

## 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 February 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM at 708 Commerce St., Refugio, Texas.

### AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order and welcome guests.
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 Groundwater Management Area 15 Joint Planning and regional water planning.
8. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to groundwater policy including the Management Plan of the District and the Rules of the District.
9. Consideration of and possible action on matters related to administration and management including the minutes of previous meetings, the annual budget of the district, 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, 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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### Certificate of Posting

The above Notice of Meeting was posted February 12, 2025 at a place convenient to the public on a bulletin board in the Refugio County Courthouse at Refugio, Texas.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of office on above date.



**Margie A. Castellano, Clerk County Court  
Refugio County, Texas**

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## Item 1 - Convene Meeting

### Management Discussion:

Staff completed the necessary public notification requirements for the meeting.

See: Public Notice - 20250218 - Board Meeting.

RGCD - Meeting Notice - 20250218 - Final.pdf

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**Management Recommendation:**

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

Precinct 1: Mr. John Snyder, Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Precinct 2: Mr. Carroll Borden, President: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Precinct 3: Ms. Cynthia Rose: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Precinct 4: Mr. Fredric Biery, Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ .

At Large: Vacant: \_\_\_\_\_ .

General Manager: Mr. Tim Andruss: \_\_\_\_\_ .

General Counsel: Mr. James Allison: \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Item 2 - Receive Public Comment

## Item 3 - Groundwater Management (Permitting)

### Topic 3.1 - Report

Regarding Well Registration Processing for FY2025.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had received 6 well registration applications (ARWs) since October 1, 2024.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had received 14 Notices of Intent to Drill a Well (NIDWs) since October 1, 2024.

Regarding Production Permit Renewal Processing for FY2025.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had received 0 production permit renewal requests (ARPPs) since October 1, 2024.

Regarding Permit Processing for FY2025.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had initiated 2 permitting request case (PRCs) since October 1, 2024.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had 3 permitting request cases pending.

i. PRC 20201215 01 ADW 20201210 01/AOW 20201210 02 Chandra Purnama  
Pending / Uncontested

ii. PRC-20241212-01 - ANHUPPWS-20241211-01 - Town of Woodsboro -  
Pending/Uncontested

iii. PRC 20250103 01 AAP 20250102 01 Bad Bull 2023 LLC. Pending/Protested

As of February 12, 2025, staff had 20 active or approved production permits recorded in the permitting database with a combined amount of authorized groundwater production per year of 1,891 acre-feet.

Regarding Groundwater Production Report Processing for CY2024.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had processed 28 groundwater production reports (GPRs) for the preceding calendar year since October 1, 2024.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had recorded groundwater production reports for 27 water wells reporting 655 acre feet of groundwater production during CY2024. (TWDB estimated the volume of groundwater produced for rural domestic, livestock, mining, and rig supply exempt uses in Refugio County in Year 2020 was 580 acre-feet. See: TWDB - Projected Exempt Groundwater Use Estimates. ).

Regarding Manage Investigations related to Permitting Violations for FY2025.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had initiated 1 investigations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting) since October 1, 2024.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had 1 active investigations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting):

i. INV 20250122 01 Failure to report groundwater production Active

Regarding Manage Enforcement Cases related to Permitting Violations for FY2025.

As of February 12, 2025, the Board had initiated 0 enforcement case violations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting) since October 1, 2024.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had 0 unresolved enforcement case violations related to groundwater management (i.e., permitting):

i. None.

## Item 4 - Groundwater Protection

### Topic 4.1 - Report

Regarding Well Inspections for FY2025.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had recorded 2 well inspection forms (WIFs) since October 1, 2024.

Regarding Manage Investigations related to Groundwater Protection for FY2025.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had initiated 0 investigations related to Groundwater Protection since October 1, 2024.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had 1 active investigation related to Groundwater Protection.

i. INV-20191202:1017 - Potential Contamination of Groundwater at Woodsboro Farmers Cooperative Active

Regarding Manage Enforcement Cases related to Groundwater Protection for FY2025.

As of February 12, 2025, the Board had initiated 0 enforcement case violations related to Groundwater Protection since October 1, 2024.

As of February 12, 2025, staff had 0 unresolved enforcement case violations related to Groundwater Protection.

## Item 5 - Groundwater Monitoring

### Topic 5.1 - Report

Regarding Monitor Drought Conditions for FY2025.

As of February 13, 2025, the U.S. Drought Monitor (<https://www.drought.gov/states/texas/county/refugio>) indicates that 50.1% of Refugio County was experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions.

