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JERRI McCUTCHEN
County Clerk, Sterling County, Texas
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE STERLING COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Rulemaking Hearing for Proposed Changes and Increasing Export Fee

March 09, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District Office
612 4th Street, Sterling City, Texas 76951

The Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District (SCUWCD) will hold a public hearing on proposed Rules of the SCUWCD on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 1 pm at the SCUWCD office 612 4th Street, Sterling City, Texas. A description of proposed changes includes:

1. Removal of references to "fax" throughout the Rules
2. Section 3: Well Registration and Permits
   - Rule 3.204 Permit Application Requirements
     - i. Added a permit application requirement to Rule 3.204(b)
     - ii. Added clarifying language regarding the hydrogeological report required by Rule 3.204(c)
   - Rule 3.205 Permit Evaluation
     - i. Added wells able to be considered under Rule 3.205(c) in accordance with Texas Water Code § 36.113(d-2)
3. Section 5: Well Spacing and Production Limits
   - Updated Rule 5.202 to reflect how the District incorporates consideration of the DFC and monitoring of wells into the permit process
4. Section 6: Deposits and Fees
   - Increased the water export fee in Rule 6.103 and updated approved uses of those funds in accordance with Texas Water Code § 36.122(e-1)
5. Section 10: Enforcement
   - Increased the maximum penalty under Rule 10.102(b) in accordance with Texas Water Code § 36.102(b)

All citizens are invited to attend the Rulemaking Hearing. Copies of the revised draft SCUWCD Rules and the current rules can be found at http://www.sterlinguwcd.org/ or the SCUWCD Office. For any questions or comments concerning the proposed SCUWCD Rules, please contact Diana Thomas at 325-378-2704 or scuwcd@verizon.net.

The REGULAR term of the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District meeting will convene following the PUBLIC HEARING on the 9th day of MARCH, 2026, at the Water District Office, 612 4th, Sterling City, Texas, to transact the following business:

1. Public Comment - Limit 5 Minutes Each Person
   (Must Sign and Submit a Public Participation Form Prior to Meeting)
2. Consider and Take Action on Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Consider and Take Action on Payment of Bills Due
4. Receive Manager's Report on the Following Topics:
   (a) Meetings Attended
   (b) Well Surveillance Reports
   (c) Notice of Intent/Permit Applications
   (d) Additional District Updates
5. Consider and Take Action to Adopt Revised Rules of the Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
6. Consider and Take Action on Jeff Copeland's Water Use Permit Located in Sections 221, 251, and 253 Abstracts 165, 166, and 167 for no more than 242 acre feet of water per year
7. Adjourn

Diana Thomas, General Manager
Ashley Masters, Technician

COUNTY COURT OF STERLING COUNTY TEXAS

CERTIFICATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS {}

COUNTY OF STERLING {}

I, Jerri McCutchen, Clerk of the County Court in and for Sterling County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of the original "Notice of Meeting" as filed by in my office on