

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

Regular Meeting
September 10, 2026

5:00 P.M.



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

Thursday, September 10, 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, September 10, 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 August 13, 2026, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.

4. General Manager's Report.

- Presentation by LRE/Spheros on the Revised Draft: Hydrogeological and Geochemical Study of the Lower Trinity Aquifer
- 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 regarding extension of legal services agreement with SledgeLaw Group, PLLC
- d. Discussion and possible action related to the November 2026 General Election for Directors, including but not limited to adopting an order canceling the election for precincts 2 and 5, and declaring unopposed candidates elected.
- 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

- g. Discussion and possible action regarding the date of the upcoming Board meeting.
- h. Discussion and possible action related to authorizing the General Manager to publish proposed amendments to the District Rules and set a public hearing for their consideration
- i. Discussion and possible action on Resolution and Order Establishing Interim Procedures for Acceptance and Processing of Certain Permit Applications During Stage 3 Drought and Pending Completion of Rulemaking to Conform the District Rules to Laws Enacted by the 89th Texas Legislature and to Make Other Changes to the District's Regulations and Permitting System

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

Call to Order

Item 2

Citizen Communications

Item 3

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- b. GM Update
- c. Aquifer Status Report

Summary of Team Activities in August - September 2026

Aquifer Science

August-September Activities

- TAGD Summit
- ~\$300,000 Grant Application awarded by TWDB for completion of Trinity Aquifer Sustainability (TAS) Model
- TAS Model kick off meeting with KT Groundwater and Grant advance application submitted.
- Creedmoor draft aquifer test evaluation
- Centex – Buda Quarry draft aquifer test evaluation
- Barton Springs manual flow measurements
- Package & send all data to KT Groundwater for TAS model
- TWDB sampling w/ isotopes
- Continued integration of the PRISM climate data tool into ArcGIS Notebooks to standardize tool dependencies for easier use across the team
- PRISM API tool updates are being repackaged and prepared for storage in the District's programming repository on GitHub
- Delivery and staff review of *Hydrogeological & Geochemical Study of the Lower Trinity Aquifer* report by LRE. (Final product should follow soon)

On Deck:

- The GMA 10 DFC Joint Planning group will vote to ratify the upcoming 5-year cycle's DFC
- Centex aquifer test
- Annual Report
- Technical evaluations for Trinity Sustainable Yield policy development.
- Groundwater to the Gulf presentation (stream gauging)
- Monitor well & Multiport quarterly visits
- Garrison DO study
- Coleman's Canyon Multiport slug testing (permeability testing)
- Continuation of the Aquifer Test Compilation Report Update
- Antioch sliver property easement
- TDS pilot well aquifer test – monitoring and sampling
- Antioch sliver survey
- Texas Desal Conference (9/22-24)
- Coleman's Canyon Multiport slug testing (permeability testing)
- Completion of the resource vulnerability analysis for the abandoned well risk assessment using newly integrated and automated workflows for easy replication
- Update the PRISM API tool to provide access to temperature (tmin, tmax, tmean) data
- Begin the development of an automated workflow for data retrieval and reporting to support staff during monthly drought updates
- Presentation and delivery of stamped *Hydrogeological & Geochemical Study of the Lower Trinity Aquifer* report by LRE at next available Board meeting.
- Announcement of the TWDB Grant Application acceptance

Regulatory Compliance

August-September 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 began review of aquifer testing plans for Hays Commons (application submitted 23 July).
- Staff initiated pre-enforcement with permittees that overpumped targets for the month of August.
- Continued coordination with WetRock and Creedmoor to address staff recommended revisions to their aquifer testing plans for their newly drilled Middle Trinity well.
- Completed the review and received GM approval for Centex Materials, LP for their application to drill a new Middle Trinity test well and new Middle Trinity scientific monitoring well for the purpose of completing an aquifer test.
- Began review of Production Permit Application submitted by SWCA's Phil Pierce on behalf of the Anthem development for their well that will supply a TCEQ permitted stormwater treatment pond.
- Staff assessing if current application fees need adjustment.

On Deck

- Staff continue to communicate with Brian and Board committee about rules.
- Completion of collection of the 2026 annual LPP meter reading submissions.

