

Proposed FY 2016 District Goals

(Adoption Date: October 8, 2015)

The following goals were adopted by the Board to guide the District's efforts for Fiscal Year 2016. The Board will assess achievement or substantial progress towards achievement of the goals as of the end the fiscal year or after August 31, 2016.

1. Continue implementation of HB 3405 and activities related to annexation of the Shared Territory including conducting scientific studies as the basis for establishing policies and developing a regulatory framework to manage the Trinity Aquifer that are protective of local existing wells and the regional aquifer and freshwater resources.

Lead Team: All Teams

2. Continue to participate in initiatives to preserve and protect the water quality of recharge to the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer such as advocating for the appropriate pollution controls for roadway runoff and supporting implementation of sound wastewater management practices to protect groundwater and conserve resources.

Lead Team: General Management

3. Implement measures necessary to prepare for the upcoming 2016 elections including redistricting and coordination with County officials in new area and voting precincts added through the recent annexation.

Lead Team: General Services Team.

4. Conduct scientific studies and develop the regulatory framework that support the development and the use of alternative water supplies through methods such as aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) of groundwater and/or floodwaters and desalination that may substitute for use of the Edwards Aquifer and explore opportunities where such methods might provide the added benefit of flood control.

Lead Team: Aquifer Science

5. Implement education and outreach initiatives targeted at affected constituents in the newly annexed area to increase awareness of the District role in regional groundwater management and planning and its research, monitoring efforts, management strategies, and well permitting/registration programs by making data accessible through publications, website improvements, social media presence, public awareness campaigns, and/or other related outreach events and initiatives.

Lead Team: Education & Outreach

6. Initiate rulemaking to develop rule concepts and identify rule changes needed to: 1) implement new legislation, 2) refine the regulatory approach for permitting and regulation of wells in the Shared Territory and 3) establish a regulatory framework for innovative alternate water supply projects (i.e. ASR and desalination).

Lead Team: Regulatory Compliance