Permit Hearing - Item #11a Salado ISD Middle Trinity

CUWCD Executive Summary

Executive Summary

Application for a Drilling Permit N3-25-001P



Applicant/Owner: Salado Independent School District

c/o Ted Smith, Chief Operations Officer

601 N. Main Street

Salado, Texas 76571 Phone: (254) 913-6623

Location of Well:

Location description: 54.69 contiguous acres located at 3689 Williams Road in Salado

Latitude 30.96579° Longitude -97.54327°

Management Zone: Stillhouse Hollow Management Zone

Proposed Annual	Proposed	Source Aquifer:	Nearest Registered &
Withdrawal:	Beneficial Use:		Existing Wells:
		Middle Trinity	
Proposed Production:	Irrigation at the new	Aquifer – Hensell	Well #N3-25-002 P
Not-to-exceed	high school,	Layer	has 10 wells within ½
21.41 acre-feet per year or	currently under		mile.
6,976,470 gallons per year	construction		
			8-Edwards BFZ
Maximum Pumping Rate:			1-Middle Trinity
75-gpm		,	(Salado ISD well)
			1-Plugged
Column Pipe: 2-inch			
Horsepower Rating: TBD			

General Information

Ted Smith, on behalf of Salado Independent School District, has submitted an application to the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) on February 13, 2025, for a drilling permit to drill and complete a new well for irrigation at the new high school, which is currently under construction.

The proposed well (N3-25-001P) will be completed to the Middle Trinity Aquifer (Hensell Layer), equipped with a maximum 2-inch column pipe. The proposed well would be aggregated into a two-well system with an existing operating permit not to exceed 21.41 acre-feet or 6,976,470 gallons per year, at a maximum pumping rate of 75 gallons per minute. The proposed well will be located in the

Stillhouse Hollow Management Zone described in District Rule 7.1, on a 54.69-acre tract of land at 3689 Williams Road, Salado, Texas, Latitude 30.96579°/Longitude -97.54327°. No additional groundwater will be contemplated by this application above the existing operating permit.

Salado ISD owns well N2-08-002P in the Middle Trinity with an operating permit of 21.41 ac-ft/yr for the existing high school and athletic complex. The new high school will be located approximately 2,500 feet from the existing well. It has been determined that extending a pipeline from the existing well under Williams Road to the new construction is both costly and logistically challenging. Drilling a new Middle Trinity well is the most feasible option for the new high school.

Based on historical data, the actual annual production of well N2-08-002P is far less than their operating permit as shown in the figures below.

Well N2-08-002P Annual Production:

2021	6.41 ac-ft/yr
2022	9.629 ac-ft/yr
2023	8.021 ac-ft/yr
2024	9.18 ac-ft/yr

Well N3-25-001P will be considered a *Non-Exempt Well, Classification 3 (N3)*. All N3 wells are required to have a meter and report monthly production. To ensure compliance and conservation, special provisions may be discussed with the Board should the permit be approved. The permit will be renewed annually by staff, unless the applicant's designated use changes, if the applicant fails to report monthly use, or if the condition of the well deteriorates and aquifer conditions change.

CUWCD consulting hydrogeologist, Mike Keester, KT Groundwater, has reviewed the application and conducted the required drawdown analysis per District rules based on the proposed production in the application.

Per Rules 6.9 and 6.10

In deciding whether or not to issue a permit, the Board must consider the following:

Does the application contain all the information requested, is the application accurate? Does it meet spacing and production limitations identified by District Rules, and does it conform to all application requirements which include public notification and accompanied by the prescribed fees? TWC 36.116(a)(1), TWC 36.113(d)(1), Rule 6.9.1(a)(b)(1)(2), Rule 6.9.2(a)-(f), Rule 6.10.24(a)(b), and Rule 9.5.1-2.

The application has been deemed administratively complete and the requested information necessary to proceed is as follows:

- The existing well meets the tract size requirements of <u>10-acres</u> and minimum well spacing of <u>660-feet</u> for a <u>maximum 2-inch</u> column pipe associated with District Rule 9.5.2 for the <u>Middle Trinity Aquifer</u>.
- The application fee of \$982.20 for the <u>Drilling and Operating Permit</u> has been received.
- The applicant and their representative have conducted all notification requirements in a proper manner per District Rules.

2) Is the proposed use of water dedicated to a beneficial use? (TWC 36.113(d)(3), District Rule 6.10.24(d), and District Rule 9.5.2 authority to serve as a public water supply per PUC and TCEQ requirements.

