

Refugio Groundwater Conservation District Meeting Notice and Agenda

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code and Section 36.064 of the Texas Water Code that the Refugio Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors will hold a meeting on August 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Woodsboro Fellowship Hall, 309 Johnson Street, Woodsboro, Texas.

AGENDA

1. Convene the meeting and receive a report from the general manager.
2. Receive public comments.
3. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater management, including the efforts and activities of the District regarding permitting, complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases associated with permitting.
4. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater protection, including complaints, investigations, violations, and enforcement cases related to groundwater contamination and waste.
5. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater monitoring.
6. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater conservation.
7. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater resource planning, including Joint Planning of Groundwater Management Area 15, regional water planning, and proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs).
8. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater policy, including the Management Plan of the District, the Rules of the District, and the 2026 Proposed Rules of the District.
9. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to administration and management including the minutes of previous meetings, amendments to the annual budget of the district, budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2027, tax rate for Tax Year 2026, certified tax roll for Tax Year 2026, bank accounts, investments, financial reports of the district, bills and invoices of the district, management goals and objectives of the district, administrative policies, staffing, consultant agreements, interlocal cooperation agreements, the financial audit for Fiscal Year 2025, the Annual Report of the District, budget preparation and tax rates, and support services provided to and from other groundwater conservation districts.
10. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to legal counsel report.
11. Adjourn.

The Refugio Groundwater Conservation District may close the meeting, if necessary, to conduct private consultation with legal counsel regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code or to discuss matters regarding personnel pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code. The Refugio Groundwater Conservation District will return to open meeting, if necessary, to take any action deemed necessary based on discussion in closed meeting pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Government Code.

In Accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we invite all attendees to advise us of any special accommodations due to disability. Please submit your request as far as possible in advance of event you wish to attend.

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Topic 1.1 - Roll Call

Management Discussion:

Staff completed the necessary public notification requirements for the meeting.

RGCD - Meeting Notice - 202600817 - Final



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Management Recommendation:

Call the meeting to order and call the roll of representatives:

_____: Precinct 1 Director: Mr. John Snyder, Vice President.
_____: Precinct 2 Director: Mr. Carroll Borden, President.
_____: Precinct 3 Director: Ms. Cynthia Rose, Treasurer.
_____: Precinct 4 Director: Mr. Fredric Biery, Secretary.
_____: At Large Director: Ms. Stephanie Blaschke.
_____: General Manager: Tim Andruss.
_____: General Counsel: Jim Allison.

Item 2 - Receive Public Comment

Item 9 - Administration and Management Considerations

Topic 9.1 - Financial Audit Services

Management Discussion:

On November 17, 2025, the board authorized Goldman, Hunt and Notz, LLP (GHN) to complete a financial audit of the district for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

On July 24, 2026, Mr. Cox with GHN informed staff of their intention to present the financial audit report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 to the Board

Management Recommendation:

Move to 1) accept and approve the financial audit for FYE20250930, as presented, and 2) authorize the general manager to pay the invoice from GHN for the auditing services.

Topic 9.2 - Annual Report

Management Discussion:

On August 12, 2026, management compiled the annual performance report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Based on the review of the activities and projects of the Refugio Groundwater Conservation between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025, and an assessment of the performance standards, management has determined that, of the Goals and objectives established within the Management Plan of the District, 7 of the objectives have been fully achieved and 1 objective has been partially achieved during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

RGCD - Annual Report for FY2025 - Draft 20260812.pdf



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Management Recommendation:

Move to accept and approve the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025, as drafted.

Topic 9.3 - TWDB Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grant Program

Management Discussion:

The Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District (VCGCD) submitted a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) under the Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grant Program for funding of a proposed project to complete a comprehensive subsidence analysis and installation of a long-term subsidence monitoring station, with a total estimated cost of \$281,000. The grant application submitted on behalf of the cooperating districts sought a grant of \$231,000.

On June 30, 2026, VCGCD received formal notification from TWDB that the application was selected for award. TWDB authorized the partial funding of the project in an amount of \$158,500 for two of the four proposed tasks: Task 1 - InSAR Study: collect and analyze InSAR data and Task 4 - Install Subsidence Monitoring Station.

The effects of offering partial funding of tasks proposed in the project were reviewed by INTERA, the technical consultant of the proposed project, to evaluate the feasibility of the project as terms of proposed grant agreement are developed. INTERA informed the District that the completion of Task 1 and Task 4, without the completion of Task 2 and 3, would be beneficial and "help inform our understanding of subsidence and support long-term subsidence modeling and evaluation of model outputs."

