

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Rules

The Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District (District) will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 pm on September 21, 2017 at the District office, 601 West Main, Johnson City, Texas.

The subject of the Public Hearing is a variety of proposed revisions, additions, and deletions of the Rules of the District. District Rules are applicable in Blanco County and will apply to water wells, well owners, and groundwater users in Blanco County. In summary, the proposed rules will: (a) incorporate legislative changes made to Chapter 36, Texas Water Code into the District Rules, (b) remove unused, unnecessary, or out of date definitions and rules, (c) add or revise other definitions, (d) simplify, consolidate, or reorganize rules for easier reading and clarity, (e) revise the District's definition of wells exempted from the requirement to apply for a Well Operating Permit, (f) revise the application process, determination of administrative completeness, and Board consideration of Well Operating Permits, (g) update procedural rules for various public hearings and contested case hearings, (g) simplify District drought stage management procedures and groundwater demand reduction strategies, and (h) provide an overall cleanup of punctuation, grammar, and other minor revisions in wording.

A copy of the proposed rules will be available for viewing at the District office, 601 West Main, Johnson City, Texas, which is generally open weekdays during normal business hours, and a copy of the proposed rules will be available for either viewing or downloading at the District internet site: **www.blancogw.org**.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments on the proposed rules may deliver their comments to the District Office, 601, West Main, Johnson City, Texas no later than 5:00pm, September 15, 2017. Written comments may also be mailed to: BPGCD Rules, P.O. Box 1516, Johnson City, TX 78636, but must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2017. Anyone may attend the Public Hearing and make oral comments on the proposed rules at the time designated for comments.

The agenda of the September 21, 2017 Public Hearing on proposed rules is:

- Open the Public Hearing on Proposed Rules
- District presentation, explanation, and history of Proposed Rules
- Receive oral public comments on Proposed Rules
- Close the Public Hearing