The proposed production of groundwater is for <u>irrigation</u> at the new high school, which is currently under construction. The new high school will be equipped with a rainwater catchment system where the well will feed the system when necessary.

3) Has the applicant agreed to avoid waste and achieve water conservation? (TWC 36.113(d)(6) and Rule 6.10.24(f)

The applicant <u>should testify</u> that by signing the application form, they understand, per District Rule 6.10.24(f), that they will comply with the District's Management Plan and District Rules, effective October 11, 2023. The applicant or his representative <u>should testify</u> to the importance of water conservation measures.

4) Has the applicant agreed that reasonable diligence will be used to protect groundwater quality and that the applicant will follow well plugging guidelines at the time of well closure? (TWC 36.113(d)(7) and Rule 6.10.24(g)) and Rule 9.3.

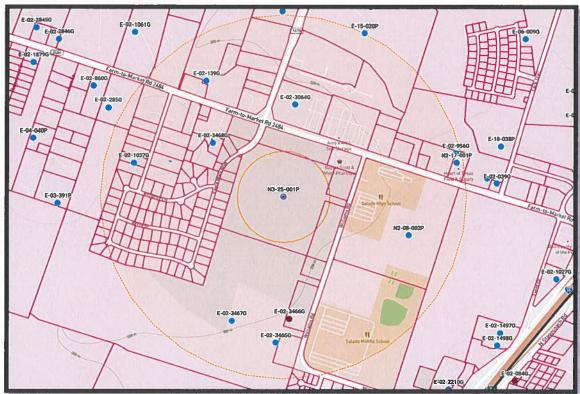
The applicant <u>should testify</u> that by signing the application form, they understand if the well deteriorates over time or becomes damaged in such a way that the well is inoperable, state law and District rules require such a well to be plugged before a replacement well can be drilled.

5) Will the proposed water well comply with the spacing and production limitations identified in our rules? (TWC 36.116(a)(1-2), TWC 36.116(c)&(d) and Rule 6.10.24(b)), Rule 7.1 and Rule 9.5.2.

The well is located in the <u>Stillhouse Hollow Management Zone</u> described in District Rule 7.1 and will have a maximum column pipe size not to exceed <u>2-inches</u> as declared in the application. Based on this column pipe size, a minimum size tract of <u>10-acres</u> is required, with a <u>660-foot</u> spacing requirement from other wells.

The District's rules require that we impose a production limit based on acre-feet/year and described gallons/year. If the proposed future operating permits cause an unacceptable level of decline in the water quality of the aquifer and/or artesian pressure, then the board may require production at levels necessary to reduce said depletion or degradation of the aquifer. In addition, the Board may reduce production necessary to prevent waste and achieve water conservation, minimize as far as practicable the drawdown of the water table or the reduction of artesian pressure, lessen interference between wells, or control and prevent subsidence.

Figure 1 above illustrates the proposed well location with $\underline{10}$ registered wells within a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile radius and no wells within 660-feet.



More specifically these issues are considered in items 6 & 7 below and with staff recommendations to address potential concerns of adjacent property owners and well owners within the potential radius of influence from future production.

6) Will the proposed use of water unreasonably affect existing groundwater and surface water resources or existing permit holders?

Based on our best available information, Well #N3-25-001P has 10 wells within ½ mile.

8-Edwards BFZ

1-Middle Trinity (Salado ISD well)

1-Plugged

Mike Keester, KT Groundwater, has reviewed the application, determined the anticipated drawdown, and provided the <u>attached report</u>.

Keester states in his conclusions and recommendations the following:

"There is only one reported Middle Trinity Aquifer well within one mile besides the existing SISD well. This existing well is predicted to see about three feet of drawdown after one year if SISD uses its full permit of 21.41 acre-feet per year. With water levels currently about 500 feet above the top of the screen, the predicted drawdown is less than one percent of the artesian head. However, water levels are also declining by about four feet per year and the additional production will contribute to the regional decline. To reduce the predicted drawdown to a negligible level, the production would need to be half of the permit or about 10.36 acre-feet per year.

Since we do not expect an operating permit following completion of the well, District Rules do not require a well completion report. However, we recommend the collection and submittal of formation samples (Rule 6.9.2.f.2), a geophysical log (Rule 6.9.2.f.3), and a pumping test (Rule 6.9.2.f.6). To monitor water levels, we continue to recommend installation of a measuring tube if the well is drilled and completed."

