

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

Regular Meeting  
February 12, 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, February 12, 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, February 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 January 8, 2026, 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 FY2025 Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).
- e. Discussion and possible action related to a Report of Investigation and Notice of Alleged Violation for initiation of enforcement proceedings concerning Aqua Texas, Inc. – Onion Creek Meadows system for failure to reduce pumping during District declared drought.
- f. Discussion and possible action related to a Report of Investigation and Notice of Alleged Violation for initiation of enforcement proceedings concerning Aqua Texas, Inc. – Shady Hollow Estates system for failure to reduce pumping during District declared drought.
- g. Discussion and possible action related to a Report of Investigation and Notice of Alleged Violation for initiation of enforcement proceedings concerning Aqua Texas, Inc. – Bliss Spillar (Middle Trinity) system pumping during District declared drought.
- h. Discussion and possible action related to a Report of Investigation and Notice of Alleged Violation for initiation of enforcement proceedings concerning Aqua Texas, Inc. – Bliss Spillar (Lower Trinity) system for failure to reduce pumping during District declared drought.
- i. Discussion and possible action related to the Purchasing Guidelines in the Staff Policy document.
- j. Discussion and possible action related to signing a master services agreement for geological services.
- k. 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.
- l. 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 January – February 2026

## Aquifer Science

### January-February Activities

- BS Multiport slug tests (permeability testing complete).
- Technical evaluations for GMA 10 2026 DFC planning cycle. In collaboration with Collier Consulting, a planning project is underway to assess and map the distribution of pumping within the Middle Trinity Aquifer.
- Technical evaluations for Trinity Sustainable Yield policy development.
- Milestone draft aquifer test evaluation
- COA HCP SAC meeting
- Barton Springs manual flow measurements
- FY25 HCP/ITP MAC meeting and document edits.
- Coordinated team building exercise with City of Austin Watershed staff and District staff on January 21, 2026, at Whirlpool Cave.

### On Deck:

- Technical evaluations for GMA 10 2026 DFC planning cycle. In collaboration with Collier Consulting, a planning project is underway to assess and map the distribution of pumping within the Middle Trinity Aquifer.
- Technical evaluations for Trinity Sustainable Yield policy development.
- Monitor well & Multiport quarterly visits
- GMA 10 DFC planning meeting – new Trinity DFCs
- Send FY25 HCP/ITP Final Draft to USFWS
- Coleman's Canyon Multiport slug testing (permeability testing)
- Little Bear Creek Recharge Enhancement QAPP review
- Anthem draft aquifer test evaluation
- In-Situ Aquifer Testing course
- Milestone draft aquifer test evaluation
- Continuation of analysis and evaluation for the abandoned well assessment and financial assistance program.
- Climate Data API: The current iteration of the program is being prepared for an official launch through the District's new GitHub data repository.

## Regulatory Compliance

### January/Early February Activities:

- Staff continued to process new applications, assist permittees with drought compliance, and assess DMF's and additional penalties to eligible over-pumpers.
- Staff continued to review and process UDCP update submissions from permittees.
- Staff continued to work with LRE on the completion of database development.
- Staff presented at an ERP preparation meeting for our permittees held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Staff met with the Management Advisory Committee for the HCP on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Staff held several pre-enforcement meetings with permittees that overpumped targets for the month of January.
- Completed investigation reports and penalty recommendation memos for several enforcement cases.
- Staff and GM attended the Texas Groundwater Association's annual conference on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### On Deck

- Aquifer Testing planning and coordination for both the Anthem development's make-up pond well drilled in early 2025 and for the Happy Goat RV Park's recently drilled Lower Trinity well.

- Additional preparation for impending ERP declaration.

## **Communications and Outreach**

### January Activities

- Completed and published article on Water Quality Protection Lands in partnership with the Austin Water Wildlands Conservation Division.
- Continued planning rainwater harvesting event and Annual Well Water Checkup.
- Planned and hosted permittee event focused on a possible Stage 4 Emergency Response Period (ERP) declaration.
- Published and shared press release about possible Stage 4 ERP declaration. Conducted six interviews with multiple media outlets.

### On Deck

- Conduct interview for the next Well Owner Spotlight article.
- Host Well Water Checkup pick up, drop off, and presentation.
- Plan events for the general public once Stage 4 ERP has been declared with Board and Staff.
- Collaborate with HTGCD, SWTCGCD, and Rainbees on rainwater harvesting event presentation.

