

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GONZALES COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District will meet in a public session on August 12, 2025, scheduled at 5:30 p.m. at the Gonzales County Court House, District Courtroom located at 414 Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

Note: Members of the public wishing to comment must attend the meeting in-person. However, any person may view or listen to the meeting via audio and video conference call. No participation or public comments will be allowed via video or conference call. The Audio and Video Conference Opens 5 minutes before 5:30 p.m. at the beginning of the meeting.

GCUWCD Public Hearing Draft Rules & Regular Board Meeting August 12, 2025

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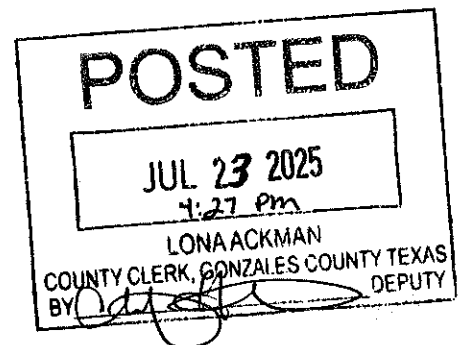
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1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comments. Limited to 3 minutes per person.
3. Discuss and possibly act on the draft rule changes.
4. Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management based on the items set forth above.
5. Adjourn.

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. These public meetings are available to all people regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend the meeting, please call 830.672.1047 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements.

At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District Board may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§ 551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§ 551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gift (§ 551.073); personnel matters (§ 551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§ 551.076). Any subject discussed in the executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

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Rules committee consisting of Mr. Barry Miller, Mr. Mike St. John, Ms. Laura Marin General Manager and Mr. Greg Ellis Legal Counsel on July 15, 2025, at 10:00 am. to 10:35 a.m. to review the 89th session legislative changes and discuss rule changes.

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RULE 4 – REGISTRATION OF WATER WELLS

E. Open Loop Geothermal recovery wells.

RULE 6.A – ANNEXATION INTO DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Annexed water wells are ~~exempt from~~ subject to permitting requirements, spacing, and production limitations in the District's rules.

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RULE 6.B – ANNEXATION INTO DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Export of water outside the District from annexed water wells ~~that serve as public water utility supply wells shall be limited to 5,000 acre-feet of water per year in the aggregate and~~ shall pay an export fee of 2.5 cents per thousand gallons of water exported outside the District's boundaries. Permittees shall submit reports to the District on a monthly basis. Monthly reports are due in the District office by the 30th day of the following month. Monthly fees are due in the District office by the 30th day of the following month.

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Rule 10.B APPLICATION FOR DRILLING AND OPERATING PERMITS

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An application for a drilling permit or a permit amendment is subject to spacing and production limitations relative to any approved or pending permit or existing registered ~~exempt~~ wells.

Rule 10.D.11 APPLICATION FOR DRILLING AND OPERATING PERMITS

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The name and address of all existing, ~~and~~ registered ~~exempt~~ and permitted well owners within one-half mile of the proposed water well as shown in the records of the District;

Rule 10.E.3 APPLICATION FOR DRILLING AND OPERATING PERMITS

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In order to ensure no unreasonable effects on existing groundwater and surface water resources or existing permit holders, the District shall require a mitigation plan, acceptable

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to the District, to be included in the application to mitigate the effects of the drawdown of artesian pressure or the level of the water table upon the registered **exempt** or permitted well owners potentially affected by that water well or wells. The mitigation plan, at permit issuance, shall be incorporated into a binding agreement between the permittee and the District. The plan shall include but not be limited to:

Rule 10.E.3.a APPLICATION FOR DRILLING AND OPERATING PERMITS

a. The actions and procedures to be taken by the holder of the drilling and operating permit in the event that pumping causes the water level in a registered **exempt** or permitted well to drop to an unacceptable level.

Rule 10.E.3.b APPLICATION FOR DRILLING AND OPERATING PERMITS

The actions and procedures to be taken by the holder of the drilling and operating permit in the event that the pumping from the permitted well causes the water to become objectionable or renders the water unusable to a registered **exempt** or permitted well owner.

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Rule 10.E.3.c APPLICATION FOR DRILLING AND OPERATING PERMITS

The actions and procedures to be taken by the holder of the drilling and operating permit in the event that pumping causes the well casing or equipment to be damaged so that the recorded quality or quantity of water cannot be produced by the registered **exempt** or permitted well owner.

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RULE 11A.4 – ISSUANCE OF DRILLING AND OPERATING PERMITS

The proposed use of water unreasonably affects existing groundwater or surface water resources or existing Permit Holders, **and registered exempt wells**.

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RULE 15.D.2 – EXPORTATION OF GROUNDWATER FROM THE DISTRICT

The projected effect of the proposed transfer on aquifer conditions, depletion, subsidence, or effects on existing permit holders, **registered exempt wells**, or other groundwater users within the District; and

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RULE 27.B ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

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The Board by rule may set reasonable civil penalties for breach of any rule of the District not to exceed \$~~10,000~~25,000 per day per violation, and each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation in accordance with Chapter 36.102 of the Texas Water Code. (See Appendix A).

RULE 27.F ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

Permitted transportation facilities which fail to comply with these rules may be subject to a civil penalty to be determined by the Board not to exceed \$~~10,000~~25,000 per day of violation and each day of continued violation constitutes a separate violation.

RULE 28.B – GRANDFATHERED OPERATING PERMITS

An application for a grandfathered well permit is not subject to spacing and production limitations relative to any approved or pending well permit or existing registered exempt well.

RULE 28.G.2 – GRANDFATHERED OPERATING PERMITS

The rate and amount of withdrawal stated on the original registration form if the applicant's well, State of Texas Water Well Driller's Log, or wells were registered exempt with the District before January 1, 2009.

GONZALES COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of that group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? _____

NOTE: The public may also bring up any issue that is not on the current agenda as long as that issue is relevant to the jurisdiction and operations of the District but only for the purpose of asking that the issue be placed on a future agenda.

Signature: _____

NOTE: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the Board at the beginning of the Board meeting.