As of February 13, 2025, drought condition information related to the district and the surrounding region of Texas collected from the Water Data for Texas website (<https://www.waterdatafortexas.org/drought/>) indicates that all portions of Refugio County are experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions.

Regarding Synoptic Aquifer Monitoring for FY2025.

As of February 13, 2025, staff had collected 0 water level measurements since October 1, 2024.

Regarding Advanced Aquifer Monitoring for FY2025.

Regarding Baseline Water Quality Aquifer Monitoring for FY2025.

Regarding Ad Hoc Baseline Water Quality Sampling for FY2025.

As of February 13, 2025, staff had collected 0 water quality field measurements since October 1, 2024.

As of February 13, 2025, staff had collected 2 water quality samples since October 1, 2024.

As of February 13, 2025, staff had received 1 water quality lab reports since October 1, 2024.

Regarding Annual Water Level Assessment for FY2025.

Regarding Annual Water Quality Assessment for FY2025.

Regarding Monitoring Network Assessment and Improvement Project for FY2025.

## Item 6 - Groundwater Conservation

### Topic 6.1 - Report

Regarding Promote Conservation for FY2025.

As of February 13, 2025, the District maintains two webpages under the heading of Groundwater Conservation:

- Groundwater Conservation - Refugio Groundwater Conservation District
  - Drought Monitoring - Refugio Groundwater Conservation District
  - Groundwater Conservation Sponsorship - Refugio Groundwater Conservation District

The sponsorship webpage has been updated to reflect the \$500.00 budget for conservation sponsorship during FY2025.

Regarding Conservation Education and Teacher Professional Development for FY2025.

## Item 7 - Groundwater Resource Planning

### Topic 7.1 - Report

Regarding Regional Water Planning Participation for FY2025.

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) met on January 23, 2025. The next meeting of the group is scheduled to meet on February 20, 2025.

See: <https://www.regionltexas.org/>.

Regarding GMA 15 Joint Planning for 4th Planning Cycle in FY2025.

The representatives of Groundwater Management Area 15 met on January 9, 2025.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled to meet on April 10, 2025. See:

<https://www.vcgcd.org/groundwater-management-area-15>.

## Item 8 - Groundwater Policy

### Topic 8.1 - Report

Regarding Management Plan Revisions for FY2025.

Regarding Rule Amendments for FY2025.

Regarding Legislative Support and Lobbying for FY2025.

As of February 13, 2025, the following bills had been introduced at the Texas Legislature related to groundwater:

- 89(R) HB 279 Author: Guillen Caption: Relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production area authorizations.
- 89(R) HB 873 - Author: Wilson - Caption: Relating to air quality permits for aggregate production operations and concrete batch plants.
- 89(R) HB 914 Author: Thompson, Senfronia Caption: Relating to repealing civil asset forfeiture provisions and establishing criminal asset forfeiture in this state.
- 89(R) HB 1050 - Author: Dorazio - Caption: Relating to the award of attorney's fees in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district.
- 89(R) HB 1322 Author: Hopper Caption: Relating to municipal approval of subdivision plans or plats in certain municipalities.

- 89(R) HB 1400 Author: Harris Caption: Relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.
- 89(R) HB 1438 Author: Zwiener Caption: Relating to climate change planning and reporting.
- 89(R) HB 1523 - Author: Gerdes - Caption: Relating to a prohibition on the authorization by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of the use of a Class V injection well for certain aquifer storage and recovery projects.
- 89(R) HB 1529 Author: Goodwin Caption: Relating to production fees imposed by the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District; authorizing an increase in the rate of the fee.
- 89(R) HB 1618 Author: Harris Davila Caption: Relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.
- 89(R) HB 1633 - Author: Gerdes - Caption: Relating to the criteria considered by groundwater conservation districts before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment.
- 89(R) HB 1643 Author: Oliverson Caption: Relating to the authority of the Harris Galveston Subsidence District over the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.
- 89(R) HB 1689 Author: Gerdes Caption: Relating to the use of certain groundwater export fees collected by a groundwater conservation district.
- 89(R) HB 1690 - Author: Gerdes - Caption: Relating to an application for a permit for the transfer of groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district.
- 89(R) HB 1730 Author: Morales Shaw Caption: Relating to a study regarding the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals on public health.
- 89(R) HB 1827 - Author: Slawson - Caption: Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of a change of use of certain land.
- 89(R) HB 2015 Author: Zwiener Caption: Relating to the consideration of water conservation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality when determining whether to grant or deny a petition for the creation of a municipal utility district.
- 89(R) HB 2034 - Author: Gerdes - Caption: Relating to the issuance of groundwater permits to certain aliens or foreign entities.
- 89(R) HB 2077 Author: Gerdes Caption: Relating to persons eligible to appeal the desired future conditions adopted by a groundwater conservation district.
- 89(R) HB 2078 - Author: Gerdes - Caption: Relating to the joint planning of desired future conditions in groundwater management areas.