Communications & Outreach

August-September Activities

- [Barton Springs Edwards-Aquifer Conservation District continues in Stage 3 drought, board approves fiscal year 2027 budget](#) Hays Free Press 08/19/2026
- Attended Texas Well Owner Network education program for Caldwell and Hays county residents.
- Attended Barton Springs Flow measurement with Justin and Dana Thomas from the City of Austin.
- Staff attended the Texas Association of Groundwater Districts' annual summit.
- Attended the South-Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group Meeting.

On Deck

- Groundwater Management Area 10 meeting
- Charlie and Erin will attend the Hill Country Alliance Leadership Summit.

Administration

August-September Activities

- The District is continuing the banking transition
- Finalized onboarding for our new Communications & Outreach Coordinator, Lilly
- A final FY27 budget was approved by Board action on August 13, 2026
- 2027 November elections cancelled
- Created the *FY 2026 Annual Report* and distributed it to the team for completion of their respective sections by October 23, 2026.
- Working on standard operating procedures
- The Administrative team handles a variety of recurring tasks, including generating invoices, processing payments, paying bills, and managing meter readings.

On Deck

- The District is still in the process of transitioning to a new bank.
- TAGD Summit
- Meeting with Account Executive for next year's TX Health Benefits Pool for renewal

Executive Outreach & Education (Charlie)

August-September Activities

- Attended Southwest Travis Co GCD Board Meeting

- Met with constituents to discuss potential Data Center plays in the District
- Attended Representative Zwiener's Data Center Task Force meeting
- Represented District at the Inter-District Executive meeting
- Regional Water Quality Protection Program
- Offered conservation-oriented career guidance to several university students

On Deck:

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

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

August-September Activities

- The GMA 9 DFC Joint Planning group has no meeting.
- The GMA 10 DFC Joint Planning group assembly of Public Comments and agenda creation for upcoming meeting.
- Blanco/Guadalupe/San Antonio River Regional Water Planning Group
- Blanco/Guadalupe/San Antonio River Regional Flood Planning Group – recruitment of and Executive Committee meeting to discuss Hays County Commissioner's nomination to run for the vacant County Position on the planning group.
- Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group
- Lower Colorado Regional Flood Planning Group
- 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.
- GMA-9 and -10 have both designated proposed DFCs and will adopt them in the coming months.
- BSEACD is an active member and Charlie acts as Chair of GMA-10.
- Proposed DFCs for GMA-10/BSEACD remain the same for the Edwards and are proposed to become more precise for the Trinity.

Status Report Update

September 10, 2026 Board Meeting

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- [Texas Desalination 2026 Annual Conference](#) – September 22-24, Bee Cave
- Hill Country Alliance Leadership Summit – September 24, Camp Lucy
- [Texas Water Association 2026 Fall Conference](#) – October 7-9, San Antonio

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

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

Rainfall in August has yet to show up at the Camp Mabry and Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) weather stations. In fact, as of Tuesday, 8/25 it has been 31 days since the last registered rainfall in the Hill Country. Historically and/or surprisingly, August brings about 2.7 inches.

Lovelady Monitor Well

As of August 25, the Lovelady monitor well's 10-day average water level was 457.7 feet above mean sea level (ft-msl), approximately 0.6 feet (or 7.2 inches) above the Stage 3 Exceptional Drought threshold of 457.1 ft-msl. Due to this rapid decline, water levels could be back within Stage 3 by early-to-mid-September.

Barton Springs Flow

Discharge at Barton Springs is currently about 20 cubic feet per second (cfs), though declining quickly and could be right behind Lovelady in crossing into the Stage 3 threshold (14 cfs) in September.

Other indicators show a similar pattern:

- Trinity Aquifer monitor wells are declining
- Jacob's Well has returned to near zero flow
- Local area creeks have dried again
- Blanco River flow at Wimberley is below normal
- No meaningful rainfall in future forecast

Together, these observations reinforce that recent rainfall's meaningful recharge has not offset the effects of continued heat, high water demand and limited recharge.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

Groundwater Management Area Joint Planning

➤ *GMA 9 Monitoring and Technical Advising*

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer has resumed its interaction and collaboration with GMA 9 as a non-voting member to reestablish connections with that up-dip Hill Country Trinity Aquifer Joint Planning Group. GMA 9 has used the old GAM for GMA planning purposes, and all previous DFCs will remain the same. The next meeting will be September 29 at the Cow Creek GCD offices in Boerne.

