

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

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing  
April 9, 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, April 9, 2026**

**5:00 PM**

**IN-PERSON**

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Notice is given that a **Public Hearing and Regular Meeting** of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District will be held on **Thursday, April 9, 2026**, commencing at **5:00 p.m.** at the **District office, located at 1124 Regal Row, Austin, Texas.**

This meeting will be video and audio recorded and the recording will be available on the District's website after the meeting.

Public Comments at the Board Meeting – Please complete a comment card prior to the start of the meeting. Each registered person will be recognized and identified by the Presiding Officer or staff moderating the communications when it is their turn to speak. **Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person.**

**AGENDA**

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. Present Aquatic Science Adventure Camp Scholarships to recipients.
  - b. Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, Specified Expenditures greater than \$10,000.
  - c. Approval of minutes of the Board's March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting.

**4. General Manager's Report.**

- a. GM Update
- b. Communications and Outreach Update
- c. Aquifer Status Report

**5. Public Hearing**

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

**6. Discussion and Possible Action.**

- a. Discussion and possible action related to a well drilling authorization application filed by Will B Crenshaw and Beverly Crenshaw (3658 Stoneridge Rd, Austin, TX 78746) for a new nonexempt well.
- 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 related to Aqua Texas, Inc.'s non-response to February 2026 drought enforcement actions on Onion Creek Meadows, Shady Hollow Estates, Bliss Spillar (Middle Trinity), and the Bliss Spillar (Lower Trinity) systems for failure to reduce pumping during District declared drought.
- e. Discussion and possible action related to Texas Land Application Permit No. WQ0016373001 and the Decision of the TCEQ Executive Director for Hays Commons Development, Inc.
- f. General Counsel's Report: The District's legal counsel will brief the Board on pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last Board meeting, and legal counsel's activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation waste injection well monitoring activities including any protests of injection well applications with the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), monitoring or protests of water rights, wastewater discharge, or other waste-related applications at the TCEQ that may impact groundwater resources in the District; District rules enforcement activities, possible amendments to the District rules and management plan, or implementation issues related to the rules or plan, the District rules or groundwater-related legislative activities, aquifer joint planning and DFC development activities, developments in groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs, contractual issues related to the District, open government, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District, threatened or pending claims or litigation

against the District, and other legal activities on behalf of the District – Brian Sledge, Legal Counsel, Sledge Law Group, PLLC

## **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.**

**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. Communications and Outreach Update
- c. Aquifer Status Report

## Summary of Team Activities in March – April 2026

### Aquifer Science

#### March-April Activities

- Based on RFQ/RFP process scoring, KT Groundwater Consulting was contracted to complete Phase II of the Trinity Model.
- A grant application for the KTG-TAS II project was developed and submitted to the TWDB for approval.
- The District agreed to partner with Jay Banner of the BEG on a future Emerging Contaminants in Wastewater study. The Grant pre-proposal was submitted on March 26 and is subject to selection for final consideration. The District will supply in-kind services including previously conducted research and literature.
- Edwards Aquifer HCP Science Committee meeting (San Marcos, 4/15)
- In-Situ Aquifer Testing course
- 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.
- Anthem draft aquifer test evaluation
- Milestone draft aquifer test evaluation.
- Barton Springs manual flow measurements.

#### On Deck:

- Technical evaluations for Trinity Sustainable Yield policy development.
- Monitor well & Multiport quarterly visits
- Coleman's Canyon Multiport slug testing (permeability testing)
- Aquifer Test Compilation Report Update
- Continuation of analysis and evaluation for the abandoned well assessment and financial assistance program.
- Barton Creek mapping project for SOS Ecotour
- Middle Trinity synoptic update

### Regulatory Compliance

#### March-April 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 work with LRE on the completion of database development.
- Staff initiated pre-enforcement discussions with permittees that overpumped targets for the month of March.
- Continuing compilation of investigation report and penalty recommendation memo for Board directed enforcement case.
- Preparing permittee notices and other materials for potential ERP declaration.

#### On Deck

- Aquifer Testing planning and coordination for the Anthem development's make-up pond well drilled in early 2025, the Lost Lake RV Park's (Formerly Happy Goat RV) recently drilled Lower Trinity well, and Creedmoor's Middle Trinity well drilled in 2024.
- Working with Centex Materials on coordinating the drilling of a new test well for a Middle Trinity production well closer to their rock washing facilities of FM1626.
- All of staff are working together to plan presentations aimed at the general public for possible ERP declaration.

