

AN ACT

relating to the name, governing body, and boundaries of the Tri-County Groundwater Conservation District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 1, Chapter 1331, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following groundwater conservation districts are created:

- (1) Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District;
- (2) Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District;
- (3) Crossroads Groundwater Conservation District;
- (4) Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District;
- (5) Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District;
- (6) Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District;
- (7) McMullen Groundwater Conservation District;
- (8) Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District;
- (9) Red Sands Groundwater Conservation District;
- (10) Refugio Groundwater Conservation District;
- (11) Southeast Trinity Groundwater Conservation District; and
- (12) Texana Groundwater Conservation District[~~, and~~
- [~~(13) Tri-County Groundwater Conservation District~~].

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 2, Chapter 1331, Acts of

1 the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 (a) The boundaries of the following groundwater  
4 conservation districts are coextensive with county boundaries as  
5 follows:

6 (1) the boundaries of the Cow Creek Groundwater  
7 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of  
8 Kendall County;

9 (2) the boundaries of the Brazos Valley Groundwater  
10 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of  
11 Robertson and Brazos Counties;

12 (3) the boundaries of the Crossroads Groundwater  
13 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of  
14 Victoria County;

15 (4) the boundaries of the Lone Wolf Groundwater  
16 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of  
17 Mitchell County;

18 (5) the boundaries of the Lost Pines Groundwater  
19 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of  
20 Bastrop and Lee Counties, but if the voters of only one county  
21 confirm the creation of the district under Section 10 of this Act,  
22 the boundaries of the district are coextensive with the boundaries  
23 of that county;

24 (6) the boundaries of the McMullen Groundwater  
25 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of  
26 McMullen County;

27 (7) the boundaries of the Middle Pecos Groundwater

1 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of Pecos  
2 County;

3 (8) the boundaries of the Refugio Groundwater  
4 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of  
5 Refugio County; and

6 (9) the boundaries of the Texana Groundwater  
7 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of  
8 Jackson County [~~and~~

9 ~~[(10) the boundaries of the Tri-County Groundwater  
10 Conservation District are coextensive with the boundaries of Foard,  
11 Hardeman, and Wilbarger Counties].~~

12 SECTION 3. Section 2, Chapter 1352, Acts of the 77th  
13 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 2. DEFINITION. In this Act, "district" means the  
15 Gateway [~~Tri-County~~] Groundwater Conservation District.

16 SECTION 4. Section 3, Chapter 1352, Acts of the 77th  
17 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 3. BOUNDARIES. (a) The boundaries of the district are  
19 coextensive with the boundaries of Foard and [~~and~~] Hardeman [~~and~~  
20 ~~Wilbarger~~] counties.

21 (b) The district may add territory to the district as  
22 provided by Chapter 36, Water Code.

23 SECTION 5. Subsection (a), Section 4, Chapter 1352, Acts of  
24 the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as  
25 follows:

26 (a) The district has all of the rights, powers, privileges,  
27 authority, functions, and duties provided by the general law of

1 this state, including Chapter 36, Water Code, applicable to  
2 groundwater conservation districts created under Section 59,  
3 Article XVI, Texas Constitution. This Act prevails over any  
4 provision of general law that is in conflict or inconsistent with  
5 this Act [~~, including any provision of Chapter 1331, Acts of the 76th~~  
6 ~~Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Senate Bill No. 1911)] .~~

7 SECTION 6. Subsection (a), Section 5, Chapter 1352, Acts of  
8 the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 (a) The district is governed by a board of [~~six~~]  
11 in the manner provided by Section 36.051, Water Code.

12 SECTION 7. Subsection (a), Section 7, Chapter 1352, Acts of  
13 the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 (a) The commissioners court of each county in the district  
16 shall appoint an equal number of [~~two~~]  
17 directors.

18 SECTION 8. Part 12, Chapter 966, Acts of the 77th  
19 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, and Section 1, Subsection (b),  
20 Section 4, Subsection (b), Section 5, Section 6, Subsections (b)  
21 and (c), Section 7, and Section 8, Chapter 1352, Acts of the 77th  
22 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, are repealed.

23 SECTION 9. The board of directors of the Gateway  
24 Groundwater Conservation District shall hold an election under  
25 Section 36.328, Water Code, to annex territory to the district. If  
26 a majority of voters in the territory to be annexed vote in favor of  
27 the proposition:

- (1) the territory is annexed; and

1           (2) the commissioners court of each county added to  
2 the district by the annexation shall appoint the appropriate number  
3 of directors, in accordance with Subsection (a), Section 7, Chapter  
4 1352, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

5           SECTION 10. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
6 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
7 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
8 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
9 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
10 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
11 Government Code.

12           (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
13 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
14 Environmental Quality.

15           (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
16 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
17 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
18 representatives within the required time.

19           (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
20 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
21 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
22 and accomplished.

23           SECTION 11. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
24 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
25 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
26 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
27 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1950 passed the Senate on May 8, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1950 passed the House on May 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor