

# Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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### Groundwater District Updates Rules

The Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District has been in the process of updating its District Rules, and is now seeking comments from the public on the proposed Amended District Rules. The District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed revisions on Friday, May 20, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. at the La Grange City Hall, located at 155 E. Colorado Street, in La Grange.

According to Paul Kohlleppel, president of the District's Board of Directors, "We expect to be continually revising the Rules as we learn more about our aquifers and how to better manage them. The revisions we are putting before the public now are mostly a result of the District having gained more knowledge and expertise since our inception, but also from public comments. We appreciate all those who have taken the time to attend our meetings and give us feedback."

The proposed revisions include clarifications on definitions of terms such as "sustainability" and "operating permits". Primarily, however, the revisions further define the requirements and the process of applying for a water well permit, either for high volume groundwater production from non-exempt wells or for transporting water out of the District. More detail is given about the prevention of waste via plugging or capping abandoned or deteriorated water wells. One of the key revisions is an adverse impact mitigation plan intended to protect existing wells from damage caused by another well owner's pumping. Kohlleppel said, "The District is attempting to protect and conserve our water as best as we can, while working within the legal restrictions imposed by the State of Texas."

Copies of the District's proposed Amended Rules are available for public viewing at the District's Office located at 254 N. Jefferson St., Room 600, La Grange, Texas 78945 during the office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday through Friday, and on the District's website at [www.fayettecountygroundwater.com](http://www.fayettecountygroundwater.com).

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