Additionally, the District, to the extent possible, must issue permits up to the point the total volume of exempt and permitted groundwater production will achieve the applicable Desired Future Condition (DFC) per TWC 36.1132(a)(b) and Rule 6.10.25(a)(b)(c)(d)(e).

7) Is the proposed use of groundwater consistent with the District's Groundwater Water Management Plan related to the approved DFC and the defined available groundwater for permitting?

The District's Management Plan reflects a groundwater availability figure in the Middle (Hensell Layer) Trinity Aquifer of <u>1,100 ac-ft/year</u> Modeled Available Groundwater (minus the reserve <u>548 ac-ft/year for exempt well use</u>) therefore <u>552 ac-ft/year</u> is the Managed Available Groundwater for permitting established by the District.

The Board, per the District Management Plan, has evaluated groundwater available for permitting the Middle Trinity Aquifer and most recently evaluated the available groundwater for permitting, consistent with the management plan.

The requested permit amount relative to the modeled available groundwater MAG determined by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) based on the desired future conditions (DFCs) established by the District for the Middle Trinity Aquifer was set by CUWCD based on 137-ft of drawdown over 60-years. This was reviewed and again approved by the board in January 2022. To achieve this DFC, the TWDB used a model that indicated the MAG was equal to 1,100 ac-ft/year from the Middle Trinity.

HEUP & OP Permit Analysis and Exempt Well Reservations for the Middle Trinity, per District Report, illustrates current Middle Trinity Aquifer permits total <u>1,018.34 ac-ft/year</u>. Currently, the District has no other pending permits, thus <u>81.66 ac-ft/year</u> is available for permitting. See attached Trinity Aquifer Status Report, February 12, 2025.

8) What are the Modeled Available Groundwater calculations determined by the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board?

Refer to #7 above. The modeled available groundwater will not be exceeded by granting this permit. See attached Trinity Aquifer Status Report, February 12, 2025.

9) What has the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board's estimate of the current and projected amount of groundwater produced under the exemptions in District Rule 6.3?

Refer to #7 above. Reservation of Modeled available groundwater for exempt well use will not be exceeded by granting this permit. The exempt well reserve for the Middle Trinity is <u>548 ac-</u>ft/year compared to 542 ac-ft/year estimated to be used annually from the Middle Trinity. See

10) What is the amount of groundwater authorized under permits previously issued by the District?

Refer to #7 above. Existing permits do not exceed the managed available groundwater (Modeled Available Groundwater – Reserved Exempt Well Use = Managed Available Groundwater) for the Middle Trinty Aquifer which is 1,100 ac-ft per year.

11) What is the reasonable estimate of the amount of groundwater that is produced annually under existing non-exempt permits issued by the District?

The total permitted amounts for non-exempt wells in the Middle Trinity Aquifer in 2024 was 470.34 ac-feet/year and the actual production in 2024 was 44.27 ac-ft/year (9.41%) of the permitted amount. Figures are based upon monthly production reports submitted to Clearwater by the permit holders in 2024.

12) Yearly precipitation and production patterns.

Clearwater is currently in no drought management stage based on the PDI system (average running total annual rainfall). The PDI for the Trinity Aquifer in the District is currently at <u>37.306-inches</u> of rain received in the last 365 days (as of 2/11/2024) calculated at <u>113.05% of annual expected rainfall</u> of 33 inches. The Trinity Aquifer permit holders in all of 2024 used <u>33.80%</u> of the total permitted amounts in the Aquifer. Permit holders did not exceed their total permitted amounts in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

Based on the review by our Geoscientist Mike Keester, the predicted impact on the nearest well from pumping their current permit is essentially the same regardless of how the pumping is divided between the existing or new well. That is, because of the distance to the existing well, the predicted water level decline is about 3 feet even if all of the pumping comes from the existing SISD MT well.

Since SISD could essentially keep their permit with their existing well and build a pipeline to the new area, the proposed new well is essentially serving as that pipeline. The difference in predicted drawdown at the well more than 3,000 feet away when pumping all 21+ AF from the new well vs all of it from the old well is negligible. Since they already have the permit and there is essentially no difference regardless of which well produces the water, it may be a difficult move to reduce the permit without it being a request by the permittee.

1) District GM recommends allowing the drilling and completion of the well with special provisions listed below.

Provide the District with:

- 1.1. samples of the formation cutting collected at 10-foot intervals;
- 1.2. with a geophysical log;
- 1.3. and work with the District to complete a 24-hour pump test.