- Erin will begin classes for the Texas Water Foundation’s Texas Water Leaders 2026 course beginning in April.

## **Communications and Outreach**

### March-April Activities

- Hosted Well Water Checkup drop off and presentation.
- Coordinated tour of Shield Ranch for staff to develop organizational partnerships.
- Attended the Central Texas Water Efficiency Symposium in San Marcos on March 4.
- Closed scholarships on March 10; selected and informed winners in early April.
- Participated in the “To Move Through Stone” panel at UT’s Visual Arts Center on March 12.

### On Deck

- Host Rainwater Harvesting event on 4/28/2026.
- Work with Community Impact on front page story on drought.
- Create standard operating procedures for Communications and Outreach role.
- Interview City of Kyle for upcoming Well Owner Spotlight.

## **Administration**

### March – April Activities:

- Visited Shield Ranch to gain insight into the educational programs they offer.
- Collaborated with the team to vote for the five winners of this year’s *Summer Camp Scholarship*.
- The District is currently seeking a new auditor to support its ongoing financial reporting and compliance requirements.
- The Administrative team handles a variety of recurring tasks, including generating invoices, processing payments, paying bills, and managing meter readings.

### On Deck

- The District is beginning the process of visiting with other auditors for *FY 26 Financial Audit*.
- The administrative team will begin to focus on the FY 2027 budget.

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

### March-April Activities:

- Based on RFQ/RFP process scoring, KT Groundwater Consulting was contracted to complete Phase II of the Trinity Model.
- A grant application for the KTG-TAS II project was developed and submitted to the TWDB for approval.
- UT Hydrogeology Edwards Aquifer Art Panel (Shay was a panelist)
- Shield Ranch Site Visit and meeting new administration
- [2026 Central Texas Water Conservation Symposium](#)
- Texas Well Owners Network annual Hays Co meeting
- Hydrogeology 101 presentation for the Hill Country Master Naturalist 2026 Class
- Texas Water Foundation/Texas Water Trade SXSW Panel Reception
- SOS executive meeting to discuss upcoming events and potential collaborations
- Attended Bi-County GW Executive meeting to discuss *State of the Trinity*
- Creedmore Maha permit meeting
- TAGD/EDF Desal Panel
- CTRMA Mopac South Extension public meeting
- ZARA meeting
- Inter-District Executive and Select Board meeting
- Hill Country Leadership Institute GW-101 Lecture

- 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:

- Texas Living Waters meeting
- Hill Country Leadership Institute GW panel and presentation at Kickapoo Ranch
- Hays Commons Site Inspection
- Rainwater Harvesting Event
- TWDB Brackish Trinity Stakeholder Meeting
- San Marcos Real Estate Council Wastewater Presentation

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

March-April Activities:

- Region 11 (Guadalupe/Blanco River Basins) Flood Planning Group meeting
  - Elected to Executive Committee
- Region 10 (Lower Colorado River Basin) Flood Planning Group meeting
- Coordinate and design last push for GMA-10 Potential DFC policy development
- GMA 10 (Edwards/Trinity Aquifer (BFZ)) meeting
  - Elected to replace J. Watson as Chair
  - Analyzed 3<sup>rd</sup> model run for consideration in upcoming DFC adoption
- 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**

## **April 9, 2026 Board Meeting**

### **Upcoming Dates of Interest**

- [Texas Water 2026](#) – April 27-30, San Antonio, Texas
- [District Rainwater Harvesting Event](#) – April 28, Dripping Springs Presbyterian, Dripping Springs, Texas
- [River Rally](#) hosted by The River Network – May 11-14, San Antonio, Texas

## **DROUGHT MANAGEMENT**

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

Total March rainfall in the Austin-Hill Country area saw an average of just 1.1 inches between Camp Mabry and ABIA, about 1.3 inches below the long-term monthly average. Looking ahead, April historically averages just under 2.4 inches of rain.

As of April 2, the 10-day average flow at Barton Springs is 12.3 cubic feet per second (cfs) - just 2.3 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 summer 2026.

As of April 2, the 10-day average water level at the Lovelady well is 453.9 feet above mean sea level (ft-msl), which is within the Stage 3 Exceptional Drought range but is only 0.5 feet (or 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 has shown a brief rise in water levels beginning in mid-March but are now returning to a decline.