➤ *GMA 10 Coordination*

The GMA 10 DFC planning group met on April 27th to recommend proposed DFCs using the new Southern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) based on new pumping projections and drought/recharge scenarios. The GMA-10 members' updated Trinity Proposed DFC statements will impact policy development for the management of the Trinity Aquifer. Recommendations were submitted to the TWDB and have been posted for the required 90-day public comment period. Each GMA-10 member district will hold a public hearing during the 90-day comment period, compile and respond to public comments, respond to comments, and vote to approve the new DFCs with considerations to responses in the fall of 2026. The next meeting is September 21 at the EAA HQ in San Antonio. The required Public Hearing for the BSEACD was held at the June Board meeting.

Trinity Aquifer Sustainable Yield Study & Planning

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

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

Technical Evaluations (Bri)

Aquifer Science staff continue to collect and analyze hydrogeologic data to advance the state of the best available science of the Trinity Aquifers. This increased understanding will provide a robust scientific framework to guide Trinity Sustainable Yield (TSY) policy-making efforts, a major priority for the District. Staff continue to maintain and expand the District's monitoring well network and are closely monitoring impacts from the present drought on aquifer levels in both the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers.

A project to update the 2010 Aquifer Test Compilation Report is also in progress. The 2010 report provided a foundational summary of aquifer test data across the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer and portions of the Trinity Aquifer. This update will implement post-2010 aquifer test data into an improved spatial and stratigraphic analysis of aquifer characteristics. Results of this analysis will be drafted into a fresh aquifer test compilation report and will guide TSY staff during policy-making efforts.

Habitat Conservation Plan (Justin)

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

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

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

The development team is close to wrapping up phase 3 of the database project. The Water Quality Viewer page has been deployed with feedback given. Improvement to the data entry were made and a legend was added to the map to identify the aquifer completion of wells. A well-inspection page was added that makes information from site visits easier to pull and keep record of. 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. Improvements to the process of adding a meter have also been made with starting meter reading field added and an issue where dates were displaying one day earlier than entered. Moving forward, the development team is focused on planning the online applications process and integrating the HydroVu API capabilities.

Abandoned Well Risk Assessment (Bri)

The integration of the PRISM API tool into ArcGIS Notebooks is currently underway. The assessment resource vulnerability analysis will be completed using this newly integrated PRISM workflow for data retrieval and climate data processing. The goal is to document an official abandoned well assistance program for the 2026 Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), using initial risk assessment results.

PRISM Climate Data API (Bri)

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

Aquifer Test Compilation Report Update (Bri, Justin)

A new project has been proposed by Aquifer Science staff to update the 2010 study with aquifer testing data from 2011 to 2025. The current dataset is being updated to include testing data following 2010, which will guide the Trinity Sustainable Yield committee in the development of management policy. The 2010 report will be updated to reflect new findings. An updated table of Aquifer Tests since 2010 will be compiled for statistical evaluation to supplement Trinity Sustainable Yield efforts by the end of August 2026.

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.

Current and Possible Permitting Status (Erin)

➤ Creedmoor-Maha and DC South Fork, LLC

UNDER REVIEW: Staff met with Kaveh of Wet Rock, Matt Pickle of Creedmoor, and representatives from co-applicant DC Southfork to discuss staff's comments on the aquifer testing plan submitted in April. Wet Rock will submit a revised testing plan that addresses staff's comments and recommendations. Wet Rock aiming to have a revised test plan back to staff in time for to complete the test in October/November.

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: Jack Sackrider of Westward Environmental, on behalf of Centex Materials, submitted a revised testing plan that addresses staff's comments and recommendations. This test well application and a well drilling authorization for a new monitoring well were GM approved on 24 August 2026.

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

➤ Hays Commons

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

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

IN PROGRESS: Bryan Boyd of BBA Consultants submitted an aquifer test application on 23 July 2026 that includes a plan for the aquifer test that will be used to later provide the hydrogeologic report that will be prepared and submitted as a part of a production permit application. Staff are currently reviewing this plan and will provide comments back to Mr. Boyd upon completion of this initial review. Staff will have first recommended test revisions to Mr. Boyd in September.

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 September 16 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)

- 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 September.

