



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

Thursday, January 8, 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, January 8, 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

Board members present at commencement: Vanessa Puig-Williams, Lily Lucas, Blayne Stansberry, Christy Williams

Staff present: Erin Swanson, Jeff Watson, Bri Moore, Justin Camp, Shay Hlavaty, Jacob Newton, Alyssa Garcia

[Jon Cradit was absent](#)

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.**
[President Puig-Williams called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.](#)
- 2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).**
[There were no public comments at this time.](#)

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 December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting.
There were no questions or comments on the consent Agenda.

Director Lucas moved to approve the Consent Agenda and minutes. Director Stansberry seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

4. General Manager's Report.

- a. GM Update
- b. Aquifer Status Report

Justin Camp provided the drought update. In December, he reported the region experienced about a ½ inch of rain and fell short of the historical average of 2.7 inches of rain. For January, the region historically receives 2.5 inches of rain but has seen no rainfall yet this month.

The 10-day average water level at Lovelady 454.6, which is only 1.2 feet above the stage 4 emergency response period. Lovelady could cross into stage 4 sometime in late March or early April. Rates of decline have changed since December as it is flatlining with the approach toward the ERP threshold becoming more elongate and asymptotic.

The 10-day average flow at Barton Springs is 12.4 cfs, which is 2.4 cfs above the ERP.

The Trinity water levels show a little bit of flatlining as delayed response to late October rains.

January monthly rain outlook predicts below normal chances.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

- a. Approval of FY 2025 Audit.

The financial audit has been delayed in process but will be reviewed at the February board meeting.

- b. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage.

Justin mentioned that, outside of the broader forecast, the District continues to monitor conditions closely, with particular attention to Lovelady toward the end of March or early April.

Board discusses ongoing communication strategies for a potential transition of drought conditions.

General Manager Flatten mentioned the draft press release has been generated and initial conversation on next steps which would include having conversations with elected officials and management staff, and scheduled meetings with permittees to review implications. Board members were asked to review the draft press release and provide feedback.

- c. Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.
Jacob Newton presented the UDCP, updated through December. Tier 3, Creedmoor-Maha WSC over pumped by 107%. Eight Tier 2 permittees over pumped their December allocations, including five Aqua Texas Inc permits (50%, 47%, 25%, 22%, 8%), Hays Consolidated I.S.D (16%), and Huntington Utility Company (13%). Aqua Texas Inc also over pumped their Tier 1 December allocations by 41%.
- d. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 010826-01 replacing Dr. Loftus with Mr. Flatten as the TexPool Authorized Representative.
Director Williams moved to approve the change in the District's Texpool Authorized Representative to GM Flatten. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 4-0.
- 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

The executive session began at 5:49 and concluded at 6:31 PM

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.

President Puig Williams adjourned the board meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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.

Approved by the Board on February 12, 2026

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Vanessa Puig-Williams
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Vanessa Puig-Williams, Board President

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Christy Williams, Board Secretary