

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE
UPPER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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**Monday, February 22, 2021
Hearing begins at 5:00 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT RULES
EXTENDING THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A HISTORIC USE PERMIT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons in Hood, Montague, Parker, and Wise counties, Texas, that the Board of Directors of the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) will hold a public hearing, accept public comment, and may act to adopt amendments to the District Rules regulating water wells within the boundaries of the District, including Hood, Montague, Parker, and Wise counties, Texas. The proposed amendments 1) extend the deadline to apply for a Historic Use Permit to on or before June 30, 2021; 2) exempt a well used solely for emergency purposes as described by the District Rules from the requirement to obtain a permit; 3) extend the deadline for the owners of certain existing non-exempt wells to register such wells with the District and install meters on such wells on or before October 31, 2020; 4) extend the deadline for the owners of such existing non-exempt wells to comply with the meter reading, groundwater production reporting, and fee payment requirements to beginning January 1, 2021; 5) clarify that well systems operating under a Historic Use permit will be issued a single permit for the entire well system rather than a permit for each individual well, and the aggregate annual groundwater production limit amount shall be assigned to the well system rather than allocated on a pro rata basis to each well, and other conforming changes to the District Rules.

The public meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. and will be conducted by online videoconference / teleconference. Comments on the proposed adoption of amendments to the District Rules may be presented in written or verbal form at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the meeting by email at doug@uppertrinitygcd.com or by mail at P.O. Box 1749, Springtown, TX 76082.

The District Board of Directors will also hold a regular Board meeting at the same time and place as the public hearing on the proposed adoption of amendments to the District Rules. Agenda items for the regular Board meeting include: public comment, approval of minutes, approval of invoices and reimbursements, General Manager’s report (update on operational, educational, and other activities), discussion of new business for future meeting agendas, and any other items that may be added by the Board President or the General Manager. Questions or requests for additional information should be directed to Doug Shaw by phone at (817) 523-5200, by email at doug@uppertrinitygcd.com, or by mail at P.O. Box 1749, Springtown, TX 76082.

In order to facilitate social distancing and to slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code and actions taken by the Office of the Governor of

Texas on March 16, 2020, suspending various provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, this hearing of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District) will be conducted by online videoconference / teleconference.

For this hearing, some members of the Board may be physically present at the Board's regular meeting location at the District office in Springtown, Texas. However, members of the public interested in joining the meeting must do so remotely in order to promote social distancing and to slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). At least a quorum of the Board will attend the hearing either in person or remotely (online) via the Zoom Remote Conferencing Service.

Persons wanting to join the hearing remotely to observe the hearing, hear the communications that occur at the hearing and the public deliberations of the Board, or to comment on the proposed rule amendments may join the hearing at no charge online at the following address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87568865308>. Members of the public may also access the hearing by telephone at the following number: (346) 248-7799. Use Meeting ID: 875 6886 5308. Long distance charges may apply to persons calling in to one of these two numbers, depending upon their phone carrier and plan.

Persons not able to join the hearing remotely but who wish to comment on the proposed rule amendments may submit comments or other information via email to the following address: doug@uppertrinitygcd.com. Written comments must be received prior to the Board's decision on the proposed rule amendments.

A copy of the proposed amended District Rules may be requested by email at doug@uppertrinitygcd.com, is available for viewing or downloading at www.uppertrinitygcd.com and may be reviewed, inspected, or obtained in person at the District's office located at 1859 West Highway 199, Springtown, Texas 76082. Any additional public information concerning this hearing will be posted on the District's website "Meetings" page prior to or during the hearing at: <https://uppertrinitygcd.com/meetings/>

Additionally, an audio recording of the hearing will be made, and can be requested after the conclusion of the hearing by sending a written request to the District at P.O. Box 1749, Springtown, Texas, 76082, or by email to: doug@uppertrinitygcd.com.

At any time during a work session, meeting or hearing and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful 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 an open meeting.

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This is to certify that I, Doug Shaw, posted this agenda on the bulletin board of the Administrative Offices of the District at 1859 W. Highway 199, Springtown TX 76082, and also provided this agenda to the County Clerks in Hood, Montague, Parker and Wise Counties with a request that it be posted at or before 4:00 p.m. on the 2 of February, 2021.



Doug Shaw, General Manager