

CENTRAL TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF HEARING
March 27, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons within Burnet County, Texas:

That the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District (CTGCD) will hold a public hearing, accept public comment, and may take action on the adoption of proposed amendments to CTGCD's Rules regulating groundwater in Burnet County, Texas.

The proposed rule amendments may adopt changes as follows:

Rule 1.01 amending definitions of Large Well, Small Well, and Substantially Alter; Rule 2.01 notice of hearing on Management Plan; Rule 3.01 (a) requirements to register a well before drilling and obtaining authorization for drilling a test hole; Rule 3.01 (c) correcting cross references; Rule 3.05 repealing subsection (c) relating to action on a permit at the end of its term and re-lettering the subsequent subsections; Rule 3.21 (c) (12) requiring a drawing showing contiguous controlled acreage in a permit application; Rule 3.22(b) requiring a showing of reasonable use within five year of permit issuance as part of an application; Rule 3.60 repealing subsection (e) relating to registration exemption for leachate wells and re-lettering the subsequent subsection; Rule 3.62 (c) requirements for a hearing on a Small Well permit application; Rule 3.63 (a) requiring a hydrogeologic investigation in connection with substantial alteration of a well; Rule 3.67 permitting by rule wells incapable producing more than 10,000 gallons of water per day; Rule 3.68 requiring a permit for an exempt well converted to a non-exempt well; Rule 3.70 (a) clarifying that a Well Report is required when replacing a pump; Rule 3.70 (b) (14) requiring the make and model of a pump to be included in a Well Report; Rule 3.70 (d) adding the fact that a well is connected to a storage tank and booster pump will be used to determine actual production capacity; 3.71 requiring a hydrogeologic report for a well alteration that increases capacity more than 50 gallons per minute; Rule 3.84 requiring proper completion rather than sealing a test hole used as a monitor well; Rule 5.02(j) repealing reference to permit by petition; Rule 6.03 (d) authorizing the General Manager to act on a spacing variance application; Rule 6.04 adding a new subsection (c) requiring new completion standards for wells drilled after June 1, 2024 and re-lettering the subsequent subsections; Rule 7.10 relating to certain permit applications requiring a hearing; Rule 7.20 repealing hearing requirement related to management plans; Rule 7.36 limiting the length of time for a hearing continuance; Rule 7.80 providing for informal conferences of interested persons in connection with rulemaking; Rule 7.91 related to request for finding of fact and conclusions of law and requests for rehearing; Rule 7.93 adding a new rule addressing actions on permits following a hearing before SOAH and renumbering the subsequent Rule; Rule 11.05 repealing language regarding water usage reporting; Rule 13.05 (c) requiring monthly as opposed to annual water usage reporting; Appendix C section I. 6. adding as a minor violation failure to obtain test hole authorization; Appendix C section II. 16. adding as a major violation failure to curtail production during drought; Appendix C increasing penalties for first and second minor and major violations to amounts as follows: minor first violation \$100, minor second violation \$200, major first violation \$500, major second violation \$1,000.

Changes may be made to the proposed amendments to the CTGCD's Rules based upon comments received or made at the hearing, and the amendments may be adopted with or without such changes without further notice or hearing.

This rulemaking hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the District Offices, located at 225 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas.

Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present comment or other information on the proposed amendments to the CTGCD's Rules may do so in person, by counsel, or both. Comments may be presented verbally or in written form. Limits may be placed on the amount of time that each person is allowed to present verbal comments. The hearing posted in this notice may be recessed from day to day or continued where appropriate.

A copy of the proposed amendments to the CTGCD's Rules: (1) may be requested by email at district@centraltexasgcd.org, (2) is available at the CTGCD's website at centraltexasgcd.org, and (3) may be reviewed or copied at 225 S. Pierce Street, Suite 104, Burnet Texas. For more detailed information on this notice or the proposed amendments to the CTGCD's Rules please contact the District at 512-756-4900.

Certification: I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that on March 5, 2024 at or before 4:00 p.m., I posted and filed the above notice of hearing with the Burnet County Clerk's office for posting in the hallway of the Burnet County Courthouse in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times. I also certify that a copy of the notice was posted on the door and on an outside window of the District office and that they will remain so posted continuously for at least 20 days preceding the scheduled time of said hearing in accordance with the District Rules.



Mitchell Sodek, General Manager

Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District

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