

**ROLLING PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF
REVISING PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT'S RULES**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will conduct a public hearing concerning the District's intent to adopt revised District Rules. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested members of the public with the opportunity to appear and provide oral or written comments on the proposed revisions to the Rules.

Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing.

The date, time and place of the public hearing is as follows:

Date: **July 16, 2026.**
Time: **2:00 p.m. Daylight Saving Time**
Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office
500 North Main Street, Seymour, TX 76380

**Procedures for Submitting Public Comments
on the Proposed Rules.**

A. Oral Comments:

Any person may appear in person, or by authorized representative, at the public hearing regarding the proposed revisions to the District's Rules. Any person making an appearance must indicate their desire to make oral comments on the registration form provided by the District at the public hearing. A person must disclose any affiliation on the registration form and if applicable, the legal authority to speak for a person represented. Any other person attending the public hearing will be considered by the District to be an observer not desiring to make comments on the proposed Rules. The District will not consider any comments of an observer in its proceedings.

All persons must indicate on the registration form whether their comments are generally directed to the entire proposed Rules, or whether they are directed at specific items in the proposed Rules. If directed at specific items in the proposed Rules, the number of the items in the proposed Rules must be identified on the registration form. If it becomes apparent during the oral comments that what were indicated to be merely general comments are, in fact, specific comments, the presiding officer may ask the person to specifically identify the proposed items in the proposed Rules to which the oral comments are directed.

The presiding officer will establish the order of oral comments of persons at the hearing. As appropriate, the presiding officer may limit:

1. the number of times a person may speak;
2. the time period for oral comments;
3. cumulative, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious comments;
4. general comments that are so vague, undeveloped, or immaterial as to be impracticable for the District to ascertain the intent or purpose of the person making the general oral comments and that are otherwise unhelpful to the District in analyzing the proposed revisions to the Rules;
5. the time period for asking or responding to questions; and

6. other matters that come to the attention of the presiding officer as requiring limitation.

B. Written Comments:

1. Written comments on the proposed revisions to the Rules must be filed with the District by mail at PO Box 868, Seymour, Texas 76380 or by hand delivery at the District's office at 110 W California Street, Seymour, Texas 76380. All written comments must be filed with the District and date-stamped no later than **Monday, July 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Daylight Saving Time.**
2. Written comments should be filed on 8½ x 11 inch paper and be typed or legibly written. Written comments must indicate whether the comments are general and directed at all of the proposed revisions of the Rules, or whether they are directed at specific items in the proposed Rules. If directed at specific items in the proposed Rules, the number of the proposed item must be identified and followed by the comments on the specifically identified item of the proposed Rules.

C. Response to Comments:

Please note that while the District Board and staff will consider both oral and written comments, the staff may not prepare written responses to these comments for review and consideration by the Board of Directors of the District when it deliberates on whether to adopt the proposed revisions to the District's Rules.

Procedure for Obtaining the Proposed Rules.

Copies of the proposed Rules may be obtained from the District by:

1. telephoning (940) 422-1095;
2. e-mailing a request to the District at info@rollingplainsgcd.gov;
3. visiting the offices of the District at 110 W California Street, Seymour, Texas 76380; or,
4. visiting the District's website at www.rollingplainsgcd.gov.

Opportunity to attend the Board Meeting at which the proposed Rules may be Adopted.

A meeting of the District's Board of Directors will be held on July 16, 2026, following the Rules Hearing at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 500 North Main Street, Seymour, TX 76380. Adopting Rules will be an Agenda item and may be acted upon by the District's Board of Directors if deemed appropriate and timely.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT'S RULES

- (1) Update the manner in which the District assesses civil penalties to be consistent with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.
- (2) Increase the minimum spacing required between certain new wells and existing permitted and registered wells.
- (3) Reduce the maximum number of non-exempt wells allowable on a given area of land.
- (4) Require flow meters on all new non-exempt wells permitted after the effective date of the new Rules.
- (5) Update the export fee schedule for water exported from the District to conform with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and the District's enabling legislation.
- (6) Establish a framework authorizing the District's Board of Directors to create Groundwater Management Zones and describe their application within the District.

Issued this 16th day of June 2026.

/s/ Lynn Smith

Lynn Smith, General Manager,
Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District