

Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
Notice of Consideration of Petitions to Adopt or Modify District Rules

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District (District) will consider and possibly take action on Petitions to Adopt or Modify District Rules (Petitions) on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 10:00 AM at 405 North Spring Drive, Fort Stockton, Texas, 79735.

The Petitions were filed by Cockrell Investment Partners, L.P, and Belding Farms (Cockrell). The first Petition proposes that the District's rules set export fees at the statutory maximum and establish a mitigation fund supported by export fees (a) to be used to reduce groundwater pumping, develop alternative water supplies, and maintain operability of wells affected by groundwater development and export and (b) that would allow permittees negatively affected by groundwater development and export to obtain financial compensation for the economic cost that arises from groundwater-level declines. The second Petition proposes new rules addressing unreasonable impacts from groundwater pumping and export of the Edwards-Trinity aquifer, and determines unreasonableness based on average water-level declines of monitoring wells in Management Zone 1 benchmarked to September 1, 2018. If the District detects unreasonable impacts, then the District would require public notice, increased monitoring and reporting of permittees' water levels and when pumps are lowered, suspension of new export permits, and potential cutback of permittees' groundwater production up to 50%.

Any person with a real property interest in groundwater located within the District may participate and comment orally and in writing. It is strongly encouraged that written comment be provided to the District by mail, hand delivery or email at mpgcd@mpgcd.org and to petitioner Cockrell by email at rreed@pulmanlaw.com not later than Tuesday, October 8, 2024. A copy of the Petitions and any related documents may be reviewed or copied on the District's website at www.middlepecosgcd.org or at the District's office.

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CLERK COUNTY COURT, PECOS CO., TEXAS
By *[Signature]* 8:53am Deputy