NECHES AND TRINITY VALLEYS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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PROPOSED DISTRICT RULES

Board Amendment No. 2 – Public Review Copy

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The Board of Directors is considering Board Amendment No. 2 to the District's Proposed Rules published in June 2026. Board Amendment No. 2 incorporates and supersedes Board Amendment No. 1. The attached documents show every change from the June 2026 Proposed Rules so the public may review them before the Board acts.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

	Document	What It Shows
1	**Board Amendment No. 2** (redline to June 2026 Proposed Rules)	Each section being changed, with the changed text shown in redline, plus a table of editorial changes made throughout. Start here for an overview.
2	**Complete Proposed Rules – Redline to June 2026**	The complete Proposed Rules, showing every change from the June 2026 Proposed Rules previously released for public comment.

HOW TO READ THE REDLINES

Underlined text is new language being added.

~~Struck-through text~~ is existing language being deleted.

Unmarked text is unchanged.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES

- Removes the acreage-based "water allocation per acre factor" limit on production (§§ 1.001, 5.204, 5.216)
- Reclassifies all operating permits issued before October 15, 2026, as Historic Operating Permits, which keep that status upon renewal (§§ 5.202, 5.203)
- Reviews Non-historic Operating Permits every three years, beginning by January 1, 2029, and allows reduction or cancellation for unjustified nonuse after notice and hearing (§§ 5.204, 5.217)
- Allows cancellation of operating permits under which no well is drilled or no groundwater is produced within 12 months, or, for existing permits, by October 15, 2027 (§ 5.219)
- Adds water-level monitoring and drawdown-based permit conditions, including hydrogeological studies for applications of 300 acre-feet or more per year (§§ 5.208, 5.209)
- Authorizes aquifer management zones (§5.216)
- Exempts wells incapable of producing more than 10,000 gallons per day on tracts smaller than 10 acres from well construction permits; spacing, notice, and registration still apply (§ 6.202)
- Treats a well producing up to 9,125,000 gallons a year on a tract of 10 acres or more as holding a limited production permit, with production fees based on the permitted amount (§§ 5.401, 7.003)
- Conforms operating permit renewals and amendments to Water Code §§ 36.1145 and 36.1146 (§ 5.214)
- Conforms groundwater exportation permit extensions to Water Code § 36.122 and excludes emergency potable water interconnects between utilities from export permitting (§§ 5.301, 5.305)
- Prorates production fees for partial years and conforms fees to the District Act (§ 7.003)
- Adds public notice procedures for proposed Desired Future Conditions (§ 9.404)
- Changes the Historic/Non-historic Operating Permit cutoff date from May 1, 2026, to October 15, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENTS

Board Meeting: October 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at the Anderson County Annex, 703 N. Mallard St., Ste. 102, Palestine, Texas. The Board will take public comment before acting on the Proposed Rules.

Written Comments: Submit by October 14, 2026, by email to office@ntvgcd.org or by mail to P.O. Box 1387, Jacksonville, Texas 75766. Copies of these documents are available on the District's website and at the District office.

This coversheet is a summary provided for convenience only. Where it differs from the text of the Proposed Rules, the Proposed Rules control.