- 89(R) HB 2080 Author: Gerdes Caption: Relating to the review of the duties of a groundwater conservation district by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- 89(R) HB 2246 Author: Cain Caption: Relating to the terminology used in statute to refer to the partially landlocked body of water on the southeastern periphery of the North American continent.
- 89(R) HB 2347 - Author: Zwiener - Caption: Relating to the adoption of a water conservation program by certain counties.
- 89(R) HB 2384 Author: Guillen Caption: Relating to county regulation of subdivisions and approval of subdivision plans or plats.
- 89(R) HB 2422 - Author: Goodwin - Caption: Relating to seller's disclosures regarding water services for and water rights in residential real property.
- 89(R) HB 2500 Author: Spiller Caption: Relating to certain proceedings by the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding water or sewer service.
- 89(R) HB 2612 - Author: Zwiener - Caption: Relating to the establishment and functions of the Texas Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Policy Council.
- 89(R) HB 2626 Author: Buckley Caption: Relating to creating the Central Texas Water Alliance; providing authority to issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain; providing authority to impose fees.
- 89(R) HB 2774 Author: Virdell Caption: Relating to the authority of the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District to regulate structures near Medina Lake.
- 89(R) SB 325 - Author: Perry - Caption: Relating to county regulation of subdivisions and approval of subdivision plans or plats.
- 89(R) SB 444 Author: Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy" Caption: Relating to a requirement that certain special purpose districts cause certain information to be posted on an Internet website.
- 89(R) SB 616 Author: Schwertner Caption: Relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.
- 89(R) SB 624 - Author: Kolkhorst - Caption: Relating to the criteria considered by groundwater conservation districts before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment.
- 89(R) SB 718 Author: Kolkhorst | et al. Caption: Relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.
- 89(R) SB 729 Author: Johnson Caption: Relating to the operation of rock crushing facilities.



- 89(R) SB 740 Author: Perry Caption: Relating to certain proceedings by the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding water or sewer service.
- 89(R) SB 766 - Author: Zaffirini - Caption: Relating to the correction of references to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.
- 89(R) SB 768 Author: Menéndez Caption: Relating to a study regarding the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals on public health.
- 89(R) SB 976 - Author: Eckhardt - Caption: Relating to the establishment of an advisory board to study surface water and groundwater interaction.
- 89(R) SB 1055 Author: Nichols Caption: Relating to permit fees for groundwater wells imposed by the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District.
- 89(R) SB 1061 - Author: Parker - Caption: Relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production area authorizations.
- 89(R) SB 1194 Author: Flores Caption: Relating to creating the Central Texas Water Alliance; providing authority to issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain; providing authority to impose fees.
- 89(R) SB 1211 Author: Perry Caption: Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for certain tangible personal property used in hydraulic fracturing.
- 89(R) SB 1226 - Author: Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy" - Caption: Relating to the creation of certain regional conservation and reclamation districts.

## Item 9 - Administration and Management

### Topic 9.1 - Report

Regarding [Election Coordination for CY2025.](#)

Regarding [Financial Audit for FY2024.](#)

Regarding [Investment Management for FY2025.](#)

Regarding [Financial Record Processing and Reporting for FY2025.](#)

Regarding [Budget Development for FY2026.](#)

Regarding [Asset Tracking for FY2025.](#)

Regarding [Public Funds Training for FY2025.](#)

Regarding [Website Improvements for FY2025.](#)

Regarding [Public Notice and Meeting Coordination for FY2025.](#)

The next meetings of the Board are scheduled for [March 17, 2025,](#) with each meeting to convene at [6:00 PM.](#) Regular meetings will be rescheduled as necessary and special meeting may be scheduled to address unforeseen issues.

