

NOTICE OF HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
UPPER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

District Office
1859 W. Highway 199
Springtown, TX 76082

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1 (346) 248-7799 – US
Meeting ID: 869 6595 5206

Thursday, November 16, 2023
Hearing begins at 5:00 PM
Regular Meeting begins at conclusion of Public Hearing

For this hearing and meeting, at least a quorum of the Board will 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 may do so in-person at the District office or remotely via the Zoom Remote Conferencing Service.

Persons wanting to join the meeting remotely to observe the meeting, hear the communications that occur at the meeting and the public deliberations of the Board, or to comment on a permit application, or any other item on the agenda, may join the hearing at no charge online at the following address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86965955206>. Members of the public may also access the hearing by telephone at the following number: (346) 248-7799. Use Meeting ID: 869 6595 5206. Long distance charges may apply to persons calling in to the number, depending upon their phone carrier and plan.

Persons not able to join the hearing remotely but who wish to comment on a permit application 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 application.

Persons may make comments for or against a permit application without the need to request a contested case hearing on the application. However, persons wanting to protest a permit application by requesting a contested case hearing must do so either in writing or by appearing at the public hearing on the date specified in this notice and opposing the application. Written requests for a contested case hearing must be received by the District on or before the date of the public hearing as it appears on this notice, and before Board action on the application. Written requests for a contested case hearing may be mailed to the District at P.O. Box 1749, Springtown, Texas, 76082, or submitted by email to: doug@uppertrinitygcd.com.

Additional requirements for requesting a contested case hearing on this application, including the information that must be included in such a request, may be found in Appendix E, Rule E.6, of the District Rules: <https://uppertrinitygcd.com/pdf/UTGCD-RULES.pdf>

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.

Persons wanting to comment on an agenda item but otherwise not wishing to join the meeting may email comments to the following address: doug@uppertrinitygcd.com. Additionally, an audio recording of the meeting will be made, and can be requested after the conclusion of the meeting by sending a written request to the District at P.O. Box 1749, Springtown, Texas, 76082, or by email to: doug@uppertrinitygcd.com.

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

The Board may discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, including expenditure of funds as necessary or appropriate, on any item listed on this agenda:

1. Welcome guests and members of the public.
2. Roll call, establish a quorum, call Public Hearing and Board Meeting to order; declare the hearing and board meeting open to the public.
3. Pledges of allegiance to the flags.
4. Public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Receive any public comments, requests to contest, and the General Manager's report and recommendations regarding the following applications for permits, permit amendments, and/or requests for exceptions to the District's water well spacing or minimum tract size requirements:
 - A. **Continuation of Hearing for the applications related to Permit IDs 007-W-OP, 011-H-OP, and 014-P-OP Submitted by Aqua TX and described in the Notice of Hearing for the September 21 hearing ("the Hearing Notice"), which was posted prior to September 11, 2023.**
2. Discuss, consider, and possible action by the Board to approve or deny, in whole or in part, the applications for permits, permit amendments, and/or requests for exceptions to the District's water well spacing or minimum tract size requirements set forth above in this agenda.
3. Adjourn or continue hearing in whole or in part.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. **Consent Agenda:** Each of these items is recommended by the Staff and approval thereof will be strictly on the basis of the Staff recommendations. Approval of the Consent Agenda authorizes the General Manager or his designee to implement each item in accordance with the Staff recommendations. The consent agenda will be approved as a block. Any Board member that has questions regarding any item on the consent agenda may have the item pulled and considered as a regular item on the agenda. Any items so pulled for separate discussion will be considered as the first items following approval of the consent agenda.
 - A. Approval of minutes from the Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing on October 19, 2023.
 - B. Approval of bank statement ending October 31, 2023, and current financial reports of the District.
 - C. Approval of Investment Report.
 - D. Payment of bills/invoices received through November 16, 2023.
 - E. Reimbursements for expenses incurred on behalf of the District through November 16, 2023.
 - F. Approval of Request for an Extension Applications submitted through November 16, 2023.
2. Any items from consent agenda that were pulled for further discussion.
3. Discussion regarding the following potential violations of District Rules, take action as necessary:
 - A. Well ID 19732 owned by James Lee and drilled by Doug Kinsey, in Wise County;
 - B. Two unregistered wells located at 951 FM 2264, Decatur, TX and owned by Antler Creek Capital LLC, in Wise County.

4. Discussion regarding the proposed 2024 Budget and allocation of District funds, including but not limited to the adoption of Resolution 23-008 Adopting a Budget for 2024 and Resolution 23-009 Allocation of Funds for the District; take action as necessary.
5. Discussion regarding the dates for Board of Directors meetings and the District Holiday schedule for 2024; take action as necessary.
6. Consider approval of interlocal agreement template for the District to enter into with county and municipal platting authorities located in the District to promote intergovernmental coordination and cooperation in the review of Groundwater Availability Certification statements required in connection with plat applications for the subdivision of land for which a source of supply will be groundwater, and providing an assessment of the proposed project under the District Rules; authorize the General Manager to execute such an interlocal agreement on behalf of the District with any platting authority in the District.
7. Consider adoption of Resolution 23-010 adopting temporary requirements to implement new laws approved by the 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, including House Bill 1971, House Bill 2443, and Senate Bill 1746 regarding permitting and rulemaking procedures and regarding an additional exemption from permitting for certain water wells, and delegating certain authority to the General Manager regarding enforcement matters, until formal amendments to the District Rules are adopted by the Board.
8. **Management Report on Administrative and Operational Issues:** The General Manager and staff will brief the Board on the following and any other items included in the General Manager's written report, which may be discussed, considered, and acted upon by the Board, including authorizing the initiation of, managing, or resolving enforcement action or litigation where applicable.
 - A. General Manager's report
 - B. Report on delinquent customers of the District and take any necessary action for collection of delinquent fees
 - C. Report on Education and Outreach activities
 - D. Report on injection well applications filed with the Railroad Commission
 - E. Well Registration and Groundwater Production reports
9. Review line item expenditures and adopt budget amendment(s) as necessary.
10. 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 regular Board meeting, and legal counsel's activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation: waste injection; well monitoring activities; District rules enforcement activities; District Rules and District Management Plan development or implementation issues; groundwater related legislative activities; joint planning and desired future conditions 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; and other legal activities on behalf of the District, take action as necessary.
11. Determine time and place for next meeting.
12. New business to be placed on the next meeting agenda.
13. Adjourn board meeting.

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. These public meetings and hearings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend the meetings or hearings, please call or (817) 523- 5200 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements.

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 Clerk in Parker County with a request that it be posted at or before 4:00 p.m. on the 9th of November, 2023.



Doug Shaw, General Manager