664	Drought Status	Drought Status

ADMINISTRATION

(Charlie, Alyssa, and Tina Cooper/AAG)

A public hearing was scheduled for the October 16 Board meeting to hear public comment on a proposed rules amendment.

The November 3 election has been cancelled due to a lack of applicants resulting in a \$145,000 savings for elections costs. At the November Board meeting, the Oath of Office for Precinct 2 and Precinct 5 will be finalized.

Meeting with our account executive from TX Health Benefits Pool to discuss renewals and health coverage as open enrollment begins in November.

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-pays, 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 6

Board Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage

Item 6

Board Discussion and Possible Action

b. Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.

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- c. 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.

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- d. 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

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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

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Adjournment