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

Regular Meeting
November 12, 2026

5:00 P.M.

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

Thursday, November 12, 2026	5:00 PM	IN-PERSON

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, November 12, 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 October 16, 2026, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.

4. General Manager's Report.

- GM Update
- Aquifer Status Report

5. 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 for finalizing the 2026 unopposed candidates for the Board of Directors, including presentation of certificates of election, administration of oaths of office, review and confirmation of existing director bonds, and any necessary action regarding bond requirements.

d. BSEACD Board Officer Elections.

e. Discussion and possible action related to the annual evaluation of the General Manager.

f. 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.

g. 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. 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

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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

Status Report Update
November 12, 2026 Board Meeting

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

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

Rainfall Recap

October continued the warm fall weather pattern in Austin, with an average temperature of 74°F, 2.4°F above normal – making it the 14th-warmest October on record. Camp Mabry recorded 3.1 inches of rainfall, while Austin – Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) received 2.1 inches. Rainfall averaged approximately 2.6 inches across the two stations, about 1.5 inches below the long-term October average, ranking as the 53rd-wettest October on record. Elsewhere in the Hill Country, Manchaca, Wimberley and San Marcos received approximately 2.8, 3.3 and 2.8 inches, respectively.

Barton Springs Flow

As of November 5, the 10-day average discharge at Barton Springs was 15 cubic feet per second (cfs). Dry soils likely absorbed much of the early-October rainfall, limiting recharge to the aquifer. Rainfall later in the month appears to have helped maintain relatively steady springflow.

Lovelady Monitor Well

As of November 5, the 10-day average water level at the Lovelady Monitor Well was 455.3 feet above mean sea level (ft-msl), approximately 1 foot below last month's reported level. Lovelady remains within the Stage 3 Exceptional Drought range, just 1.9 feet above the Stage 4 Emergency Response threshold of 453.4 ft-msl. Water levels have continued to decline by approximately 1 foot per month since August. If this rate of decline continues without sufficient rainfall to replenish the aquifer, Lovelady could be on pace to reach the Stage 4 Emergency Response threshold in early 2027.

Trinity Aquifer

Groundwater levels in the Trinity Aquifer continue to decline, as illustrated by the Lowe-Coronado Middle Trinity monitor well. However, the rate of decline has slowed, likely in response to early-October rainfall. Similar trends are observed in the Upper Trinity Aquifer.

Surface-water conditions reflect the same persistent drying trend. Jacobs Well Spring has remained at zero flow since mid-August. The Blanco River at Wimberley responded briefly to the early October rainfall, with flow increasing to approximately 30 cfs before quickly receding. Flows have since returned to the low teens, remaining well below normal.

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 Desired Future Condition (DFC) will remain the same. GMA-9's DFC will be formalized by vote at the next meeting: November 17 at the Cow Creek GCD offices in Boerne.

- ***GMA 10 Coordination***

The GMA 10 DFC planning group 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 12.

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.
  - 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.
  - The Board passed rules amendments in October of 2026 to update the District's regulatory approach to all new Trinity Aquifer permitting.
  - Staff continues to work with District counsel to develop a draft TSY policy framework.

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 has provided a robust scientific framework that guided the 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 has been launched that will allow the District to better manage its large and complex database containing numerous hydrogeologic datasets. This project will include the centralization of prominent data used by District staff, and historical data to document the District's history. District staff will have

easier access to needed datasets, and access to a user-friendly mapping environment for data visualization.

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*)

Initial results of the resource vulnerability analysis prompted questions concerning how representative the precipitation regime assessment is to the regional study area, including District territory. Modeled precipitation distribution yielded anomalistic results, suggesting discrepancies between model criteria and regional rainfall observations. An investigation into modifying the model's precipitation framework is underway, alongside a re-evaluation of the precipitation regime and resource vulnerability assessments. Following both this investigation and evaluation, the karst network evaluation for the assessment will be conducted.

PRISM Climate Data API (*Bri*)

The API tool's functionality is being debugged, and program errors are being resolved. Following the appropriate program updates and testing, the API documented, packaged, and integrated into GIS and the District's GitHub repository. This will be the official release of the program.

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 fully updated to include testing data following 2010. This update supersedes the 2010 report, which compiled 95 tests to reflect new findings. Results from this work provided a robust scientific framework that guided the Trinity Sustainable Yield (TSY) policy-making efforts, a major priority for the District.

