



Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

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RESOLUTION NO. 20260623-2

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BLANCO

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WAIVER OF OPERATING PERMIT APPLICATION FEES FOR EXISTING NON-EXEMPT WELLS TO ENCOURAGE TIMELY COMPLIANCE AND REGISTRATION UNDER RULE 3.4.A.(2); SETTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS DEADLINE OF APRIL 16, 2027.

WHEREAS, the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas authorized under Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code to regulate groundwater production and conserve water resources within Blanco County; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, the Board of Directors of the District adopted **Resolution No. 20260416-5**, which enacted extensive amendments to the District Rules, including revisions to Rule 3 regarding Well Registrations, Well Drilling Authorizations, and Operating Permits; and

WHEREAS, **Rule 3.4.A.(2)** of the amended Rules currently states: *"Application Fees will not be charged for Operating Permit applications for any non-exempt Existing Wells. Each application for a new permit must be accompanied by payment of the Operating Permit Application Fee listed on the current District Fee Schedule."* The District defines an "Existing Well" as any well drilled or dug on or before February 11, 2002, and a "New Well" as any well drilled after such date; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that the primary objective of the recent rules passage is to secure regulatory compliance, ensure accurate data collection on existing infrastructure, and protect the aquifer, rather than to generate revenue from property owners who voluntarily bring long-standing wells into the permitting system; and

WHEREAS, to further encourage the prompt registration of **Existing Non-Exempt Wells**, the Board deems it appropriate to clarify the application of the fee exemption and establish a specific deadline for administrative completeness to serve as an incentive for timely action, while strictly maintaining standard fee structures for **New Wells** to recover the costs associated with processing new drilling authorizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLANCO-PEDERNALES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FEE WAIVER FOR EXISTING NON-EXEMPT WELLS. Pursuant to Rule 3.4.A.(2), the Board hereby clarifies that the Operating Permit Application Fee referenced in the District Fee Schedule shall be **fully waived** for any applicant submitting an Operating Permit application specifically for an **Existing Non-Exempt Well** (defined as a well drilled on or before February 11, 2002). This waiver reflects the District's policy of encouraging voluntary compliance among owners of pre-existing wells during the transition period following the adoption of Resolution No. 20260416-5.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS FOR FEE WAIVER AND DEADLINE. To qualify for the fee waiver established in Section 1, the applicant must ensure that their Operating Permit application for an **Existing Well** is **administratively complete** on or before **April 16, 2027**. (A) An application is considered "administratively complete" when it has been submitted to the District Office, accompanied by all required documentation as specified in Rule 3.4.A, and any applicable preliminary review requirements have been satisfied. (B) If an application for an Existing Well is not deemed administratively complete by the General Manager by the close of business on April 16, 2027, the standard Operating Permit Application Fee as listed on the current District Fee Schedule shall apply to that application.

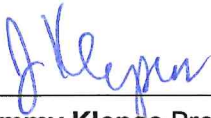
SECTION 3. FEE REQUIREMENT FOR NEW WELLS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, this Resolution does **not** alter or waive the fee requirements for **New Wells**. Pursuant to Rule 3.4.A.(2) and Rule 3.3.E, an Operating Permit Application Fee **shall be charged** and is enforceable for every application for a New Well (drilled after February 11, 2002). This fee is required regardless of the date of application submission and must be paid at the time of filing to cover the administrative costs associated with reviewing new drilling activities and ensuring spacing and construction compliance.

SECTION 4. INCENTIVE FOR COMPLIANCE. It is the express finding of the Board that the fee waiver for Existing Wells serves as a targeted incentive for well owners to proactively identify their properties, submit necessary applications, and achieve full compliance with the District Rules enacted in Resolution No. 20260416-5 by the established deadline. The Board reaffirms that its goal is the sustainable management of the groundwater resource through accurate permitting and monitoring.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The fee waiver period established herein shall remain in effect for Existing Wells until the deadline specified in Section 2, after which standard fees shall apply to any remaining unregistered Existing Wells. Standard fees for New Wells remain in full force and effect effective immediately.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District on this **23rd day of June 2026**.



Jimmy Klepac President, Board of Directors

Signed: June 23, 2026

ATTEST:



Gregory Stevens Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Directors

Signed: June 23, 2026