As of April 2, 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 around 4 cfs.

## **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. The next meeting will be TBD 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 April 27th. The new Southern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model (STGAM) runs are ongoing. District staff is working closely with Collier Consulting Inc. —the consultant hired to assist GMA 10 with DFC planning and exploratory report— to recommend new DFCs based on new pumping projections and drought/recharge scenarios.

### **Trinity Aquifer Sustainable Yield Study & Planning**

➤ ***Policy Concepts, Research Needs, and Advisory Workgroup Activity (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 hired KT Groundwater Consulting to complete Phase II of the TAS modeling efforts previously done in-house. That contract is dependent on a \$300,000 grant (plus in-kind staff time) from the Texas Water Development Board. Its completion date is no later than May 23, 2028. The results of the grant application will be announced within the next month.
- 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 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.

Project planning to update the 2010 Aquifer Test Compilation Report is also in progress.

**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 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.

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

The development team has shifted their focus to fulfill a list of edits and improvements to be made to the database. Improvements that have been made include data that is included in queries, map symbology, map labels, better scaling for hydrographs, and improvements to the Dashboard. Developing the permittee portal will be the next priority to complete when work begins on the task orders again in Phase 2.

**Abandoned Well Assessment (Bri)**

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

**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 use the predictive capability of the Southern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) developed by the Texas Water

Development Board to aid in determining a DFC for the Trinity Aquifer. Technical evaluations of modeling results are underway in collaboration with GMA 10 districts.

### **MT synoptic update (Bri)**

A Middle Trinity synoptic study was conducted in 2023 to analyze and demonstrate fluctuations in the aquifer's potentiometric surface. To assess the impacts of current drought conditions on these water levels, a new study is being conducted to replicate and enhance the original methodology.

### **Aquifer Test Compilation Report Update (Bri, Justin)**

In 2010, a study was conducted to aggregate and analyze aquifer testing parameters to better characterize the Edwards and Trinity aquifers across a regional study area. A new project has been proposed by Aquifer Science staff to update the 2010 study with aquifer testing data from 2011 to 2025. A new analysis will be conducted to reassess aquifer characterization across an expanded regional study area. The 2010 report will be updated 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 meeting was held on November 20, 2025.

### **Creedmoor-Maha Permitting Process**

Representatives visited the offices in late March to introduce themselves to the new administration and to seek clarity its plan to move forward with well construction permits, aquifer testing, and production permits on March 24, 2026.

### **Hays Commons Permitting Process**

Hays Commons has applied for a TLAP permit from the TCEQ. That permit application is in a contested case process with numerous parties. Upcoming dates include a site visit to inspect for karst features on April 20-23, a Hearing on July 29-31, and final judgement late in the year.

### **Mopac South Extention**

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.

### **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 June 24 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 May 7 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 June 18 at the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority headquarters in Seguin.

➤ **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 May 12 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 April.

### **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 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	Penalty assessment paid.
Aqua TX, Inc. - Bliss Spillar (Middle Trinity)	Middle Trinity	PWS	Penalty assessment paid.
Texas-Lehigh Cement Co.	Edwards	Industrial	Enforcement proceedings underway.

### **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>
1 – Cradit	Test Well	Middle Trinity	Centex Materials, LP	Industrial	TBD
1 – Cradit	Aquifer Testing	Middle Trinity	Lost Lakes RV Park	PWS	TBD
2 – Stansberry	TBD - Plugging or Minor Amendment for Substantial Alteration	Austin Chalk	Blanco Trace	TBD – Abandon or Rehabilitate	TBD
5 – Puig-Williams	Drilling	Middle Trinity	Luke Minter – Consultant	Irrigation	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>
2 – Stansberry	Plugging	Edwards	Driller – Glass Well Service	Abandon	0 - Plugging
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	Exempt	Middle Trinity	McGehee, Jan	Domestic	7 GPM
1 – Cradit	LPP	Edwards	Hernandez, Frank	Domestic	250,000
<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>
5 – Puig-Williams	Plugging	Edwards	H-E-B	Abandon	0 - Plugging
1 - Cradit	LPP	Edwards	Castillo, David and Maria	Domestic	250,000
1 - Cradit	Exempt	Middle Trinity	Quinn, Peter (SNQ Investments)	Domestic	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.
- 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 is being 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: 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 is currently in the funding development process. The District has completed the RFQ/RFP process and has selected KT Groundwater Consulting to complete Phase II. The funding will be applied for in the form of a TWDB Grant. A scope of work was developed and Staff and select Board members are evaluating four proposals to complete this project. Under this process, the Numerical Model is due for completion May 31, 2028.

# COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

(Shay)

## Drought Communications

- [February Drought Update](#) – BSEACD
- Drought-related social media posts - *These were shared on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.*
  - o <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1cU2jduunQ/>
  - o <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1GC9jNuuML/>

## Articles and Media in Which the District was Mentioned

*Some of these items were not in previous Status Reports and are included below instead.*

- [The Top Ten Texas Water Stories of 2025](#) by Jeremy B. Mazur - Texas 2036, 1/2026
- [First Ever Stage 4 Emergency for Edwards Aquifer](#) - Wimberley View, 2/3/2026
- [Officials weigh drastic action as US region faces water supply crisis: 'We're approaching really dangerously low levels'](#) by Susan Elizabeth Turek - The Cool Down, 2/28/2026
- [Hays Private Well Screenings Scheduled for March 4](#) - San Marcos Daily Record, 3/1/2026
- [Edwards Aquifer Nears Emergency Drought Conditions](#) by Sammie Seamon - Austin Chronicle, 3/5/2026
- Shay interviewed with KUT's Olivia Aldridge on 3/20/2026 and Mose Buchele on 4/1/2026, with Community Impact on 3/30/2026, and KXAN on 4/2/2026.

## Outreach

- Well Water Checkup
  - o The District had 19 well owners participate in this year's well water checkup.
  - o The outreach event on March 4 at the Wimberley Village Library had 20 attendees.
  - o Shay and representatives from Hays Trinity and Southwestern Travis County GCDs discussed their districts and answered questions at the end of the presentation.
  - o All parties involved plan on participating in this collaborative event in April of 2027.
- "To Move Through Stone" Exhibit
  - o Shay led a hike along the Barton Creek Greenbelt near Barton Springs on 2/28/2026 in collaboration with the Visual Arts Center (VAC) at UT with over 30 attendees.
  - o The VAC had an exhibit on display about the Edwards Aquifer, for which the District provided information.
  - o Shay participated on a panel on March 12 at the VAC along with Dr. Marcus Gary, artist Abby Flanagan, and more to discuss the significance of the Edwards Aquifer and people's relationship with it. 25 people were in attendance.
- Shield Ranch Tour
  - o Coordinated staff tour of Shield Ranch. Explored the site as a potential meeting place for future events and discussed opportunities to partner with their summer programming.
- Rainwater Harvesting Event Planning (Ongoing)
  - o Shay has confirmed four rainwater harvesting retailers and one nonprofit, Rainwater Calculator, as exhibitors. Alyssa will manage the District's table during the event.
  - o The District, HTGCD, and SWTCGCD are now actively advertising the event, and we have 71 registrations so far.
- 2026 Summer Camp Scholarship

- o Five scholarship awardees have been chosen by staff to attend Aquatic Science Adventure Camp’s 5-day overnight experience at Texas State University. Recipients who are available will attend the April Board Meeting, be recognized, and receive an award from Board and Staff.

**Digital Communications Data**

<b>Social Media Data</b>				
<b>Platform</b>	<b>March Reach</b>	<b>% MOM Growth: March vs. February</b>	<b>Followers</b>	<b>% MOM Growth: March vs. February</b>
Facebook	6,545	1,487%	3,699	0%
Instagram	8,893	-75%	2,133	2%
LinkedIn	2,228	-43%	640	4%

<b>Mass Email Data</b>	<b># Sent</b>	<b># Opened</b>	<b>Open Rate</b>	<b># Clicks</b>	<b>Click Rate %</b>
<a href="#">February Drought Update</a>	2,328	1,015	44%	139	14%

<b>Website Data</b>	<b>Avg. Engagement Time/User</b>	<b>Views</b>	<b>Event Count</b>	<b>Most Visited Page</b>	<b>Top Landing Page</b>
February 2026	25s	6,849	17,695	<a href="#">District Nears Stage 4 ERP</a>	<a href="#">District Nears Stage 4 ERP</a>
March 2026	21s	7,129	17,650	<a href="#">Drought Status</a>	<a href="#">Drought Status</a>

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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

The District's Administrative team is in the interview stage for a new auditor to support its ongoing financial reporting and compliance requirements. Successfully collaborated with the team to choose five winners of this year's Summer Camp Scholarship.