Regarding [Performance Audit for FY2024.](#)

Regarding [Project Management for FY2025.](#)

Regarding [Administrative Policy Review for FY2025.](#)

Regarding [Transparency Reporting for FY2025](#).  
Regarding [Cybersecurity Training for FY2025](#).  
Regarding [Consultant Review for FY2025](#).  
Regarding [Open Government Training for FY2025](#).  
Regarding [District Liability Insurance Review and Renewal for FY2025](#).  
Regarding [Digital Record Archiving for FY2025](#).  
Regarding [Physical Record Archiving for FY2025](#).

## Topic 9.2 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Previous Consideration by the Board:**[Meeting Packet - 20250121](#)

**Management Discussion:**

The minutes for the previous meeting were sent to the board members prior to the meeting.

See: [Meeting Minutes - 20250121 - Board of Directors](#).

RGCD Meeting Minutes 20250121.pdf

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**Management Recommendation:**

Move to accept and approve the meeting minutes for [January 21, 2025](#), as drafted.

## Topic 9.3 - Investments of the District

**Previous Consideration by the Board:**[Meeting Packet - 20250121](#)

**Management Discussion:**

The investment report for [December 2024](#) has been sent to the board prior to the meeting.

See: [Investment Report - IR-20241231-01 - FY2025M03 - December 2024](#).

RGCD Investment Report IR 20241231 01 FY25M03 December 2024.pdf

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The balance of all the funds of the district, as of [December 31, 2024](#), is [\\$1,537,267.90](#).

**Management Recommendation:**

Move to accept the investment report for [December 2024](#) and authorize the [general manager to deposit \\$500,000 from Account 11658 into TexPool](#).

## Topic 9.4 - Financial Transaction Report

**Previous Consideration by the Board:**[Meeting Packet 20250121](#)

**Management Discussion:**

The list below identifies each accounts payable transaction that was recorded since [January 1, 2025](#), as of [February 13, 2025](#):

- i. ACCTP 20250121 01 \$30,561.80 VCGCD Interlocal Agreement TR 20250121 01-D - \$30,561.80 - Vantage Bank 11658 - UNRECONCILED
- ii. ACCTP-20250121-02 - \$120.00 - USPS - Box Rental - TR-20250121-02-D - \$120.00 Vantage Bank 11658 UNRECONCILED
- iii. ACCTP 20250121 03 \$210.00 Allison, Bass & Magee TR 20250121 03 D \$210.00 - Vantage Bank 11658 - UNRECONCILED
- iv. ACCTP-20250121-04 - \$250.00 - Carroll Borden - January Meeting - TR-20250121-03 D \$250.00 Vantage Bank 11658 UNRECONCILED
- v. ACCTP 20250121 05 \$250.00 John Snyder January Meeting TR 20250121 05-D - \$250.00 - Vantage Bank 11658 - UNRECONCILED
- vi. ACCTP-20250121-06 - \$250.00 - Fredric Biery - January Meeting - TR-20250121-06 D \$250.00 Vantage Bank 11658 UNRECONCILED
- vii. ACCTP 20250121 07 \$250.00 Cynthia Rose January Meeting TR 20250121 07-D - \$250.00 - Vantage Bank 11658 - UNRECONCILED

The list below identifies each accounts receivable transaction that was recorded since January 1, 2025, as of February 13, 2025:

- i. None.

## Topic 9.5 - Bank Depository Agreement

**Previous Consideration by the Board:**Meeting Packet 20210119.

### Management Discussion:

On December 19, 2025, Ms. Nixon of Vantage Bank Texas offered to extend the depository service agreement until January 20, 2027.

RGCD Vantage Bank Renewal Letter 20241223.pdf

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RGCD - Vantage Bank - Renewal and Extension - 20241219.pdf

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### Management Recommendation:

Move to authorize the general manager to execute the depository services agreement extension with Vantage Bank Texas as drafted.

## Topic 9.6 - Unpaid Invoices and Bills

**Previous Consideration by the Board:**Meeting Packet - 20250121.

### Management Discussion:

The District has outstanding accounts payable invoices that are not considered regular and routine for which the District has received the goods and services billed for under the invoices.

### Management Recommendation:

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

- i. ACCTP-20250218-03 - \$250.00 - Fredric Biery - February 2025 Meeting
- ii. ACCTP-20250218-04 - \$250.00 - Cynthia Rose - February 2025 Meeting.
- iii. ACCTP 20250218 02 \$250.00 John Snyder February 2025 Meeting
- iv. ACCTP 20250218 01 \$250.00 Carroll Borden February 2025 Meeting

## **Item 10 - Legal Counsel Report**

## **Item 11.0 - Adjourn Meeting**