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 finalized the review of the revised aquifer test application and new scientific monitoring well drilling authorization that were both originally submitted on 21 April 2026 and deemed it administratively complete on 13 October 2026. The District's General Manager approved these applications on 13 October 2026. Andrew Worsley of WetRock Groundwater will coordinate the drilling date of the monitoring well with District staff followed by the logistics of the aquifer testing.

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: Staff finalized the review of the revised aquifer test application was originally submitted on 23 July 2026 and deemed it administratively complete on 26 October 2026. The District's General Manager approved this application on 27 October 2026. Bryan Boyd of BBA will coordinate the logistics of the actual test with District staff.

Upon completion of the aquifer testing phase, a hydrogeologic report will be prepared and submitted as 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)*

- On October 16, 2026, the Board of Directors adopted several new rule updates that focused on new Conditional Trinity permits and permit amendments to increase production from the Trinity aquifers. Amendments to conform to the rules to groundwater legislation enacted by the Texas Legislature in 2025 were also adopted at this time.

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 November.

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
In Review					
Precinct	***Application Type***	***Aquifer***	***Applicant Name***	***Use Type***	***Volume Request (GPY)***
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
5 – Puig-Williams	Aquifer Testing	Middle Trinity	Crenshaw	Irrigation	1,000,000
1 – Cradit	Production Permit	Middle Trinity	MRP HNHB, LLC (Anthem)	Irrigation (Stormwater Treatment Pond)	649,000
1 – Cradit	Exempt	Austin Chalk	Owens Property Holdings, LLC	Livestock	7 GPM
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)***
1 - Cradit	Aquifer Test	Lower Trinity	Hays Commons Developments, LP	PWS	1,350,000 (for testing)
2- Stansberry	Aquifer Test	Middle Trinity	Creedmoor-Maha WSC/DC South Fork, LLC	PWS	2,592,000 (for testing)
2- Stansberry	Well Drilling Authorization	Middle Trinity	Creedmoor-Maha WSC/DC South Fork, LLC	Monitoring	0 - Monitoring

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

- September Drought Update
- Drought-related social media posts - *These were shared on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.*
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Articles and Media in Which the District was Mentioned

- Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District approves District Rules amendments Hays Free Press

Outreach

- Barton Springs University
    - o Justin, Lillian, and Jacob presented at Save Our Springs' annual Barton Springs University event at Barton Springs Pool on Tuesday, October 27 along with dozens of other conservation organizations. Staff taught 50 high school students about total dissolved solids, groundwater conservation districts, local aquifers, and Barton Springs salamanders.
- Creek Fest
    - o Lillian tabled at Creek Fest – an event hosted by the South Austin Creek Alliance as part of the City of Austin's Roots and Wings Festival on October 31. She talked to kids and adults about local aquifers, conserving water, measuring head in wells, rainwater harvesting, and Barton Springs salamanders.
- Buda Arbor Day
    - o Lillian presented to 300 8th grade students from Dahlstrom Middle School in Buda on November 6. This event was coordinated by the Buda Parks and Recreation Department to celebrate Texas Arbor Day.
- She teamed up with Hays County Master Naturalists to teach the students about local aquifers, conserving water, Barton Springs salamanders, and potential groundwater pollutants.

Digital Communications Data

Social Media Data - October				
Platform	**October Reach**	**% MOM Growth: October vs. September**	**Followers**	**% MOM Growth: October vs. September**
Facebook	2,950	-66%	10	0%
Instagram	13,761	-6%	33	1%
LinkedIn	49	-70%	5	1%

Mass Email Data	# Sent	# Opened	Open Rate	# Clicks	Click Rate %
Newsletter & September Drought Update	2,276	948	41.65%	219	23.1%

Website Data	Avg. Engagement Time/User	Views	Event Count	Most Visited Page	Top Landing Page
August 2026	26s	5,682	17,329	Drought Status	Drought Status
September 2026	18s	6,023	17,664	Drought Status	Drought Status
October 2026	18s	5,632	16,751	Board Meeting Information	Drought Status

ADMINISTRATION

(Charlie, Alyssa, and Tina Cooper/AAG)

A public hearing was held for the October 16 Board meeting to hear public comment on a proposed rules amendment. Those rules of amendment were voted into effect.

Working with the District's auditor, PB&H, for the FY 26 audit. Considerable progress is expected in November.

Organizing and finalizing the FY 2026 Annual Report with a December timeframe.

At the November 12 Board meeting, the Oath of Office for Board of Directors will be finalized.

