



Designation of Brackish Groundwater Production Zones in the Blossom, Lipan, Nacatoch, and Northern Trinity Aquifers

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will consider designating brackish groundwater production zones in four aquifers at its Board meeting scheduled for **Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701.**

In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 30 directing the TWDB to

- (1) identify and designate brackish groundwater production zones in the state by December 1, 2022,
- (2) determine the volumes of groundwater that a brackish groundwater production zone can produce over 30-year and 50-year periods without causing significant impact to water availability or water quality,
- (3) make recommendations on reasonable monitoring to observe the effects of brackish groundwater production within the zone,
- (4) work with groundwater conservation districts and stakeholders in general, and
- (5) provide a summary of brackish groundwater production zone designations in the biennial report due December 1 of each even-numbered year.

At the March 28, 2019, meeting, the Board will consider the Executive Administrator's recommendations to designate brackish groundwater production zones in four aquifers. A draft of the Board memo containing zone recommendations is available for review on the [TWDB website](http://www.twdb.texas.gov).

Stakeholder participation is important, and everyone interested is encouraged to provide comments. If you have any questions, need more information, or would like to submit written comments before the Board meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me or TWDB staff:

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