

HTGCD 20-Day Public Notice of Permit Application and Public Hearing: ONERA, LLC

Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) will hold a Public Hearing during the regular board meeting 6:00 pm Thursday, March 2, 2023, at Camp Young Judaea (121 Camp Young Judaea Dr. Woodcreek, Texas 78676) on the operating permit application by Onera, LLC. The application remains available for review and copy along with any Hearing items on the HTGCD website www.haysgroundwater.com and at the HTGCD Office at 14101 W Hwy 290, Building 100, Suite 212, Austin, TX 78737. Onera, LLC has requested an Operating Permit for 5.66 acre-feet of annual production (af/y) from a well in the Middle Trinity Aquifer (MT) for a TCEQ Public Water System for the Onera Buttercup Inn: cabins, event barn, pool, etc. No public water utility reaches the property. The physical address is 801 Buttercup Lane, Wimberley, TX, 78676. Staff recommendation is 1.9af/y from the existing MT well for construction purposes only as part of 5.66 af/y with the PWS well, once constructed; the maximum 5.66 af/y is in aggregate with any water produced for construction; upon completion of the PWS well, the existing well shall be converted solely to monitor use; PWS well pump-test may not be conducted during Critical or Emergency Drought; all groundwater produced during pump test must be captured and put to beneficial use and included in the 5.66 af/y limit. All applicable permit requirements apply; see draft permit online. The 20-day deadline for the District to accept formal contested case letters or written comment on the permit amendment application is 4pm Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Information about filing a contested case letter is found in HTGCD Rules, section 5.5 (haysgroundwater.com under the About HTGCD tab, click on Management then click on Rules). Formal contested case letters must be mailed via certified mail to PO Box 1648, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. Written public comment may be emailed to staff3@haysgroundwater.com or mailed to the same PO Box. Oral public comment will be taken at the Hearing. A preliminary hearing following the public hearing will take place in the event of a timely filed formal contested case letter. Call the HTGCD office at (512) 858-9253 with questions.