- 2) District GM recommends the well be equipped with a meter for monthly recording of production in accordance with District rules.
- 3) Based on the importance of the District's water level monitoring program, District GM recommends redundancy in monitoring options to secure accurate water levels.
 - 3.1. District GM recommends that a measuring tube be installed and that District staff are allowed to access the well at minimum quarterly as a part of their well monitor program.
 - 3.2. District GM recommends the District require the well owner to participate in the continuous water level recorder program with a device provided and maintained by the District Staff.

Attachments are as follows:

KT Groundwater Technical Memorandum	03/04/2025
CUWCD Middle Trinity Aquifer Status Report	02/12/2025
CUWCD 2024 Exempt Well Estimate of Use Report	12/31/2024
Applications, Fees, and Notification Affidavits	See Attached
CUWCD Site Map	See Attached
Applications, fees, and Notification Affidavit	See Attached



CUWCD Exempt Well Use Summary

Aquifer	Total Active Registered Exempt Wells ³	Registered Domestic Wells	Estimated Domestic Use Gallons/Day ^{1,2}	Estimated Domestic Use Ac- ft/Year ^{1,2}	Registered Stock Wells	Estimated Stock Use Gallons/Day ⁴	Estimated Stock Use Ac-ft/Year ⁴	Total Estimated Use Gallons/Day ⁷	Total Estimated Exempt Well Use Ac-ft/Year ⁷	MAG Reserved
Glen Rose (Upper Trinity)	424	346	101,226	113	78	67,392	75	168,618	189	Exmpt
Hensell (Middle Trinity)	1,022	962	432,367	484	60	51,840	58	484,207	542	- vveli use
Hosston (Lower Trinity)	171	161	47,102	53	10	8,640	10		62	-
Trinity (Total) ⁶	1,617	1,469	580,695	650	148	127,872	143	708,567	794	
Edwards BFZ	855	728	212,984	239	127	109,728	123	322,712	361	
Edwards Equivalent	471	374	109,417	123	97	83,808	94	193,225	216	
Buda	28	15	4,388	5	13	11.232	13		17	
Lake Waco	8	3	878	1	5	4,320	5	5,198	6	
Austin Chalk	224	139	40,666	46	85	73,440	82		128	
Ozan	159	114	33,352	37	45	38,880	44		81	
Pecan Gap	66	44	12,873	14	22	19,008	21		36	
Kemp	15	11	3,218	4	4	3,456	4	6,674	7	
Alluvium	582	375	109,710	123	207	178,848	200		323	
Other ⁵	1,553	1,075	314,502	352	478	412,992	463	727,494	815	
CUWCD Total Active	4,025	3,272	1,108,180	1,241	753	650,592	729	1,758,772	1,970	

- 1. Domestic use estimate assumes 106 gallons/person per day (USGS estimate of domestic use outside of a municipal water system) and 2.76 persons/household (U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program (PEP) July 1, 2019)
- 2. Benjamin G. Wherley, Ph.D. Associate Professor- Turfgrass Science & Ecology Dept. of Soil and Crop Sciences Texas A&M University estimate of 2,000ft² warm season turfgrass requires 38,855gal/yr/lawn or 106gal/day/lawn; "Ranchette" Avg. lawn size is 13,042ft², 6.5X larger; 6.5 X 106gal/day/lawn= 689gal/day/lawn; ~217 "Ranchette" Middle Trinity Wells; 689 X 217=an additional 150,924gal/day/lawn; 490ac-ft/yr or an 89% increase in Middle Trinity exempt well use from the 2018 estimate of 258ac-ft/yr.
- 3. Exempt well use estimate factors out all plugged, capped, monitor and inactive wells in the database.
- 4. Source of stock water estimates is Texas Agrilife Extension @ 18 gallons water per day per cow. Livestock water use estimates are based on the 2017 Census of Agriculture, USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. 36,868 cows / 771 stock wells= 48 cows/stock well; 48* 18gpd= 846 gal/day/stock well, 747ac-ft/yr or a 34% increase in annual stock use from the 2018 estimate of 556ac-ft/yr.
- 5. The "Other" designation is the total of minor aquifer and alluvium source designation of the exempt wells.
- 6. Trinity Aquifer wells registered with unknown depth are assigned to the Middle Trinity per Board decision.
- 7. All estimates of groundwater use by exempt well owners is based on assumptions and scientific data, but by no means are they to be interpreted as recommended practices by CUWCD.