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)
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
In Review					
Precinct	Application Type	Aquifer	Applicant Name	Use Type	Volume Request (GPY)
1 – Cradit	Production Permit	Middle Trinity	MRP HNHB, LLC (Anthem)	Irrigation (Stormwater Treatment Pond)	649,000
1 – Cradit	Aquifer Test	Lower Trinity	Hays Commons Developments, LP	PWS	TBD
1 – Cradit	Exempt	Austin Chalk?	Owens Property Holdings, LLC	Livestock	7 GPM
2 – Stansberry	Well Drilling Authorization	Middle Trinity	Creedmoor-Maha WSC	Monitoring	0 - Monitoring
2 - Stansberry	Aquifer Testing	Middle Trinity	Creedmoor-Maha WSC	PWS	TBD
1 – Cradit	LPP	Middle Trinity	Estrada, David	Domestic	250,000
Recently Approved and/or Admin Complete					
Precinct	Application Type	Aquifer	Applicant Name	Use Type	Volume Request (GPY)
1 – Cradit	Well Drilling Authorization	Middle Trinity	Centex Materials, LP	Scientific Monitoring	0 - Monitoring
1 – Cradit	Test Well	Middle Trinity	Centex Materials, LP	Test Well – Industrial	TBD
2 – Stansberry	Plugging	Edwards	Driller – Glass Well Service	Abandon	0 - Plugging

AQUIFER STUDIES

(Jeff and Justin)

Permitting Hydrogeologic Studies:

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

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

- Technical evaluations to inform upcoming GMA 10 DFC planning cycle and establishment of new Trinity DFCs.
- Hydrogeologic evaluations for Trinity Sustainable Yield policy framework development.
- 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
- Reimers Ranch - Hamilton Creek Middle Trinity Monitor Well Dye-Trace Study
 - 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.
- 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 evaluation of the draft Southern Trinity Groundwater Availability Model files, released by the TWDB in late July has confirmed its superiority to the old version. This model is being used by the TWDB to calculate modeled available groundwater (MAG) for the Trinity aquifer in GMA 10.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

(Lillian)

Drought Communications

- Drought-related social media posts - *These were shared on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.*
 - o <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1FDuYxuTuQ/>
 - o <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1JoQozzbpD/>
 - o <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/19QFcy4Gpo/>

Articles and Media in Which the District was Mentioned

- [Barton Springs Edwards-Aquifer Conservation District continues in Stage 3 drought, board approves fiscal year 2027 budget](#) Hays Free Press 08/19/2026

Outreach

- Attended Texas Well Owner Network education program for Caldwell and Hays County residents.
- Attended Barton Springs Flow measurement with Justin and Dana Thomas from the City of Austin.
- Staff attended the Texas Association of Groundwater Districts' annual summit.

Digital Communications Data

Social Media Data - August				
Platform	August Reach	% MOM Growth: August vs. July	Followers	% MOM Growth: August vs. July
Facebook	71,486	-92%	11,898	2%
Instagram	6,369	-71%	2,771	1%
LinkedIn	1,020	-38%	804	1%

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

Website Data	Avg. Engagement Time/User	Views	Event Count	Most Visited Page	Top Landing Page
June 2026	34s	7,216	20,888	Drought Status	Drought Status
July 2026	28s	6,419	18,252	Drought Status	Drought Status
August 2026	25s	5,578	17,398	Drought Status	Drought Status

ADMINISTRATION

(Charlie, Alyssa, and Tina Cooper/AAG)

A public hearing was scheduled at the August 13 Board meeting, and the Board approved a final FY27 budget.

The November 3 election has been cancelled due to a lack of applicants resulting in a \$145,000 savings for elections costs.

The team section for the annual report has been shared with each member for updates in preparation for the December Board for approval.

Meeting with our account executive from TX Health Benefits Pool to discuss renewals.

In September, the administrative team and the rest of the staff will be preparing for the 2026 Texas Groundwater Summit.

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.

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Board Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage

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Board Discussion and Possible Action

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

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c. Discussion and possible action regarding extension of legal services agreement with SledgeLaw Group, PLLC

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Board Discussion and Possible Action

- d. Discussion and possible action related to the November 2026 General Election for Directors, including but not limited to adopting an order canceling the election for precincts 2 and 5, and declaring unopposed candidates elected.

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES
CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS

To: Presiding Officer of Governing Body

Al: Presidente de la entidad gobernante

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on November 3, 2026.

Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en la elección que se llevará a cabo el 3 de noviembre, del 2026.

