



**Barton Springs
Edwards Aquifer**
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Aquifer District Adopts Revised Rules and Bylaws

After a substantial public participation and input process that began in January of this year, the Board of Directors of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (District) has substantially amended its Rules & Bylaws. A quorum of the District Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt the proposed revisions at its regular meeting on October 11, 2012. The rule changes implement new statutory requirements and facilitate achieving and preserving the adopted Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the aquifers managed by the District.

The revised rules change reporting requirements and production limitations for permittees, establish procedures for retiring historical use of groundwater, revise the expression of aquifer levels used for triggering drought, encourage the use of conservation-oriented rate structures by water utilities, provide for additional and alternative authorized curtailment schemes during certain droughts, and allow permittees the use of state administrative courts for contested cases.

A summary of the more substantive rule revisions, the complete District Rules & Bylaws showing the most recent revisions, and other supporting documents are available on the District website (www.bseacd.org) under the Rule Revisions spotlight.

BSEACD is a groundwater conservation district charged by the Texas Legislature to preserve, conserve, and protect the aquifers and groundwater resources within its jurisdiction, which includes parts of three Central Texas counties. It is governed by a Board of five elected directors and staffed with hydrogeologists, groundwater regulatory compliance specialists, environmental educators, geospatial systems specialists, and administrative support personnel.

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