



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