List offices and names of candidates:

Lista de cargos y nombres de los candidatos:

Office(s) *Cargo(s)*

Candidate(s) *Candidato(s)*

Director *Distrito*) Precinct (*Precinto*) 2

Blayne Stansberry

Director (*Distrito*) Precinct (*Precinto*) 5

Vanessa Puig-Williams

Signature (*Firma*)

Printed name (*Nombre en letra de molde*)

Title (*Puesto*)

Date of signing (*Fecha de firma*)

(Seal) (*sello*)

ORDER CANCELLING GENERAL ELECTION

BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S ORDER DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR PRECINCTS TWO (2), AND FIVE (5); CANCELLING NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION IN SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT PRECINCTS TWO (2), AND FIVE (5); REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDERS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CANCELLATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District ("District or "BSEACD") on August 13, 2026, adopted an order calling general election to be held on November 3, 2026 (the "Elections"), for the purpose of electing directors from the District director Precinct numbers two (2), and five (5); and,

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code Sections 144.005 and 144.006, establish deadlines for filing applications for a place on the ballot and for receiving declarations of write-in candidacy for the Elections which have now expired; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Garcia, the District's duly designated Custodian of Records and Agent to the Board Secretary ("Agent"), in the Elections certified in writing to the Board that Blayne Stansberry is the sole candidate for election to the Director position of Precinct 2 in the General Election, Vanessa Puig-Williams is the sole candidate for election to the Director position of Precinct 5 in the General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot in said elections for Director are unopposed, there are no opposed declared write-in candidates, and no propositions are to appear on the ballot for said Election; and

WHEREAS, Texas Election Code, Chapter 2, Subchapter C, authorizes the Board, upon receipt of certification that candidates for an election are unopposed, to declare the unopposed candidates to be elected and, further authorizes the Board to cancel that part of the General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ACCORDINGLY FOUND, DECLARED, AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BARTON SPRINGS/ EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. The facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Order are hereby found to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Texas Election Code Section 2.053(a), the following unopposed candidates in the General Election in Precincts two (2) and five (5) are hereby declared duly elected to the respective office shown and shall be issued a certificate of election following the date on which the Election for Directors were to have been held:

- Director Precinct 2, Blayne Stansberry

- Director Precinct 5, Vanessa Puig-Williams

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 2.053(b), the General Election ordered by the Board for November 3, 2026, shall not be held and is hereby canceled and the District's Agent is hereby directed to cause a copy of this Order to be posted on Election Day at all polling places that would have been used in such Election. The District's Agent is hereby authorized to take any further actions authorized by or necessary under the Texas Election Code or other law to cancel the November 3, 2026 General Election for the District.

SECTION 4. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any purpose by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Order shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was passed was open to the public as required by Section 551.001 *et seq.*, Texas Government Code, and that advance public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given.

SECTION 6. All orders, resolutions, or parts of orders or resolutions of the Board in conflict with this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 6. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

**BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS
AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors

ORDEN PARA CANCELAR LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL

ORDEN DEL DISTRITO DE CONSERVACIÓN DEL ACUÍFERO BARTON SPRINGS Y EDWARDS EN LA QUE SE DECLARAN LOS CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS PARA DIRECTORES DE LOS DISTRITOS ELECTORALES UNO (1), DOS (2), Y CUATRO (5) ELEGIDOS; SE CANCELA LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DEL 3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2026 EN LOS DISTRITOS ELECTORALES DOS(2) Y CINCO (5) CON UN SOLO CANDIDATO; SE REVOCAN ÓRDENES CONFLICTIVAS; Y SE DISPONEN OTROS ASUNTOS RELACIONADOS CON LA CANCELACIÓN

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el trece de Agosto de 2026 la Junta de Directores (“Junta”) del Distrito de Conservación del Acuífero Barton Springs y Edwards (Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, el “Distrito” o “BSEACD”) aprobó una orden en la que se convocaba una elección general a celebrarse el 3 de noviembre de 2026 (la “Elección”), con el propósito de elegir a los directores de distrito de los distritos electorales números dos (2), y cinco (5);

CONSIDERANDO QUE, las Secciones 144.005 y 144.006 del Código Electoral de Texas, establecen fechas límite para la presentación de solicitudes de un lugar en la boleta y para recibir las declaraciones de los candidatos agregados por escrito a incluir en la Elección, que ahora han vencido;

CONSIDERANDO QUE, Alyssa Garcia, la debidamente nombrada por el Distrito como Encargada de los Registros y Agente ante la Secretaría de la Junta (“Agente”) para la Elección, ha certificado por escrito ante la Junta que Blayne Stansberry es la única candidata para el puesto de Director del Distrito Electoral 2 en la Elección General, que Vanessa Puig-Williams es el único candidato para el puesto de Director del Distrito Electoral 5 en la Elección General;

