



PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING April 21, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons in Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and Somervell Counties, Texas:

That the Board of Directors of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) will hold a public hearing, accept public comment, and may act to adopt amendments to the District Rules regulating water wells within the boundaries of the District, including Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and Somervell Counties, Texas. Prior to its adoption of these amendments, the District’s Board of Directors (“Board”) adopted permanent District Rules on December 17, 2018, and has subsequently amended them. The proposed amendments to the District Rules include: 1) amending definitions of key terms; 2) revising language related to Historic Use Permits and their application processes and procedures to reflect much of them are now in the past tense; 3) clarifying that production authorizations under Historic Use Permits will be reduced if the permit holder sells or otherwise loses groundwater rights on historic acreage associated with the permit and such acreage is used to produce water from another well or a new non-historic use; 4) revising the deadlines by which a permit or water well registration holder must drill a well or complete other well construction activities and the process for extensions of those deadlines; 5) clarifying that the validity of permits are contingent on payment of water use fees and other fees; 6) revising the minimum well spacing distance requirements that new well to be drilled must be located from existing wells; 7) amending notice requirements for certain well spacing exception applications; 8) clarifying the assignment of acreage for purposes of an Operating Permit pursuant to written agreements between retail public utilities; 9) amending the rules related to wasteful system water loss and water loss audits for retail public utilities and the application of disincentive fees for wasteful system water loss; 10) amending the rules related to water use fee refunds; 11) amending and clarifying civil penalties and other enforcement remedies for violations of the rules in the Enforcement Policy and Penalty Schedule; and 12) other minor conforming, clarifying, or nonsubstantive changes.

This hearing will be held on Monday, April 21, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the District office located at 208 Kimberly Drive, Cleburne, TX 76031. Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present comment or other information on the proposed adoption of amendments to the District Rules may do so in person, by legal representative, 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. Persons interested in submitting written comments on the proposed amendments may do so by sending any such comments to the District office at PGCD, 208 Kimberly Drive, Cleburne, TX 76031. The Board may act to adopt the amendments to the rules as proposed or with additional changes based upon comments and discussion at the hearing. The

hearing posted in this notice may be recessed from day to day or continued where appropriate.

The public hearing is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend the hearing, please contact the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District at (817) 556-2299 at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

A copy of the proposed amendments to the District Rules may be requested by email at kjones@prairielandsgcd.org, is available for reviewing or downloading at www.prairielandsgcd.org, and may be reviewed, inspected, or obtained in person at the District office located at 208 Kimberly Drive, Cleburne, TX 76031. For more information, contact the District's General Manager, Kathy Turner Jones, at (817) 556-2299.