_	FC Analysis Ove (2000-Presen Iodeled Available Groui	nt)		nd OP Perr to the Model Groundwat		2025 YTD Total Prod. Jan 119.88 ac-ft 2.34%		Pending Applications		Exemp	Exempt Well Reservation	
Trinity Aquifer (by layer)	DFC Adopted * Average Drawdown (by layer)	MAG ** Ac-ft	HEUP Ac-ft (by layer)	OP Ac-ft (by layer)	Total Permitted Ac-ft (by layer)	2025 YTD Prod. (by layer)	2024 YTD Prod. (by layer)	Available for Permitting Ac-ft (by layer)	Pending Applications Ac-ft (by layer)	Well Well Use Estimate Ac-ft		Available Exempt Use Ac-ft (by layer)
Pawluxy	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Glen Rose (upper)	-1.38 ft/yr -83 ft/60 yrs	275	61.9	72.73	134.63	4.84	21.13	0	0	140.37	190	0
Hensell (middle)	- 2.28 ft/yr -137 ft/60 yrs	1100	259.3	211.04	470.34	2.75	44.28	81.66	0	548	542	6
Hosston (lower)	- 5.50 ft/yr -330 ft/60 yrs	7900	1181.4	3327.49	4508.89	112.30	1662.97	3213.11	***1146.6	178	60	118
Total		9275	1502.6	3611.26	5113.86	119.88 (2.34%)	1728.38 (33.80%)	3294.77	1146.6	866.37	784	132

^{*}Desired Future Conditions (DFC) is the description of how the aquifer should look in the future (60 years).

City of Temple N3-23-004P (239 ac-ft/yr)

UMHB N3-23-005P (64 ac-ft/yr)

Mustana Springs N3-23-010P & N3-23-011P (249.8 ac-ft/vr)

Lake Thomas RV Resort N3-24-002P (16.8 ac-ft/yr)

Jarrell Schwertner WSC N3-24-008P (577 ac-ft/yr)

^{**}The Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) is the estimated amount of water available for permitting assigned to Clearwater UWCD by the Executive Administrator of TWDB.

^{***}Pending applications

KT Groundwater Technical Memo



Technical Memorandum

To:

Mr. Dirk Aaron, General Manager -

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District

From:

Michael R. Keester, P.G.

Date:

March 4, 2025

Subject:

Hydrogeologic Evaluation of the Salado ISD Middle Trinity Well

(N3-25-001P) Drilling Permit Application

Well ID: N3-25-001P Well Owner Name: Salado ISD

Tract Size: 54.69 Acres Column Pipe Size: 2 inch

Aquifer: Middle Trinity Management Zone: Stillhouse Hollow

Proposed Annual Production: 21.41 Acre-Feet per Year

Proposed Instantaneous Pumping Rate: 75 Gallons per Minute

Salado ISD ("SISD") indicated they desire to complete the proposed well because it is more practical and feasible than extending a pipeline from their existing Middle Trinity well (N2-08-002P). As they describe, a pipeline from their existing well would require a greater investment than drilling and completion of a well. For the new well, the applicant is seeking to complete the well in the same Middle Trinity Aquifer interval (approximately 880 to 980 feet below ground level) as the existing well and is not seeking additional production beyond their existing permit of 21.41 acre-feet per year.

The existing well (N2-08-002P) also serves as a District monitoring well. At this well, the depth to water in the Middle Trinity is currently about 375 feet below ground level and is declining by about 4.4 feet per year. At this current water level, there is about 500 feet of water above the top of the proposed screen interval. This 500 feet of water should provide sufficient submergence for the well pump for several years.



Projected Effect on Existing Wells

The potential effects of the proposed production on local water levels in the aquifer are calculated using the Theis equation¹ which relates water-level decline (that is, drawdown) to the pumping rate of a well and properties of the aquifer. While the equation does not account for aquifer conditions which may affect the calculation of long-term water-level declines (for example: aquifer recharge, faulting, or changes in aquifer structure), it does provide a very good, reliable, and straightforward method for estimating relatively short- term drawdown in and near a well due to pumping. To assess the potential effects from the proposed production, we assumed a transmissivity of 3,000 gallons per day per foot and a storage coefficient of 0.000046 based on aquifer testing conducted using well N2-22-002P.

For 1-Day Drawdown, we applied the proposed instantaneous pumping rate for a period of 24 hours. For 30-Day Drawdown, we assumed peak pumping during the summer of about 15 percent more than the average monthly amount (that is, the proposed annual production rate divided by 12 then multiplied by 1.15). For 1-Year Drawdown, we used the proposed annual production amount.

