



**PUBLIC HEARING and BOARD MEETING
HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
November 5, 2020 6:00 PM**

An urgent public necessity exists requiring the District to alter our meeting procedures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Notice is hereby given to all interested members of the public that the Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District will hold meetings via telephone conference call pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, and as modified by the Governor of Texas who ordered suspension of various provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, effective March 16, 2020, in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (see the Governor's proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat of disaster and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Telephone Conference Opens at 5:45 p.m.

Note: If you plan on participating in the meeting during the public comment period please contact the District at 512-858-9253 or at staff3@haysgroundwater.com to register as a speaker. You may also register as a speaker at the beginning of the meeting. Registration as a speaker will require providing (1) first name; (2) last name; (3) email address, and (4) phone number. Properly registered speakers are asked to limit Public Comments to 3 minutes for all topics during the Public Comments section of the meeting. Any person participating in the meeting must be recognized and identified by the Presiding Officer each time they speak.

Attendees can reach the meeting via telephone at 1(877) 309-2073, Access Code 454-448-773.

Agenda items may be taken in any order at the discretion of the Board. HTGCD agendas, approved meeting minutes, and any available Backup Materials have been posted on the District website, www.haysgroundwater.com under Quick Links/Agendas/Meeting Year/ Meeting Date.

Agenda

Call to Order – 6pm.

Public Comments To address the Board of Directors, please complete and submit a Public Comment Card to the District staff. "Late Registration of Public Comment" 6pm - 6:10pm. Comments will be limited to this section of the agenda.

General Comments and Announcements from Board and Staff with no discussion or possible action

General Manager's Report The purpose of the General Manager's Report is to discuss topics that are intended for general administrative and operational information dissemination. The HTGCD Board will not take any Action unless the topic is specifically stated elsewhere within the agenda.

- Standing Topic Updates: New Registrations and Connections, Announcements, District Activities, and monthly Status of Drought Briefing.....**Charlie Flatten**

Science Update The purpose of the Science Update is to discuss topics that are intended for information dissemination. The HTGCD Board will not take any Action unless the topic is specifically stated elsewhere within the agenda.

- Review status of projects, water level update, TCEQ projects, and other Science Informational updates.....**Philip Webster**

Consent Items The following agenda items may be considered and approved as one motion. A Board member or a citizen may request any item be removed from the consent agenda for Discussion and Possible Action as a separate item.

1. Approval of September Bank Reconciliations & Monthly Invoices.....**John Worrall**
2. Approval of September Financial Reports, Balance Sheets, and Budget to Actual Report **J. Worrall**
3. Approval of September 24, October 1, and 22, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.....**John Worrall**

Public Hearing Items Backup material, if available, can be reviewed on the District’s website under Quick Links / Agendas / Meeting Year / Meeting Date.

1. Public Hearing on Rule 1.7.....**Linda Kaye Rogers**
Relating to procedures, conduct, and decorum at Meetings of the Board of Directors
2. Public Hearing on 2021 District Budget.....**John Worrall**
3. Public Hearing on *2021 Groundwater Management Plan***Staff**

Discussion and Possible Action Backup material, if available, can be reviewed on the District’s website under Quick Links / Agendas / Meeting Year / Meeting Date.

1. Adoption of Proposed Rule Amendments—Rule 1.7 (Order # 208)**Holly Fults**
2. 2021 District Budget approval.....**John Worrall**
3. 2021 Groundwater Management Plan approval (pending TWDB Approval)**Staff**
4. Change JWGMZ Drought Stage (Order #209)**Linda Kaye Rogers**
5. General Manager compensation.....**Linda Kaye Rogers**
6. Aqua Texas Comments on Rule 15 Requirements.....**Linda Kaye Rogers**
7. Approval of Budget Amendment to hire extra staff or consultant**Holly Fults**
8. Approval of Change Order to SWV2021 contract.....**Holly Fults**
9. Approval of MOU and Settlement Agreement with DSWSC.....**Holly Fults**

Discussion only Backup material, if available, can be reviewed on the District’s website under Quick Links / Agendas / Meeting Year / Meeting Date.

10. *Standstill Agreement with DSWSC* status.....**John Worrall**
11. *Strategic Water Vision 2021* status report.....**Holly Fults**

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors of the Hays Trinity Conservation District reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the posted matters listed on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551 including Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters). No final action or decision will be made in Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING: Texas Government Code, Open Meetings, Section 551.054

The original Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Board Meeting were posted on October 8, 2020 and November 2, 2020, respectively, on the HTGCD website. A copy of the notices can also be viewed at the Hays County Clerk's Office.

Chapter 36 Texas Water Code: Groundwater Conservation Districts

The District shall provide notice to the county clerk concerning Rulemaking 36.101(d)(2), Joint Planning 36.108(e)(2), and application for a Permit or Permit Amendment 36.404(c)(2)

The District accepted written comments on the Public Hearing items during the 20-day period ending Wednesday, October 28 at 5pm. Oral Public Comments may be presented during the Public Hearing. The District will accept written comments on Meeting items two (2) days prior to the scheduled Board Meeting. Members of the public can contact the office at (512) 858-9253 or the any questions regarding this hearing, to receive copies of the items by mail or email, or any other District Business.

The Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please contact the District office at 512-858-9253 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

This notice shall be provided to the Hays County Clerk when concerning Rulemaking, Joint Planning and application for a Permit or Permit Amendment. The notice shall also be posted at a place convenient to the public at the HTGCD administrative office and on the HTGCD website not less than three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

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