

Notice of Application and Hearing for Permit to Produce Groundwater from the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District in Jim Wells County

On March 8, 2021 Cinch Energy Services through its authorized representative vice president Michael Mendieta (the “Applicant”), filed an application with the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”) seeking one production permit for 1 commercial non-exempt water well located on 1,545 acres of the Applicant’s property, in Jim Wells County, to produce water from this well in the maximum amount of 10,000,000 gallons (30.6 acre ft) per annum. The well on the Applicant’s property is located on the northeast side of Highway 281 By Pass and North of the City of Premont, Texas. The coordinates & description of the well is: District Well ID #249-0031-2021 located at 27.372625 latitude and -98.116102 longitude & having 5” diameter casing and well depth of 500 ft.

The Applicant seeks authority to produce water for commercial and industrial use within boundaries of the District. This completed well is in the Gulf Coast aquifer. Production from the well would be managed in a manner designed to minimize any interference with any neighboring wells completed in the same aquifer.

The District Rules mandates publishing of public notice and opportunity for a public hearing before considering approval of this type of permit application. **A copy of this notice is being mailed (certified return receipt) to all neighboring landowners located within ½ mile from the well located on the Applicant’s property.** The Board of Directors of the District may grant a contested case hearing on the permit application if a written hearing request is filed within 20 days after the publication date of this notice. To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following in writing: (1) your name (or for a group or association, a representative), mailing address, daytime telephone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant’s name; (3) the statement “[I/we] request a contested case hearing;” (4) a specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity; and, (6) for a party desiring for the hearing to be conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings the request must include the statement: “[I/we] request that the State Office of Administrative Hearings conduct the hearing.” Note that a party requesting that the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) conduct the hearing shall pay all costs associated with the contract for a SOAH hearing and will be required to deposit with the District an amount determined by the District to pay the SOAH contract amount.

You may also file written comments within 20 days after the publication date of this notice without requesting a contested case hearing.

Comments or requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing and mailed to Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District, 732 West Rice Falfurrias Texas 78355, or emailed to generalmanager@brushcountrygcd.com.

This application is available for review at the BCGCD District Office, located at 732 West Rice, Falfurrias, Texas 78355 or on the District’s website at www.brushcountrygcd.com

A hearing to consider contested case hearing requests, if any, and to act on the Cinch Energy Services’ production permit application for 10,000,000 gallons per year or 30.6 acre feet per year is set for 9:45 a.m. April 27, 2021 at the Board of Directors meeting to be held at the BCGCD

District Office, located at 732 West Rice, Falfurrias, Texas 78355. The public may attend this hearing in person or attend virtually by joining the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at this link:

Brush Country monthly Meeting Tuesday April 27,2021
Tue, Apr 27, 2021 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CDT)

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