

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Hays County Commissioners Court

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Request forms are due in Microsoft Word Format via email by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

AGENDA ITEM

Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) related to a grant application being submitted by the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD).

ITEM TYPE	MEETING DATE	AMOUNT REQUIRED
ACTION-MISCELLANEOUS	February 3, 2015	

LINE ITEM NUMBER

AUDITOR USE ONLY

AUDITOR COMMENTS:

PURCHASING GUIDELINES FOLLOWED: N/A AUDITOR REVIEW: N/A

REQUESTED BY	SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR
Mark Jones/Will Conley	JONES	CONLEY

SUMMARY

The Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is seeking a grant to conduct a feasibility study for use of the saline Edwards Aquifer as a source of water for a desalination plant and for the use of the saline Edwards Aquifer as a reservoir for an aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) system. The district would like to include Hays County as a participant in this study if the grant is awarded.

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February 3, 2015

Mr. Kevin Patteson
Executive Director
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

Re: Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Application for a Regional Planning Grant

Dear Mr. Patteson:

As a public agency serving the citizens of Hays County, we are supporting the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) application for State assistance through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Regional Facility Planning Grant program. In addition, we intend to actively participate in this project by attending project meetings for planning, implementation, and review of results. This grant will assist BSEACD in evaluating the feasibility of developing additional water supply sources to ensure a steady supply of water to users of the Barton Springs portion of the Edwards Aquifer while safeguarding the unique environment created by the springflows at Barton Springs.

Sustainable supplies of water are critical to the quality of life and sustained growth in south Travis and northern Hays counties. We support BSEACD's proposed study of the feasibility of desalination of water from the saline portion of the Edwards Aquifer and aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) of freshwater using the saline Edwards aquifer as a planning effort that will benefit our customer as well as the entire region.

On behalf of the citizens of Hays County, I want to thank the TWDB for the opportunity of this planning effort that is of such importance to the region and the future of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bert Cobb".

Bert Cobb, M.D.
Hays County Judge