



## Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

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### Discussion Points on Draft Post Oak Savannah Aquifer Conservancy Program (PACP)

**Purpose: to create a legacy of stewardship by enabling landowners to commit their groundwater resources into long term conservation**

- I. Funded by fees annually collected in advance by the District
- II. Voluntary conservation stewardship by landowners
- III. Maintains landowner ownership and control of private property rights
- IV. Requirements:
  - A. Term commitment with bonuses as yet to be determined (TBD) for length of time
    1. Five years- TBD (Estimate \$5/acre/year as beginning value for discussion purposes)
    2. Ten years- TBD
    3. Twenty years- TBD
  - B. PCAP New member sign-up period annually (90 day period. Beginning each June 1)
  - C. Owner must own both surface of land, and groundwater rights
  - D. No assignment or permitted uses of the committed resources during term,
  - E. Excludes Exempt wells under POSGCD Rules (Domestic, Livestock, etc., )
  - F. Documented and sworn application
  - G. No exit from the agreement by landowner during term
  - H. Binding on heirs and assigns for length of term
  - I. No minimum acreage with threshold for full prepayment to be determined
  - J. Executed by conservation stewardship agreement, with signage for property
  - K. Property located over Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers within POSGCD as determined by POSGCD

**L. Verification, due diligence, filings, etc., performed by independent third party**

**M. Participation in PACP does not disqualify landowners from any other District program**

**N. Participation subject to Maximum Allowable production limits,  
adjustable at renewal**

**O. Budgeted amounts based on availability of funds**

**V. Stand alone budget item with reserve fund to balance annual fluxuation in participation**

**VI. Payments dispersed annually following first full qualifying year to participating landowners**

**VII. Draft Timeline for development and implementation:**

**May 25, 2018- Press Conference for News Release in May 30 Newspapers**

**June 5, 2018- Hard Launch and Board Review**

**June-July, 2018- Conduct Survey, and host Townhall meetings to give and receive info**

**August 7, 2018- Board Meeting Update and Review**

**August 15, 2018- Public Update at Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit with  
Q&A pamphlets, and “support” signs for public**

**Sept. 4, 2018- Board Meeting Update and Review**

**October 2, 2018- Publish Draft PACP for 60 Day Comment Period**

**December 4, 2018- Board Review and consider comments received**

**January 8, 2019- Board adoption**

**June 1, 2019- Begin initial 90-Day Sign-up for PACP with effective date of Jan. 1, 2020**

**October 1, 2019- Receive PACP signup data and Develop 2020 Budget for PACP**

**November 2019- Adopt Budget and Fees to fully fund PACP**

**January 2021- Payments begin for first commitments**

**VIII. Questions answered or remaining to be considered:**

**Can landowner(s) commit only part of their property to this program if undivided, or multiple tracts?- Yes, same as we use for considering applications for permits.**

**Is eligibility affected if property within city limits (i.e., unable to access water rights)?- TBD**