## **Administration**

### January Activities:

- Onboarding will continue and includes banking signatory transfers, administrative systems training, HR requirements, and miscellaneous other details.
- Working with Patrick Hall to prepare for the upcoming *FY 2025 Financial Audit*
- Obtained Tax-exempt license plates for the Subaru
- The Administrative team handles a variety of recurring tasks, including generating invoices, processing payments, paying bills, and managing meter readings.

### On Deck:

- Transitioning Jeff Watson from full-time employee to consultant
- Coordinate with staff and counsel to formulate a viable permittee and public engagement plan in preparation for potential *Emergency Response Period* declaration.
- Finalizing the *HCP Report* for February Board meeting

## **Executive Outreach & Education (Charlie)**

### January Activities:

- Attended House Natural Resources hearing
- Wrote "Letter from the GM" for upcoming *BSEACD Newsletter*
- Attended TAGD Business meeting
- Attended TGWA Annual Summit
- Met with Cloudburst Saline Group to discuss future project
- Introductory meeting with Centex Cement engineers to discuss future permitting amendment
- Reviewed new TWDB Science Grant opportunities
- Met with KT Groundwater Consulting to discuss potential Trinity Aquifer modeling project
- Met with Intera Consulting to discuss potential Trinity Aquifer modeling project
- Initiated collaborative partnership with LCRA and City of Austin to review and analyze TCEQ WW Permit Applications
- Investigated GMDA invitation to host 2026 Annual Summit
- Met with Travis County Director of Transportation and Natural Resources Department (TNR) to discuss past and future collaboration
- Met with member of general public to discuss Hays Commons and etc.

- Attended Tri-County GW Executive meeting to discuss *State of the Trinity*
- Attended SwTCGCD Board meeting
- 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 staff program managers to update status reports and strategize future projects

#### On Deck:

- Create MSAs for several long-range services.
- Review and possible amendments to MSA/RFP/RFQ SOPs.
- Meet with Texas Disposal Systems to discuss upcoming Desal Project
- Meet with SOS to discuss future developments and Hays County GW.
- Meet with RWH group to discuss future TCEQ / Legislative rules.
- Meet with CoA Watershed and USFWS to tour salamander refugium and discuss potential drought ramifications.
- KXAN interview.
- SwTCGCD Board meeting
- [2026 Central Texas Water Conservation Symposium](#) -- March 4
- Texas Well Owners Network annual Hays Co meeting March 5

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

##### January Activities:

- Region K (Upper Colorado River Basin) Water Planning Group meeting
- Region 11 (Guadalupe/Blanco River Basins) Flood Planning Group meeting
  - Elected to Executive Committee
- Region 10 (Lower Colorado River Basin) Flood Planning Group meeting
- GMA 10 (Edwards/Trinity Aquifer (BFZ)) meeting
  - Prepare to replace J. Watson as Chair
- GMA 9 (Hill Country Trinity Aquifer) meeting
- Regional Water Quality Protection Plan (Barton/Onion Creek Watershed) meeting.

##### On Deck:

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

# **Status Report Update**

## **February 12, 2026 Board Meeting**

### **Upcoming Dates of Interest**

- [Water in the Desert](#) – February 11-13, Alpine, Texas
- [Annual Well Water Checkup at the District](#) – Pick up kits between February 17 – March 3. Drop off samples on March 4. District Office, Manchaca, Texas
- Texas Well Owners Network Well Water Checkup Presentation – March 5, Wimberley Village Library, Wimberley, Texas
- [2026 Central Texas Water Conservation Symposium](#) – March 4, 8:00 am - 3:30pm, LBJ Student Center, San Marcos, Texas
- [UT Fine Arts Edwards Aquifer Project Exhibition Lecture](#) – March 11, UT Visual Arts Center at UT, Austin, Texas
- [UT Fine Arts Edwards Aquifer Project Exhibition Panel Discussion](#) – March 12, UT Visual Arts Center, Austin, 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
- District Rainwater Harvesting Event – April 28, Dripping Springs Presbyterian, Dripping Springs, Texas

# DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

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

Total January rainfall in the Austin-Hill Country area saw an average of just 1.1 inches between Camp Mabry and ABIA, about 1.5 inches below the long-term monthly average. Looking ahead, February, typically our driest month of the year brings about 1.9 inches of rain.

