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Groundwater District Lowers Tax Rate

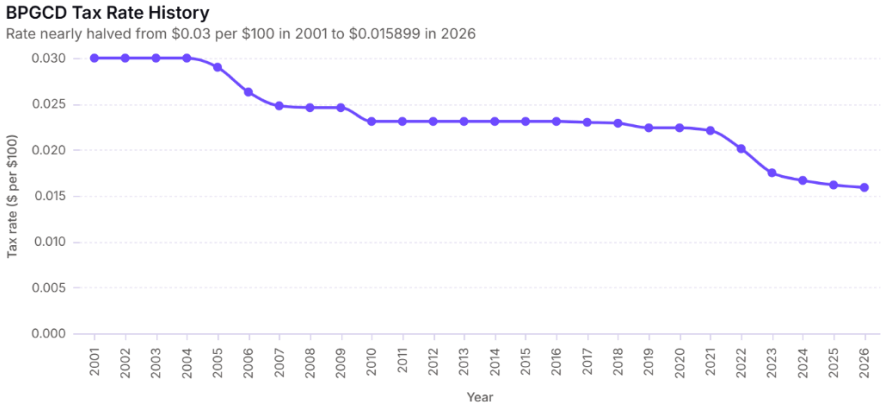
Current rate of $0.015899 per $100 is 31% less than 10 years ago

JOHNSON CITY, Texas, Oct. 1, 2026: The Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors adopted a lower property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2027 at its September meeting, extending a legacy of rate reductions.

According to Blanco Central Appraisal District records, the District's rate has declined from $0.03 per $100 in 2001 to $0.015899 in 2026, nearly half of the original rate across a quarter century. The decade from 2016 to 2026 alone saw the rate fall from $0.023100 to $0.015899, a 31% decline.

"With the cost of living weighing heavily on our community, from grocery bills to energy prices, this Board felt it was more important than ever to lead with operational efficiencies and be good stewards of the taxpayer's money," said Erik Kubinski, General Manager of the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District. "Lowering the rate while still advancing our mission is the clearest way we can deliver value to the residents we serve."

Kubinski noted that operational efficiencies have limits, and litigation to enforce District rules or state statutes could affect future budgets.



For the 2026 median-valued homestead property in the District, valued at $433,590, the estimated property tax bill for the upcoming fiscal year is $68.94 under the adopted rate of $0.015899, compared with a $72.28 bill for the current fiscal year at last year's rate of $0.016671. Individual tax bills also depend on taxable property values and applicable exemptions.

Tax relief for residents continues even as the District's work expands. This year, the District demonstrated its fidelity to its mission to conserve, preserve, protect and recharge all groundwater and aquifers within Blanco County through leadership and efficiency, including securing a $180,000 grant from the Texas Water Development Board to advance aquifer science and technical understanding of local groundwater resources.

For more information about the District's tax rate, budget, or groundwater management programs, visit blancogroundwatertx.gov or call (830) 868-9196.

About the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

The Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, created by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission on October 11, 2000, and confirmed by Blanco County voters in January 2001. Governed by a five-member Board of Directors, the District is responsible for the conservation, preservation, protection and recharge of all groundwater and aquifers within Blanco County.

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