

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETING FOR LONE STAR GCD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024—6:00 P.M.

IN PERSON MEETING WITH OPTION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REMOTELY BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Notice is hereby given to all interested members of the public that the Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District will hold a previously scheduled and noticed hearing and its regular monthly board meeting in person with the option for public comment remotely by videoconference **via a publicly accessible videoconferencing link. Information on how to participate in the hearing and meeting remotely by videoconference is provided below.** Agendas for each hearing and regular board meeting are provided in this packet immediately following the instructions for participation.

The Texas Open Meetings Act allows a governmental entity to authorize public participation by videoconference (not teleconference). On August 10, 2021, the Board of Directors approved Resolution #21-009, authorizing public comment to be given at its meetings by videoconference. If you are not comfortable attending the meeting in person (and/or due to limited social distancing capacity), please participate via the videoconference link. You can provide written public comment in advance of the meeting or live during the meeting via the videoconference link below. Please note that in order to comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act, which authorizes public participation by videoconference, any person providing public comment by videoconference is asked to turn on their cameras while speaking to ensure there is two-way audio and video communication with the Board of Directors. If you are not comfortable turning on your video while giving public comment, please either attend the meeting in person or submit written public comment.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN HEARINGS AND MEETING

Video Conference Opens at 5:45 PM

The Hearing will begin at 6:00 PM.

Participation via the videoconference link is not required and only necessary if you plan to make public comment during any hearing or the meeting. If you plan to make public comment during any hearing or meeting, please do the following:

1. Please contact the District at (936) 494-3436 or info@lonestargcd.org to register as a speaker during public comment. Please indicate whether you would like to make public comment during the permit hearing and/or board meeting. You must also register as a speaker when logging into the videoconference by providing your name and email address. You can pre-register for the videoconference. Any person participating in the meeting must be recognized and identified by a moderator before they speak.

2. Determine if you will participate and provide public comment via the zoom videoconference link or Zoom app as set forth below.

If you do not plan to make live public comment during any hearing or meeting, you are not required to register for the videoconference and may watch the live broadcast on the District's website as provided below. You may also submit written comments in advance of the meeting to info@lonestargcd.org.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and would like to request auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Jennifer Thayer at (936) 494-3636 at least three business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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PARTICIPATION IN LIVE PUBLIC COMMENT BY VIDEOCONFERENCE VIA ZOOM LINK OR APP

If you choose to participate via the **Zoom videoconference link below**, you **WILL** have the opportunity to provide live video comments during the designated portion of the hearings or meeting.

Videoconference Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-TowViVGTg-kCmo05z0Owg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the videoconference. You can pre-register for the videoconference at any time.

If you choose to participate in the videoconference via the **Zoom App**, you will need to *pre-register* via the URL meeting link above to get a password emailed to you in advance of the videoconference. You will use the password emailed to you during pre-registration when you log into the app to join the videoconference. You **WILL** have the opportunity to provide live comments during the designated portion of the hearings or meeting.

Please use Webinar ID: 843 4671 2443

Password: Received via pre-registration

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LISTENING/WATCHING BUT NO PARTICIPATION IN LIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

If you do not want to make live public comment and/or you choose to participate in the public hearings and meeting using the live broadcast link below, you will **NOT** have the opportunity to provide live comments during the designated portion of the hearings and meeting. The live broadcast link is provided for **LISTENING AND WATCHING PURPOSES ONLY**. You can submit written comments in advance to info@lonestargcd.org.

Live broadcast of the hearings and meeting via the link below or on the meetings tab on the District's website at <https://www.lonestargcd.org/meetings>

Live Broadcast Link: <https://lonestargcd.new.swagit.com/views/58>