Among the routine tasks of managing accounts receivable, payable, and payroll, a subset of the team will begin the process of the *FY 2027 budget*.

*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

### Public Hearing

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## Item 6

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Discussion and possible action related to a well drilling authorization application filed by Will B Crenshaw and Beverly Crenshaw (3658 Stoneridge Rd, Austin, TX 78746) for a new nonexempt well.

**Application Summary and Staff Recommendations**  
**04/09/2026**

**DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION**

Applicant: Will B Crenshaw II and Beverly M Crenshaw

Type of Application: Well Drilling Authorization for a new well in the Middle Trinity Management Zone

Request: Applicant requests to drill one (1) well in the Middle Trinity Aquifer for the purpose of irrigation. A separate Production Permit Application will be required in order to operate and produce from this well in the future.

**REASON FOR REQUEST**

Will B Crenshaw II and Beverly M Crenshaw filed (1) combination well drilling authorization and production permit application on February 16, 2024 with the District for a new nonexempt Middle Trinity well. The proposed well is being drilled with the purpose of supporting the irrigation needs of the home.

**WELL/RECEIVING AREA LOCATION**

The proposed well is located in Travis County on 4.74 acres at 3658 Stoneridge Rd, Austin TX (30.265900° N, -97.816498° W). Attachment A shows the location of the proposed new well. The produced groundwater is proposed to be used primarily for irrigation.

**WELL DESIGN**

The well will be completed in the Lower Glen Rose formation of the Middle Trinity Aquifer. The total well depth of this Middle Trinity well will be approximately 800 ft below ground surface and completed so that water is only produced from the Middle Trinity Aquifer (Attachment B).

**APPLICATION REVIEW**

- Staff has reviewed the application and has determined that the application has satisfied all the requirements pursuant to the application checklist requirements in District Rule 3-1.4.(A) and that the required documentation and payment of fees have been satisfied.
- Staff has reviewed the application and has determined that the application has satisfied all the requirements pursuant to District Rule 3-1.6(A).
- Staff has determined that the applicant has sufficiently addressed the criteria and considerations for Board action in accordance with District Rule 3-1.4(B).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS - 04/09/2026**

Staff recommends **approval** of the above-referenced well drilling application.

