

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RULES OF THE
PERMIAN BASIN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

July 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm

708 West St. Peter Street, Stanton, Texas 79782

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (District) will receive public input at a hearing on proposed amendments to the District's rules intended to (1) implement changes to statutory law enacted in 2017 by the 85th Texas Legislature, which amendments address administrative completeness requirements of permit applications and procedures for adopting statutorily required Desired Future Conditions; (2) state the purpose and intent of the District; (3) update language, terms, and definitions consistent with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, the District's enabling act, and industry meaning; (4) define authority over groundwater pollution and waste; (5) update requirements for drilling, completion, and operation of wells; (6) limit and clarify the circumstances that require a well registration, permit, or permit amendment; (7) streamline procedures for replacement wells; (8) provide for District's right to inspect and test wells following landowner approval; (9) specify procedures and substantive standards for processing, issuing notice for, protesting, requesting referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings, conducting hearings on, and Board decisions on permit applications, and associated requests for rehearing and appeal; (10) provide for periodic update of District's management plan; (11) specify procedures for proposing, issuing notice for, public comments to, hearings on, and acting to adopt standard rules, emergency rules, and Desired Future Conditions (DFCs); (12) describe procedures to appeal DFCs and other actions; (13) update language regarding validation of existing wells drilled prior to the District's creation; (14) address notice, remedies, and procedures for show cause complaints and hearings, and District action on enforcement matters; and (15) address aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) projects.

The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 20, 2017, at 708 West St. Peter Street, Stanton, Texas. A copy of the proposed rule amendments will be available 20 days before the hearing at the District's office at 708 West St. Peter Street, Stanton, Texas, and on the District's web site at www.pbuwcd.com.