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 extra-ordinary tasks outside of our routine tasks, while supporting all other teams.

Summary of Team Activities in November – December 2026

Aquifer Science

November – December Activities

- Annual Report
- 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
- Completion of the Aquifer Test Compilation Report Update
- 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
- Hays Commons prefiled testimony
- Investigation into modifying the precipitation assessment framework as modeled by the Slovene Approach for the abandoned well risk assessment
- Clean up and organization of District's ArcGIS Online account and databases
- Debugging and program fixes to the PRISM API
- The GMA 10 DFC Joint Planning group has voted to ratify the upcoming 5-year cycle's DFC
- Barton Springs University

On Deck:

- Centex aquifer test
- Creedmore aquifer test
- Hays Commons aquifer test
- Garrison DO study
- Antioch sliver property easement
- HCP/ITP
- Re-evaluation of the precipitation regime and resource vulnerability assessments 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
- Continuation of documenting, packaging, and integrating the PRISM API into GIS and the District's GitHub repository
- Continuation of documenting and conceptually modeling the abandoned well risk assessment workflow

Regulatory Compliance

November – December 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 October.
- Staff is updating permit review processes, documents, and website material related to the most recent adopted rule changes.
- Staff working with Andrew Worsley of WetRock to coordinate the drilling start date of the new scientific monitoring well to be drilled for Creedmoor-Maha and DC South Fork, LLC.

- Staff will coordinate the aquifer testing logistics with Bryan Boyd of BBA Consulting for the Hays Commons' Lower Trinity wells in support of their future production permit application.
- Staff will begin updating the HCP annual report.
- Continued negotiations with Hays & Travis Counties on SB-1855 Water Availability Study requirements and potential ILAs
- Substantial testimony preparation for upcoming Hays Commons TCEQ TLAP SOAH Hearing

On Deck

- Staff assessing current application fees for need of adjustment.
- Hays Commons TCEQ TLAP SOAH Hearing
- Staff will meet with the City of Austin for their annual ILA check-in meeting.

Communications & Outreach *(Lillian)*

November – December Activities

- Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District approves District Rules amendments
  Hays Free Press
- Staff participated in Barton Springs University hosted by Save Our Springs.
- Staff participated in the Roots and Wings Festival hosted by the South Austin Creek Alliance.
- Staff participated in Buda Arbor Day hosted by the City of Buda.
- Staff attended the EAA's 30th anniversary summit.

On Deck

- Staff will attend the One Water in the Texas Hill Country hosted by the Hill Country Alliance.
- Staff will attend the Texas Living Waters Policy Summit.
- Planning for BSEACD 40th anniversary celebration.

Administration *(Alyssa)*

November – December Activities

- The District is finalizing the banking transition
- Working on the *FY 2026* Financial audit
- Distributed the *FY 2026* HCP for team completion
- Organizing the *FY 2026* Annual Report
- Working on standard operating procedures for the Elections process
- The Administrative team handles a variety of recurring tasks, including generating invoices, processing payments, paying bills, and managing meter readings.

On Deck

- Preparing for the upcoming FY26 financial audit by coordinating with Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP.
- Organizing and formatting the FY 2026 Annual Report to have a completion date of December.

Executive Outreach & Education *(Charlie)*

November – December Activities

- Sat as a panelist on the HCA Developer Roundtable Summit
- Charlie spoke and Justin/Jacob/Lilly did water conductivity education at the annual Barton Springs University event
- Met with Bat Conservation International to explore future collaboration
- Met with Westcave Preserve to explore future collaboration
- Attended EAA 30-year anniversary/outreach expo
- Met with City of Austin Utility to discuss a Desal/ASR collaboration
- Attended Region L Water Planning Group meeting

- Attended Region 11 Flood Planning Group meeting

On Deck:

- Representative Zwiener's Data Center Task Force
- Titan Talks: Big Ideas, Texas-Sized Science -- *Hill Country Aquifers and Springs: Our Shared Resources* Presentation at the Texas State Historical Museum
- HCA Leadership Summit outreach
- Texas Living Waters Summit outreach
- Regional Water Quality Protection Program

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Board Discussion and Possible Action

a. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage

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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 for finalizing the 2026 unopposed candidates for the Board of Directors, including presentation of certificates of election, administration of oaths of office, review and confirmation of existing director bonds, and any necessary action regarding bond requirements.

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d. BSEACD Board Officer Elections.

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e. Discussion and possible action related to the annual evaluation of the General Manager

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f. 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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g. 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