We developed three scenarios to illustrate the potential effects of prodution

- Scenario 1: Moving all production to the new proposed well
- Scenario 2: Spliting the permit evenly between the proposed well and the existing well
- Scenario 3: Reduced pumping split evenly between the wells

Under each scenario, we predict 50 to 55 of drawdown in the pumping well after one day at 75 gallons per minute. Similarly, there is 7 feet of predicted drawdown in each well after one month. At one year, there is a predicted 13 feet of drawdown at the pumping well after one year under Scenario 1 and 9 feet under Scenario 2. Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3 present the calculated drawdown at the proposed well and at other nearby wells completed in the same aquifer under Scenaro 1, Scenaro 2, and Scenaro 3, respectively.

¹ Theis, C.V., 1935, The Relation Between the Lowering of the Piezometric Surface and the Rate and Duration of Discharge of a Well Using Ground-Water Storage: American Geophysical Union Transactions, v. 16, p. 519-524.



Table 1. Calculated drawdown at the proposed well and other nearby wells completed in the local Middle Trinity Aquifer based on an annual production rate of 21.41 acre-feet and instantaneous production of 75 gallons per minute.

CUWCD Well ID	Distance from Proposed Well (feet)	1-Day Drawdown (feet)	30-Day Drawdown (feet)	1-Year Drawdown (feet)
N3-25-001P Proposed		55	14	13
N2-08-002P SISD Well	1,895	3	3	4
E-02-1061G	3,211	Negligible	2	3

Table 2. Calculated drawdown at the proposed well and other nearby wells completed in the local Middle Trinity Aquifer based on an annual production rate of 10.705 acre-feet per SISD well and instantaneous production of 75 gallons per minute.

CUWCD Well ID	Distance from Proposed Well (feet)	1-Day Drawdown (feet)	30-Day Drawdown (feet)	1-Year Drawdown (feet)
N3-25-001P Proposed		53	7	9
N2-08-002P SISD Well	1,895	53	7	9
E-02-1061G	3,211	4	2	3

Table 3. Calculated drawdown at the proposed well and other nearby wells completed in the local Middle Trinity Aquifer based on an annual production rate of 5.18 acre-feet per SISD well and instantaneous production of 75 gallons per minute.

CUWCD Well ID	Distance from Proposed Well (feet)	1-Day Drawdown (feet)	30-Day Drawdown (feet)	1-Year Drawdown (feet)
N3-25-001P Proposed		53	4	4
N2-08-002P SISD Well	1,895	53	4	4
E-02-1061G	3,211	4	Negligible	Negligible

The predicted drawdown is based on our current understanding of the aquifer hydraulic properties and the estimated production from the proposed wells. The predicted drawdown values presented do not include the effects from other wells pumping near the proposed wells. Predicted drawdown of one foot or less is considered negligible for analysis purposes due to inherent uncertainty in the aquifer hydraulic characteristics, modeling limitations, and limited effect the drawdown would have on existing groundwater users.

To reduce the predicted drawdown to negligible, the combined pumping was reduced to 5.18 acre-feet per year per well (10.36 acre-feet per year total). Whether from the proposed well or the existing well, the predicted drawdown at well E-02-1061G is 3 feet when pumping at the currently permitted amount of 21.41 acre-feet per year. The predicted drawdown results indicate that regardless of the distribution of pumping between the proposed and existing SISD Middle Trinity wells, the effect on the nearest other user is essentially the same.

Conclusions and Recommendations

There is only one reported Middle Trinity Aquifer well within one mile besides the existing SISD well. This existing well is predicted to see about three feet of drawdown after one year if SISD uses its full permit of 21.41 acre-feet per year. With water levels currently about 500 feet above the top of the screen, the predicted drawdown is less than one percent of the artesian head. However, water levels are also declining by about four feet per year and the additional production will contribute to the regional decline. To reduce the predicted drawdown to a negligible level, the production would need to be half of the permit or about 10.36 acre-feet per year.

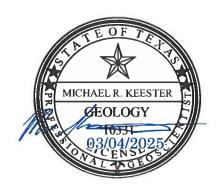
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Geoscientist Seal

The signature and seal appearing on this document was authorized by Michael R. Keester, P.G. on March 4, 2024.





