

**CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
May 18, 2009

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all interested persons within Burnet County, Texas:

That the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD) will hold a public hearing, accept public comment, and may take action on the adoption of proposed District Rules regulating water wells in Burnet County, Texas. The proposed rules: require the registration of certain water wells in Burnet County; require persons to obtain permit(s) or permit amendments from the CTGCD before drilling, operating, completing, equipping, or altering certain wells; provide exemptions for some wells; impose well spacing requirements between wells and from property lines; impose limits on the amount of water that can be produced from a well annually; grandfather the location and production of water from certain existing wells, subject to certain restrictions; require owners of certain existing wells to establish proof of the maximum amount of water used historically in a calendar year; establish permitting procedures; establish penalties for violations of the rules, including civil monetary penalties not to exceed \$10,000 per day per violation; require certain well owners to obtain and install meters for their wells and report annual groundwater production amounts to the CTGCD; establish certain fees, including fees and other regulations for producing water from wells located in Burnet County and transporting the water for use outside of Burnet County; create procedural guidelines for applying for and the consideration of production permit applications, including procedures for contesting permit applications; establish permitting and reporting requirements for the use of groundwater by rock quarries and other aggregate quarries; establish differing regulations for different aquifers or areas of Burnet County, including authorizing the establishment and enforcement of caps on the total amount of groundwater that may be produced annually from an aquifer or area; require the submission of certain reports to the CTGCD; authorize the inspection of wells by the CTGCD and the prohibition of open, uncovered, abandoned, or deteriorated wells; prohibit waste of groundwater; and provide for the regulation of water wells to prevent unreasonable affects on surrounding landowners. Changes may be made to the proposed District Rules based upon comments received or made at the hearing, and the rules may be adopted with or without such changes without further notice or hearing.

This rulemaking hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the main courtroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Burnet County Courthouse, located at 220 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present comment or other information on the proposed District Rules may do so in person, by counsel, or both. Comments may be presented verbally or in written form. Limits may be placed on the amount of time that each person is allowed to present verbal comments. The hearing posted in this notice may be recessed from day to day or continued where appropriate.

A copy of the proposed District Rules (1) may be requested by email at [bowers@centraltexasgcd.org](mailto:bowers@centraltexasgcd.org), (2) is available at the CTGCD's website at [www.centraltexasgcd.org](http://www.centraltexasgcd.org), and (3) may be reviewed or copied at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet Texas. Any person who wishes to receive more detailed information on this notice or the proposed District Rules should contact Richard Bowers, General Manager, at 512-756-4900.

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