

CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING

May 18, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Main Courtroom, 2nd Floor, Burnet County Courthouse

220 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas

AGENDA

The following items of business will be discussed, considered, and potentially acted upon by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD): (see footnote 1)

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DISTRICT RULES

Call hearing to order and establish a quorum.

1. Public Hearing on Proposed District Rules. 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.
2. Receive public comments on Proposed District Rules.
3. Discuss future consideration and/or action on Proposed District Rules.
4. Adjourn, recess, or continue rulemaking public hearing; written record may be left open for a limited time.

The Central Texas Groundwater 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 512-756-4900 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

Footnotes:

1. At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gift (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during any open meeting.
2. Citizens who desire to address the Board on any matter may sign up to do so prior to the meeting. Public comments will be received during this portion of the meeting. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. No discussion or final action will be taken by the Board.
3. Comments will include activities and issues pertinent to the organization of the District and management of groundwater within the District, including, but not limited to, current events in the District involving groundwater, wells, and state or regional developments related to water management.

Certification: I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that on May 15, 2009 at or before 5:00 p.m., I posted and filed the above notice of meeting with the Burnet County Clerk's office and posted a copy in the hallway of the Burnet County Courthouse in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times. I also certify that a copy of the notice was posted on the door and on an outside window of the District office and that they will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.