On July 17, 2026, the District received the draft award agreements and requirements for review. The agreement materials were forwarded to legal counsel the INTERA for

review.

On August 8, 2026, the Board of Directors of the VCGCD 1) authorized the presiding officer and general manager to execute all necessary grant agreements and documentation associated with the grant award for the proposed project offered by TWDB under the Groundwater Science, Research, and Data Collection Grant Program upon determination of legal sufficiency by legal counsel, 2) authorized the general manager to execute the Task 1 and Task 2 of the proposed project, pay associated bills and invoices, and 3) authorized the general manager to accept reimbursement of incurred expenses for the execution Task 1 and Task 2 of the proposed project from TWDB in accordance with the executed grant agreement.

Management Recommendation:

None.

Topic 9.4 - Budget for FY2027

Management Discussion:

Management developed a draft budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, that attempts to fund the operations of the District in a manner which provides for 1) the accomplishment of the management plan goals and objectives, and 2) the completion of projects and tasks associated with the administration of the district, groundwater conservation, groundwater management and permitting, groundwater monitoring, groundwater policy development, groundwater protection, groundwater research, and groundwater resource planning.

To facilitate future comparisons of adopted budgets to financial audits and to simplify bookkeeping tasks, the draft budget has developed using a single fund referred to as the General Fund instead of developing a budget using two funds, Operating Fund and Reserve Fund.

The budget anticipates purchases and projects that are not routine in nature including funding for conducting an election, increased legal expenses, increased district fees, expanded water level assessment, increased legislative support expenditures, site-specific monitoring and assessments, CGCBGF Model improvements, expanded DFC modeling.

On July 30, 2026, the District received the 2026 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet from the Refugio County Tax Assessor-Collector.

RGCD - Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet - 2026 - Signed.pdf



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On August 11, 2026, Management developed two draft budgets: 1) a budget anticipating the approval of a tax rate equal to the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate calculated by the Tax Assessor - Collector for Tax Year 2026, and 2) a budget anticipating the approval of a tax rate equal to the Voter-Approval Tax Rate calculated by the Tax Assessor - Collector for Tax Year 2026.

RGCD - FY2027 Budget - GF - NNR Tax Rate - Draft.pdf



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RGCD - FY2027 Budget - GF - VATR Tax Rate - Draft.pdf



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RGCD - FY2027 Project Budget Estimates - Draft.pdf



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The budgeted expenditures in both versions of the draft budget total \$447,700.00. In both versions of the draft budget, budgeted expenditures exceed budgeted revenue for the fiscal year. If all expenditures are authorized and all budgeted expenses are realized, reserve funds would be diminished.

The total tax levy anticipated from adopting the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate is \$205,700. The total tax levy anticipated from adopting the Voter-Approval Tax Rate is \$222,500.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2027 should be adopted by order.

RGCD - Order Adopting Budget.pdf



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Management Recommendation:

None.

Topic 9.5 - Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026

Management Discussion:

The Tax Rate for Tax Year 2025 is \$0.01500/\$100 value. The total tax levy for Tax Year 2025 is \$204,500.

The No-New-Revenue Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026 is \$0.01450/\$100 value. The total tax levy for Tax Year 2026 anticipated from adopting the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate (NNRTR) is \$205,700.

The Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026 is \$0.01568/\$100 value. The total tax levy for Tax Year 2026 anticipated from adopting the Voter-Approval Tax Rate (VATR) is \$222,500.

The difference between levies associated with the VATR and NNRTR is \$16,800.

Management Recommendation:

Move to propose a tax rate less than or equal to the Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026 of \$0.01568/\$100 value and instruct staff to publish all necessary notices to consider and adopt a tax rate at the meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for September 8, 2026.

Topic 9.6 - Unpaid Invoices and Bills

Management Discussion:

The District has outstanding bills and invoices that are NOT considered regular and routine nor has the Board previously authorized the requested payment.

Management Recommendation:

Move to authorize the general manager to pay the following items:

1. RGCD - ACCTP-20260803-01 - \$2,640.00 - ABM, LLC - Legal Consultation
2. RGCD - ACCTP-20260817-01 - \$250.00 - C. Borden - August Board Meeting
3. RGCD - ACCTP-20260817-02 - \$250.00 - J. Snyder -August Board Meeting
4. RGCD - ACCTP-20260817-03 - \$250.00 - F. Biery - August Board Meeting
5. RGCD - ACCTP-20260817-04 - \$250.00 - C. Rose - August Board Meeting
6. RGCD - ACCTP-20260817-05 - \$250.00 - S. Blaschke - August Board Meeting

Item 10 - Adjourn Meeting

Management Recommendation:

Move to adjourn the meeting after concluding all business of the District.