As of February 5, the 10-day average flow at Barton Springs is 12.5 cubic feet per second (cfs) - just 2.5 cfs above the Stage 4 Emergency Response threshold. The District has never reached Stage 4 Emergency Response, but without meaningful rainfall, Barton Springs flows could drop into that range before spring 2026.

As of February 5, the 10-day average water level at the Lovelady well is 454.2 feet above mean sea level (ft-msl), which is within the Stage 3 Exceptional Drought range but is only 0.8 feet (or 9.6 inches) above the Stage 4 Emergency Response threshold. Like Barton Springs, water levels could slip into Stage 4 Emergency Response by late March or early April 2026 if significant rainfall does not arrive.

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 January 8, the 10-day average flow at [Jacob's Well Spring \(JWS\)](#) is 0.00 cubic feet per second (cfs) and has been reporting 0.00 flow since November 2025. 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 February 24<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 February 9th. 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 has important implications for Trinity Aquifer management.

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

➤ ***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 will be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in late February 2026.

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

Updates to the transducer data upload tool have been made, and staff can confirm that it is 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. Additional adjustments are being made to ensure permits are being grouped and accounted for properly. 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)***

Analysis and evaluation of a risk assessment index is still underway using a simplified KAVA model approach. The goal is to document an official abandoned well assistance program for the 2026 Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

#### **DFC Planning: 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.

#### **Regional Water Planning Activities (*Charlie*)**

- **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 TBD 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) 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 9am on March 10 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 February.
- 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. Second penalty discussion on Feb 12.
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 discussion on Feb 12.
Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks	Edwards	Commercial	No agreed order: penalty assessed and paid.
Aqua TX, Inc – Shady Hollow Estates	Edwards	PWS	1 <sup>st</sup> Enforcement Penalty Discussion on Feb 12.
Aqua TX, Inc. - Bliss Spillar (Middle Trinity)	Middle Trinity	PWS	1 <sup>st</sup> Enforcement Penalty Discussion on Feb 12.

### 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	TBD - Plugging or Minor Amendment for Substantial Alteration	Austin Chalk	Blanco Trace	TBD – Abandon or Rehabilitate	TBD
1 – Cradit	LPP	TBD	Hernandez, Frank	Domestic	250,000
5 – Puig-Williams	Drilling	Middle Trinity	Luke Minter – Consultant	Irrigation	TBD
2 – Stansberry	Plugging	Edwards	TBD – In contact with Glass Well	Abandon	0 - Plugging
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	LPP	Edwards	Castillo, David and Maria	Domestic	250,000
5 – Puig-Williams	WDA	Middle Trinity	Will B and Beverley M Crenshaw	Irrigation	< 2 Million
1- Cradit	Exempt	Trinity	Sola, LLC	Domestic	7GPM
<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>
1 – Cradit	Aquifer Test (Pump Test Only (2 Wells)	Lower Trinity	Hays Commons Land Investments, LP	PWS	120,000 gallons TOTAL
1 – Cradit	Minor Amendment – Substantial Alteration (2 Wells)	Lower Trinity	Hays Commons Land Investments, LP	PWS	N/A - 0
1 - Cradit	LPP	Edwards	Braden, Robert	Domestic	250,000
1 - Cradit	Plugging	Edwards	Braden, Robert	Collapsed	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
- Coleman's Canyon multiport well study
  - Slug test aquifer permeability data collection February-April 2026
- 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

- [December Drought Update](#) – BSEACD, 1/7/2026
- Drought-related social media posts - *These were shared on Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn.*
  - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DL6tKmpBX/>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1H4eVsrTPp/>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1DG7z3Krdk/>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1KLBuxoDHH/>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1AdyHm2ACc/>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AzGbZoNmM/>
  - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14U69wvDDuT/>
- Stage 4 Emergency Response Period (ERP)
  - Updated [Drought FAQ](#)
  - Added notification bar across the top of the website, which is linked to the Stage 4 ERP press release.
  - Hosted permittee event on February 3, 2026 focused on what a Stage 4 ERP declaration would mean for them. Had a total of 42 people in attendance, including 8 in person and 33 virtual. A copy of the meeting was shared with all permittees following the event. Relevant resources can be viewed below:
    - ♣ [Recording of the meeting](#)
    - ♣ [Presentation slides](#)
    - ♣ [Drought communications resources](#)
    - ♣ [Press release](#)
    - ♣ [Fox7 News segment](#)
- Articles and Media in Which the District was Mentioned
  - [Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Still in Stage 3 Exceptional Drought](#) by Megan Navarro, Hays Free Press, 1/14/2026
  - [District Nears First Ever 'Stage 4 Emergency Response Period' Declaration](#) by Shay Hlavaty, BSEACD, 1/29/2026
  - [Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Warns Groundwater Levels are Nearing Historic Lows](#) by Jenna King, Fox7News, 1/29/2026
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## Outreach