Salado ISD Middle Trinity Application





Dr. Michael Novotny, Superintendent Dr. Beth Aycock, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ted Smith, Chief Operations Officer

Clearwater Underground Conservation District Attn: Board of Directors P.O. Box 1989 Belton, TX 76513

Dear Board Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Ted Smith, and I serve as the Chief Operations Officer for the Salado Independent School District. I am writing to formally request permission to drill a new well for our new high school, which is currently under construction.

Salado ISD currently holds a non-exempt well permit (N2-08-002P) for the existing high school and athletic complex, which has an operating permit of 21.41 acre-feet per year. This well is completed to the Middle Layer (Hensell) of the Trinity Aquifer at a depth of 960 feet. However, the actual utilization from our well in recent years has been significantly below this permitted amount:

2021: 6.41 acre-feet
2022: 9.629 acre-feet
2023: 8.021 acre-feet

• 2024 (as of 8/30/24): 2.229 acre-feet

Given these historical usage figures, it is clear that the current well's capacity far exceeds the needs of our existing facility. However, with the construction of the new high school located approximately 2,500 feet from the current well, we have determined that extending the pipeline from the existing well would not be the best solution for efficiently utilizing tax-payer dollars. Not only would the pipeline be lengthy, requiring additional infrastructure and ongoing maintenance, but it would also involve the complexity of boring under Williams Road, which our Engineers have advised against.

In light of these challenges, we request permission to drill a new Middle Trinity well, with similar specifications to the current well, to ensure that the new high school has access to a sustainable and reliable water source. The costs associated with drilling a new well are a more practical and feasible option when considering both the distance and logistical challenges of extending the existing infrastructure. Our School Board has selected Tom Lovelace to design and construct the well if approved by the Clearwater Underground Conservation District Board of Directors.



Dr. Michael Novotny, Superintendent Dr. Beth Aycock, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ted Smith, Chief Operations Officer

We hope the Clearwater Underground Conservation District will recognize the school district's need for a new well and understand the financial and operational difficulties associated with the alternative pipeline solution. We are committed to complying with all regulations and procedures set forth by your district to ensure responsible water use and sustainable development for our community.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to reach out if additional information or documentation is required. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your support in meeting the water needs of our new high school.

Sincerely.