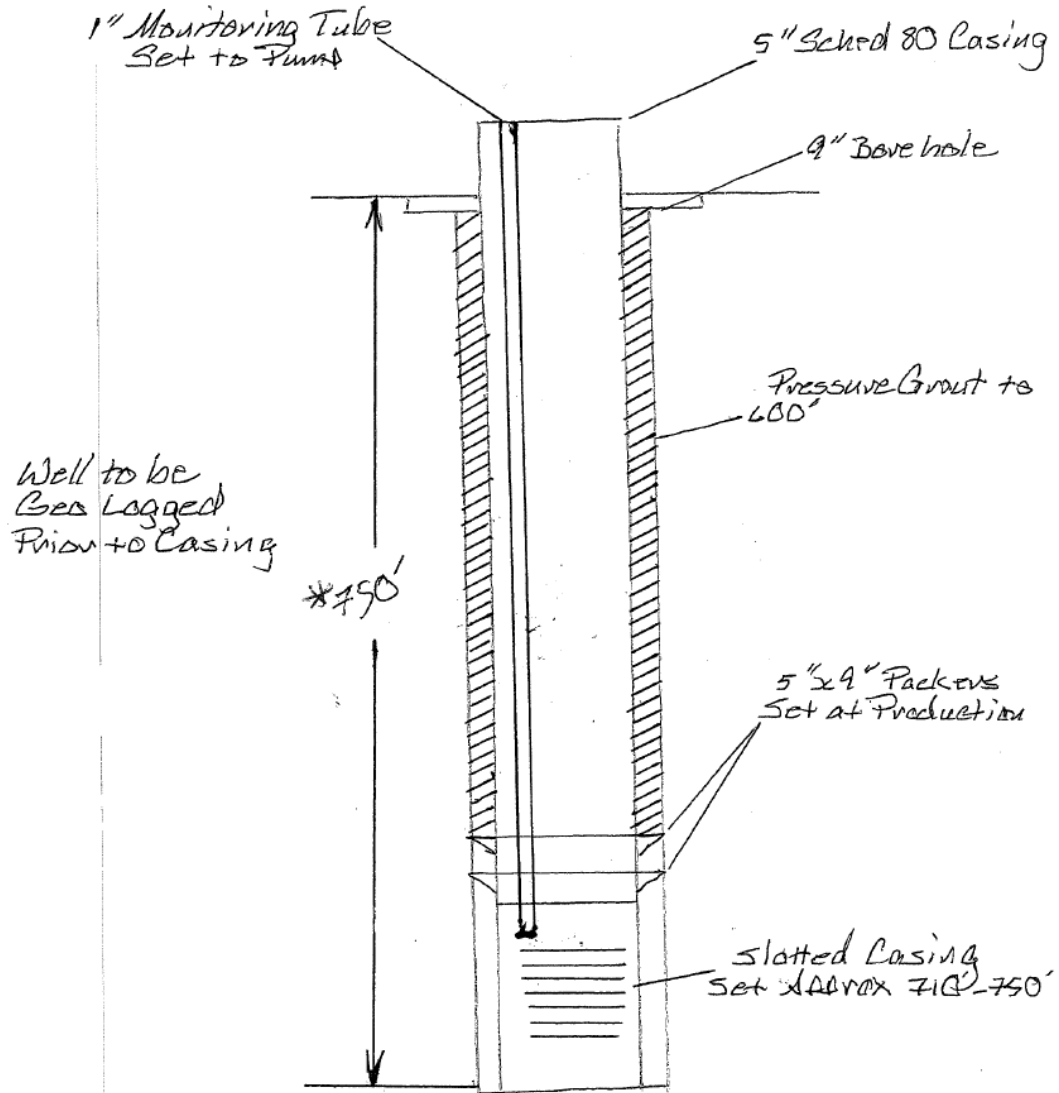
# Appendix A

## Well Location Map



Appendix B  
Well Schematic

Crenshaw  
3900 Stoneridge Rd  
Austin, Texas 78746  
30.266176°N 97.816174°W



\* Discussed the  
need to go deeper  
w/ 4 1/2", new target 825'  
1/9/26 JW



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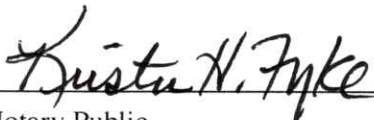
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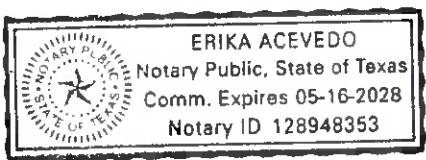
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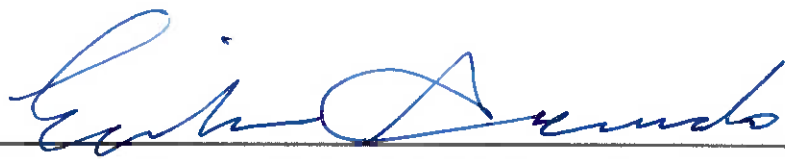
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## Item 6

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

b. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage

## Item 6

### 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 6

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- d. Discussion and possible action related to Aqua Texas, Inc.'s non-response to February 2026 drought enforcement actions on Onion Creek Meadows, Shady Hollow Estates, Bliss Spillar (Middle Trinity), and the Bliss Spillar (Lower Trinity) systems for failure to reduce pumping during District declared drought.

## Item 6

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- e. Discussion and possible action related to Texas Land Application Permit No. WQ0016373001 and the Decision of the TCEQ Executive Director for Hays Commons Development, Inc.

## Item 6

### Board Discussion and Possible Action

- f. General Counsel's Report: The District's legal counsel will brief the Board on pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last Board meeting, and legal counsel's activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation waste injection well monitoring activities including any protests of injection well applications with the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), monitoring or protests of water rights, wastewater discharge, or other waste-related applications at the TCEQ that may impact groundwater resources in the District; District rules enforcement activities, possible amendments to the District rules and management plan, or implementation issues related to the rules or plan, the District rules or groundwater-related legislative activities, aquifer joint planning and DFC development activities, developments in groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs, contractual issues related to the District, open government, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District, threatened or pending claims or litigation against the District, and other legal activities on behalf of the District – Brian Sledge, Legal Counsel, Sledge Law Group, PLLC

## Item 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
- Issues or problems of concern

## Item 8

### Adjournment