CONSIDERANDO QUE, por medio de la presente la Junta considera y determina que los candidatos cuyos nombres deben aparecer en la boleta de dicha elección para Director son únicos, que no hay candidatos agregados por escrito declarados y que no aparecerán proposiciones en la boleta de dicha Elección; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Subcapítulo C del Capítulo 2 del Código Electoral de Texas autoriza que la Junta, al recibo de la certificación que indica que los candidatos de una elección son únicos, declare que se elijan a los candidatos únicos, y además autoriza a la Junta a cancelar esa porción de la Elección General.

POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE DIRECTORES DEL DISTRITO DE CONSERVACIÓN DEL ACUÍFERO BARTON SPRINGS Y EDWARDS DETERMINA, DECLARA Y ORDENA QUE:

SECCIÓN 1. Por medio de la presente se declara que los hechos y asuntos establecidos en el preámbulo de esta Orden son verídicos y correctos.

SECCIÓN 2. En virtud de la Sección 2.053(a) del Código Electoral de Texas, por medio de la presente se declara que los siguientes candidatos únicos de los Distritos Electorales dos (2) y cinco (5) de la Elección General son debidamente elegidos para los puestos respectivos indicados, y se emitirá un certificado de elección después de la fecha en la que se iba a celebrar la elección de directores:

- Directora del Distrito Electoral 2, Blayne Stansberry
- Director del Distrito Electoral 5, Vanessa Puig-Williams

SECCIÓN 3. En virtud de la Sección 2.053(b) del Código Electoral de Texas, la Elección General que se refiere a los directores de los distritos electorales dos (2) y cinco (5) que la Junta ordenó celebrarse el 3 de noviembre de 2026, no se celebrará, y por medio de la presente se cancela y se instruye a la Agente del Distrito que el día de la elección publique una copia de esta Orden en todos los lugares de votación que se hubieran usado para tal Elección. Por medio de la presente se autoriza a la Agente del Distrito a emprender cualquier medida adicional autorizada por el Código Electoral de Texas o por otra ley, o requerida en virtud de estos, para cancelar la Elección General del Distrito del 3 de noviembre de 2026.

SECCIÓN 4. Si un tribunal de jurisdicción competente declara inconstitucional o inválido cualquier sección, párrafo, oración, cláusula, frase o palabra de esta Orden, el resto de esta Orden no se verá afectada por esto, y con este propósito se declara que las disposiciones de esta Orden son separables.

SECCIÓN 5. Por medio de la presente se considera y determina que la reunión en la que se aprobó esta Orden estuvo abierta al público, como lo dispone la Sección 551.001 y *siguientes* del Código Gubernamental de Texas, y que se notificó con anticipación al público la hora, el lugar y el propósito de dicha reunión. El gobernador ha suspendido y modificado ciertos requisitos de reuniones abiertas de conformidad con su declaración de desastre. Estos cambios incluyen permitir que el Distrito establezca procedimientos para reuniones telefónicas o por videoconferencia que sean accesibles al público.

SECCIÓN 6. Todas las órdenes, resoluciones o partes de órdenes o resoluciones de la Junta que entren en conflicto con esta Orden quedan por la presente derogadas en la medida de dicho conflicto.

SECCIÓN 6. Esta Orden entrará en vigencia inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

APROBADA Y CONFIRMADA ESTE DÍA 10 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2026.

**DISTRITO DE CONSERVACIÓN DEL
ACUÍFERO BARTON SPRINGS Y
EDWARDS**

Presidente de la Junta de Directores

DOY FE:

Secretario de la Junta de Directores

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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.

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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

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Board Discussion and Possible Action

g. Discussion and possible action regarding the date of the upcoming Board meeting.

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Board Discussion and Possible Action

h. Discussion and possible action related to authorizing the General Manager to publish proposed amendments to the District Rules and set a public hearing for their consideration

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Board Discussion and Possible Action

- i. Discussion and possible action on Resolution and Order Establishing Interim Procedures for Acceptance and Processing of Certain Permit Applications During Stage 3 Drought and Pending Completion of Rulemaking to Conform the District Rules to Laws Enacted by the 89th Texas Legislature and to Make Other Changes to the District's Regulations and Permitting System

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

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Adjournment