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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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.



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Diana Thomas, General Manager
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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

February 17, 2026
11:39 o'clock A.M.
JERRI McCUTCHEON
County Clerk, Sterling County, Texas
By *Diana Thomas*