

## TGR Board Adopts New District Rules

After more than a year in the making, the Trinity Glen Rose District (TGR) Board of Directors adopted a new set of rules at its December Board meeting. These are the official regulatory guidelines that give the District its ability to effectively manage the groundwater resources of the Trinity Aquifer within its boundaries.

"This was an in-depth analysis of the rules to better align the District with current groundwater law in Chapter 36 of Texas Water Code and the District's enabling act," said TGR General Manager Amanda Maloukis.


"After the Board adopted the new rules, we began reaching out to many Trinity Aquifer well owners and well drillers to officially announce the changes and familiarize them with the new regulatory processes. We held a public meeting in October to go through proposed rule changes, posted the rule changes for more than a month, and also held a public hearing during the December Board meeting to provide opportunities for public feedback and questions."



Some major highlights of the new change include:

- the well permitting process will begin with the TGR District now, instead of San Antonio Water System;
- a new fee schedule was adopted;
- all existing wells need to be registered, however, there is no cost or well regulation associated with the well registrations, it simply will acknowledge the wells existence and construction;
- all well drillers and well owners intending to drill a new well(s) after 12/14/23, shall contact the District prior to drilling the well and submit an application for Authorization to Drill, Modify, or Plug a Well and the District will assist the applicant to determine if:
  - (1) if the well is an exempt well and a registration application is required to be approved before drilling the well; or
  - (2) the well is a non-exempt well and a permit application must be submitted and approved by the District before drilling the well; and
- well owners of new wells drilled after 12/14/23 will be required to follow all regulatory specifications for the new wells, as applicable.

Groundwater conservation districts are the state's preferred method of groundwater management in order to protect property rights, balance conservation and development of groundwater to meet the needs of the State of Texas, and use the best available science in the development, adoption and promulgation of rules. If you have any questions about the new TGR rules, please call the office to make an appointment with staff. We would be more than happy to meet and discuss any changes that might impact you.

You can download the complete set of rules at: [www.trinityglenrose.com/rulesandforms](http://www.trinityglenrose.com/rulesandforms). 

## Former Board Member Harris Dickey is Recognized for His Service to the District



Former TGR Board Member Harris Dickey received many words of appreciation for his 14 years of service to the Trinity Glen Rose District. Dickey, now retired, helped the District through various policy improvements, supported the District's reserved funds development and championed TGR's community outreach program initiation and evolution.

When asked about what he learned most about during his time on the board, he said teaching the topic of water conservation in the community always seemed to rise to the top of his list.

Dickey represented Precinct 3 during his tenure. That area of the county includes Timberwood Park, Camp Bullis and Camp Stanley, two major parks and the Leon, Salado, Panther Springs Creeks. Those tributaries are often included in water quality discussions due to their potential recharge to the Trinity Aquifer. 💧

## TGR District Receives Positive Audit Report

The CPA firm of Armstrong, Vaughan and Associates (AVA) released their final audit report of the Trinity Glen Rose District financial statements and operational controls. The audit consultant reported that there were no issues found in the staff's financial accounting and reporting work throughout the most recent fiscal year and that all internal controls put in place to ensure proper management of the District's funds were being followed.

In their audit process guided by the industry's professional standards, AVA generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement (incorrect reporting).

"It is always satisfying to hear that our staff is operating the day-to-day business of the district in a professional and responsible manner," said TGR Board President Joe duMenil. "We know the staff takes compliance seriously, but the board relies on these third-party evaluations to ensure that the communities we represent know that the district is running efficiently and effectively. In addition to the external auditor, the board treasurer works with staff to assist in the district's compliance with all required regulations."

You can download a copy of the [TGR 2022-23 Audit Report at the district website](#). 💧

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*Did you know...*

*The Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District works with eight other groundwater conservation districts in the region to plan water use from the Trinity Aquifer for 50 years into the future. Those plans help ensure the Trinity Aquifer will remain viable for future generations.*