
Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District



Public Hearings - Reconvened
September 14, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Post Oak Savannah GCD Offices
310 East Ave. C
Milano, Texas

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District will reconvene the Public Hearings on Permit Applications on September 14, 2021, at 5:30 pm. In consideration of concerns regarding the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as well as compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the District Offices will be open but there may be limited space as priority will be given to the Applicants, those who have been granted Conditional Party Status and their Representatives and Consultants. The District continues to provide a method for members of the public who wish to attend virtually and listen, observe or participate. Please join this meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone at:

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PUBLIC HEARINGS – RECONVENED

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation
3. Call to Order and establish quorum
4. Reconvene the Public Hearings and reopen the record to hear direct testimony concerning the requested Amendments to the Existing Drilling and Operation Permit No. POS-D&O 0148. Alcoa has requested that Permit 0148 be amended to (1) authorize use of the water for the following purposes: municipal, industrial, manufacturing, and commercial; and (2) authorize use of the water anywhere within Milam County (which is within the District), and anywhere within Williamson County and three counties that are adjacent to Williamson County: Lee, Travis, and Bell Counties (all four of which are outside the District). No change in location or modification of any of the 56 currently authorized wells is requested. No increase in the currently authorized 25,000 acre-feet per year aggregate annual production under Permit 0148 or the currently authorized rate of production from any well is requested. The permit currently has a term that ends November 13, 2052 and Alcoa has requested that the term be extended approximately 9 years, to a date that is 40 years from the date of issuance of the amended permit.
5. Also to hear direct testimony concerning the Application for Transport Permit to authorize transport from the District of 25,000 acre-feet of water per year produced from the Simsboro formation under Alcoa's Permit 0148 as that permit is requested to be amended. Alcoa has requested authorization for transport of the water for use anywhere in Williamson County and three counties that are adjacent to Williamson County: Lee, Travis, and Bell Counties (all four of which are outside the District). Less than 25,000 acre-feet of water per year will be transported for use outside the District if a portion of the 25,000 acre-feet per year authorized aggregate annual production under Permit 0148 is committed for use and actually used in Milam County (which is inside the District). Alcoa requested that the term of the Transport Permit be 40 years from the date of issuance of the permit, to match the requested extended term for Alcoa's Permit 0148.
6. Presiding Officer shall Close the Record
7. Consider Amendments to Existing Drilling and Operation Permit. Alcoa USA Corp. (Alcoa), whose address is P.O. Box 1491, Rockdale, TX 76567, submitted an application on May 17, 2021, to amend Alcoa's existing Drilling and Operating Permit No. POS- D&O 0148, as amended (Permit 0148). Permit 0148 currently authorizes Alcoa to produce 25,000 acre-feet of water per year from the Simsboro formation from a system of 56 wells (32 of which are existing dual use historic use wells authorized to be used under both Alcoa's Historic Use Permit and Permit 0148, and 24 of which are permitted but not yet constructed wells authorized to be used under Permit 0148) located on the nearly 25,000 acres of land and groundwater rights overlying the Simsboro that Alcoa owns in Milam County. The water is currently authorized to be used for industrial use on Alcoa's Milam County property. Alcoa requests that Permit 0148 be amended to (1) authorize use of the water for the following purposes: municipal, industrial, manufacturing, and commercial; and (2) authorize use of the water anywhere within Milam County (which is within the District), and anywhere within Williamson County and three counties that are adjacent to Williamson County: Lee, Travis, and Bell Counties (all four of which are outside the District). No change in location or modification of any of the 56 currently authorized wells is requested. No increase in the currently authorized

25,000 acre-feet per year aggregate annual production under Permit 0148 or the currently authorized rate of production from any well is requested. The permit currently has a term that ends November 13, 2052. Alcoa requests that the term be extended approximately 9 years, to a date that is 40 years from the date of issuance of the amended permit. The Board may:

- grant the Amendment;
 - grant the Amendment with special conditions; or
 - deny the Amendment.
8. Consider Application for a Transport Permit. Alcoa USA Corp. (Alcoa), whose address is P.O. Box 1491, Rockdale, TX 76567, submitted an application on May 17, 2021, for a Transport Permit to authorize transport from the District of 25,000 acre-feet of water per year produced from the Simsboro formation under Alcoa's Permit 0148, as that permit is requested to be amended, for use anywhere in Williamson County and three counties that are adjacent to Williamson County: Lee, Travis, and Bell Counties (all four of which are outside the District). Less than 25,000 acre-feet of water per year will be transported for use outside the District if a portion of the 25,000 acre-feet per year authorized aggregate annual production under Permit 0148 is committed for use and actually used in Milam County (which is inside the District). Alcoa requests that the term of the Transport Permit be 40 years from the date of issuance of the permit, to match the requested extended term for Alcoa's Permit 0148. The Board may:
- grant the Application;
 - grant the Application with special conditions; or
 - deny the Application.
9. Adjourn Public Hearing

Signed this 10th day of September, 2021

Elaine Gerren, Administrative Assistant

The Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please contact the District office at 512-455-9900 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

¹ During the public hearing, the Board reserves the right to go into executive session for any of the following purposes: advice of counsel or litigation, real estate, or personnel matters under V.T.C.A., Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074, respectively, or for any item on the above agenda for which an executive session is permitted by law.

¹ Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes from each individual desiring to speak. The public comment period will be limited to one hour. Board members are prohibited by law from discussing matters presented under this item, except for placement on a future agenda.