



Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

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RESOLUTION NO. 20260416-5

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BLANCO

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BLANCO-PEDERNALES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RULES

WHEREAS, during the April 16, 2026, Board Meeting, the Board discussed proposed amendments to District Rules as authorized under Texas Water Code Chapter 36; and

WHEREAS, the District proposes comprehensive amendments to the following District Rules to update definitions, streamline permitting processes, clarify enforcement procedures, and align with current statutory requirements:

1. **Rule 1 (Introduction):** Amendments to Sections 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 1.9, and 1.10;
2. **Rule 2 (Definitions):** Updates to the definitions of "Affected Person," "Export Permit," "Transportation Facility," and "Waste";
3. **Rule 3 (Well Registrations...):** Amendments to Sections 3.1, 3.1.A, 3.1.B, 3.4.A.4, 3.4.A.5.h, 3.4.A.5.l, 3.4.A.5.m, 3.4.A.5.n, 3.4.B, 3.4.D.6, and 3.6;
4. **Rule 4 (Well Standards...):** Amendments to Sections 4.1.A, 4.1.B, and 4.1.D;
5. **Rule 5 (Groundwater Management Strategies):** Amendments to Sections 5.1.A, 5.1.C, 5.2.C.6, 5.2.C.8, and 5.2.C.11;
6. **Rule 8 (Procedural Rules):** Repeal of Rule 8.1; Amendments to Sections 8.2, 8.2.A, 8.2.B, 8.2.H, 8.2.I, 8.4.A, 8.4.B, 8.4.C, 8.4.F, and 8.5.C.3; and
7. **Rule 9 (Enforcement):** Amendments to Sections 9.2 and 9.4; and

WHEREAS, the Board voted at its March 19, 2026, meeting to approve publication of public notice and set a public hearing on the proposed amendments to District Rules for April 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2026, the District issued a **Public Hearing Notice** which was:

- Posted at the District Office located at 601 West Main, Johnson City, Texas 78636;
- Provided to the County Clerk of Blanco County;
- Sent to individuals who requested notice;
- Posted on the District website at www.biancogroundwatertx.gov; and
- Published in the *Blanco County News* and *Johnson City Record Courier*; and

WHEREAS, said **Notice** specified that the **public hearing would be held on April 16, 2026**, at 1:30 PM at the District Office, and established a deadline for **written comments of April 10, 2026**, thereby providing the public with more than 20 days' notice and a 5-day window for written submissions prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board **held the public hearing as scheduled on April 16, 2026**, at 1:30 PM at the District Office, during which the public was invited to submit written comments (received by the April 10 deadline) and make oral comments; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the amendments to Rule 3.1.B (Wells Exempt from Obtaining an Operating Permit) involve significant changes to exemption criteria that may require well owners time to adjust their operations or apply for permits; therefore, the Board deems it necessary to establish a **grace period** for the implementation of Rule 3.1.B to allow for a smooth transition; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors deliberated on the proposed Rule amendments and gave due consideration to all comments received from the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the proposed amendments are necessary and in the best interest of the District and its constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District, at its April 16, 2026, Board meeting, that the proposed amendments to **District Rules 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, Rule 2 (Affected Person, Export Permit, Transportation Facility, Waste), 3.1, 3.1.A, 3.4.A.4, 3.4.A.5.h, 3.4.A.5.i, 3.4.A.5.m, 3.4.A.5.n, 3.4.B, 3.4.D.6, 3.6, 4.1.A, 4.1.B, 4.1.D, 5.1.A, 5.1.C, 5.2.C.6, 5.2.C.8, 5.2.C.11, 8.1 (Repealed), 8.2, 8.2.A, 8.2.B, 8.2.H, 8.2.I, 8.4.A, 8.4.B, 8.4.C, 8.4.F, 8.5.C.3, 9.2, and 9.4** are hereby approved and shall become effective and final on **April 16, 2026**.

FURTHER BE IT ORDERED that the amendments to **Rule 3.1.B (Wells Exempt from Obtaining an Operating Permit)** are hereby approved but shall **not come into full effect until April 16, 2027**.

During the period from April 16, 2026, through April 15, 2027, current owners of existing exempt wells requiring a commercial or irrigation permit shall be afforded a grace period to comply with the new exemption criteria, and the District shall not enforce penalties for non-compliance with the revised Rule 3.1.B until said date.

The full text of the amended rules, presented in redline format with insertions underlined and deletions in strikethrough, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and shall become effective and final on **April 16, 2026**.

PASSED AND ORDERED THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.

with 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.



Jimmy Klepac, Board President

Date: April 16, 2026



Greg Stevens, Board Secretary

Date: April 16, 2026