- Rainwater Harvesting Event Planning
  - o The District has reserved the Dripping Springs Presbyterian for April 28, and the event will take place from 1-2:30pm. The next step is confirming content and additional logistics with HTGCD SWTCGCD, Hill Country Alliance, and Rainbees.
- Well Water Checkup
  - o The District is coordinating its annual Well Water Checkup in partnership with Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District, and Texas Well Owners Network (TWON). More information can be found on this page: [www.bseacd.org/checkup](http://www.bseacd.org/checkup). Important dates regarding this event include:
    - February 17 through March 3 - Well owners can pick up tests at the District office
    - March 4 - Well owners can drop off their water samples at the District office
    - March 5 - Well water results and well maintenance presentation by TWON at the Wimberley Village Library
- 2026 Summer Camp Scholarship
  - o Staff published and promoted a District webpage with information about the District’s five available camp scholarships. This can be viewed at [www.bseacd.org/scholarship](http://www.bseacd.org/scholarship). Information was shared with local communities, schools, and partner organizations. Applications are open until March 10 for students ages 9-14. Winners will be announced in mid-March.

## Digital Communications Data

Social Media Data				
Platform	January Reach	% MOM Growth: January vs. December	Followers	% MOM Growth: January vs. December
Facebook	9,327	70%	3,488	1%
Instagram	22,833	310%	2,055	3%
X	363	-31%	-1	0
LinkedIn	2,120	62%	593	2%

Mass Email Data	# Sent	# Opened	Open Rate	# Clicks	Click Rate %
<a href="#">December Drought Update</a>	2,338	1,130	48%	307	27%

Website Data	Avg. Engagement Time/User	Views	Event Count	Most Visited Page	Top Landing Page
December 2025	10s	6,210	17,732	<a href="#">Aquifer Research</a>	<a href="#">Aquifer Research</a>
January 2026	17s	7,972	22,743	<a href="#">Scholarship</a>	<a href="#">Scholarship</a>

## ADMINISTRATION

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

The District is anticipating completion of the *FY 2025 Financial Audit* for board approval by the February 12, Board meeting. Following Jeff Watson's last day as a full-time employee on 2/6, he will transition into a consultant role. We will also be wrapping up the remaining offboarding activities through the end of the month to ensure a smooth and complete transition.

*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 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Approval of FY 2025 Audit

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

b. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

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

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

d. Discussion and possible action on FY 2025 Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- e. Discussion and possible action related to a Report of Investigation and Notice of Alleged Violation for initiation of enforcement proceedings concerning Aqua Texas, Inc. – Onion Creek Meadows system for failure to reduce pumping during District declared drought.

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### Board Discussion and Possible Action

f. Discussion and possible action related to a Report of Investigation and Notice of Alleged Violation for initiation of enforcement proceedings concerning Aqua Texas, Inc. – Shady Hollow Estates system for failure to reduce pumping during District declared drought.

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- g. Discussion and possible action related to a Report of Investigation and Notice of Alleged Violation for initiation of enforcement proceedings concerning Aqua Texas, Inc.
  - Bliss Spillar (Middle Trinity) system pumping during District declared drought.

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

h. Discussion and possible action related to a Report of Investigation and Notice of Alleged Violation for initiation of enforcement proceedings concerning Aqua Texas, Inc. –Bliss Spillar (Lower Trinity) system for failure to reduce pumping during District declared drought.

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- i. Discussion and possible action related to the Purchasing Guidelines in the Staff Policy document.

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### Board Discussion and Possible Action

j. Discussion and possible action related to signing a master services agreement for geological services.

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- k. 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.

## Item 5

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- I. 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