Ted Smith

Chief Operations Officer

Salado Independent School District



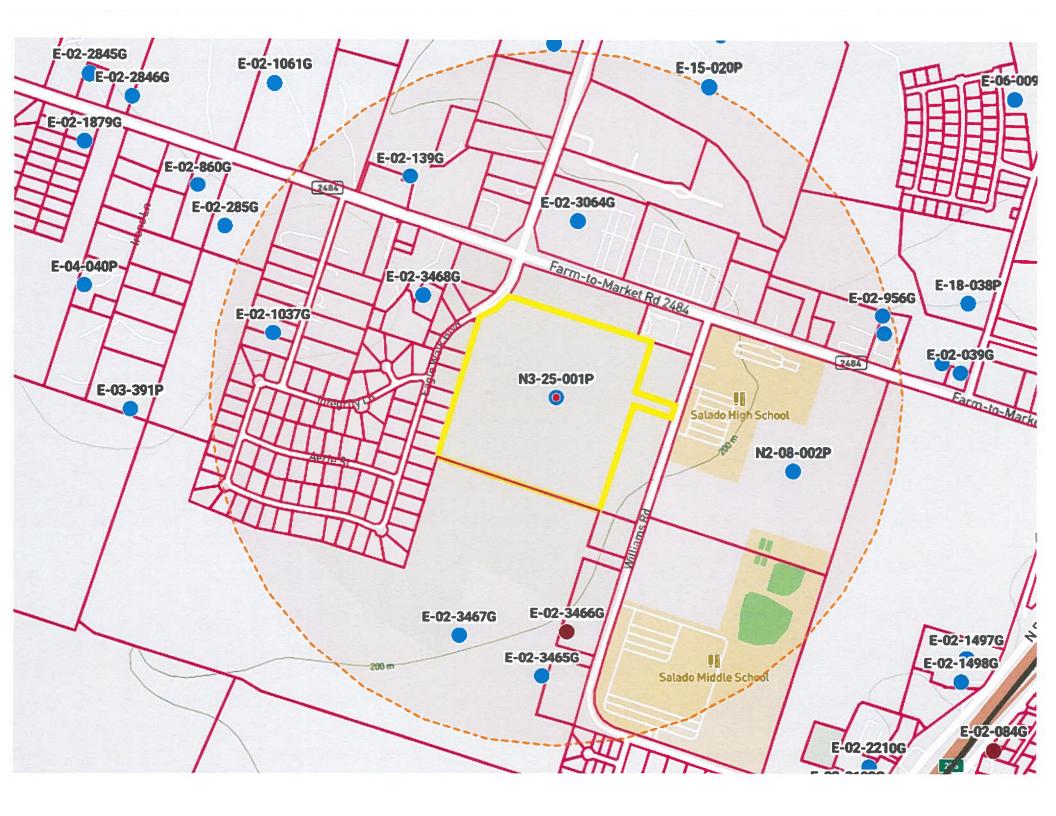
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DRILLING PERMIT	Is this for a Replacement Well?	Yes	No
OPERATING PERMIT	Do you plan to Export Water Outside District?	Yes	● No
OPERMIT AMENDMENT	Are you modifying a Drilling Permit?	O Yes	No
EXPLORATION PERMIT	Are you modifying an Operating Permit?	O Yes	● No
Address (Street/P.O. Box, City, Stat Contact Person (if other than owner	r): Ted Smith	Felephone: 25	254-947-696 6 4-913-6623
*Domestic; ** Public Supply; *Total number of houses to be set ** Applicant is required to give n water or wastewater service with b. Estimated distance, in feet, from 550 N/S Property Line; 6000 River, Stream, or Lak	Well Owner): Zone: Stillhouse Hollow Property ID #: 509610 Texas Well Report is Available) Ad amount of water, in acre-feet, to be used for each purport Livestock/Poultry; X Agricultur Industrial Exploration Viced by the well 1 School. Otice to TCEQ to obtain or modify a Certificate of Convert water obtained pursuant to the requested permit. The nearest: 160 E / W Property Line; 160 E / W Property Line; 160 E / W Property Line; 2700 Tamination (cemetery, pesticide mixing/loading, petroleum (GPM): 100- 75 Per DA Industrial Texploration (GPM): 100- No	ose: oral/Irrigation; on Permit per F nience and Nec Existing Sept Livestock En	essity to provide ic Leach Field closure;
f. Is the well part of a multi-well a If YES, list the State or District W	ggregate system? Yes		_
REQUIRED BY LAW: Pump Inst Name: Tom Lovelace Water Well TDLR Pump Installer License #: 4920 TDLR Well Driller License #: 4920 Email: lovelacewaterwell@att.net	taller / Well Driller Information Service Street Address: 4997 Elm Grove Ro City, State, ZIP: Belton, TX 76513 Phone: 254-939-5073 Fax:		
Name of Consultant preparing Appli Con. Phone: Con	cation (if applicable): Con. Email:		
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4. Completion Information						
	Provide the following information to the extent known and available at the time of application:					
	Proposed Total Depth of Well: 980 ft;					
	Borehole Diameter (Dia): 14 inches (in) from 0 to 140;					
	Dia (2) 9.75 in from 140 to 980;					
	Casing Material: Steel Well Casing TX6; Inside Diameter (ID): 6 in;					
	Screen Type: Certa-Lok; Screen Dia. 4.5 in from 880 to 980; # of Packers: 1-K					
	Pump Type: Submersible ; Power: Electric ; Horsepower Rating: 25 HP ;					
	Pump Depth: 720 ; Column Pipe ID: 3 2 in.					
	Date Completed: 03/2025					
	Proposed Water Bearing Formation: Middle Trinity; Management Zone: Stillhouse Hollow					
5.	Operating Permit					
	Number of contiguous acres owned or leased on which water is to be produced: 54 acres					
	Total annual production requested with this operating permit: Not to exceed 21.41 Aggregat acre-feet					
	If exporting water, what is the annual volume requested for export out of the District: Gallons					
	What is the annual volume requested for export as a % of total pumpage:%					
	If modifying an operating permit, what is the current, permitted annual production: ac-ft					
	What is the requested amount of annual production:ac-ft					
6.	Attachments					
	Include a statement/documentation explaining your requested production.					
	If amending an existing permit, explain the requested amendment and the reason for the amendment in a signed and					
	dated letter, attached to this application.					
	If requesting operating permits or permit renewals for multiple wells, please attach a separate sheet with the					
	information requested in Section 5 for each well.					
	If applicant plans to export water outside the District, address the following in an attachment and provide					
	documents relevant to these issues:					
	• The availability of water in the District and in the proposed receiving area during the period requested					
	• The projected effect of the proposed export on aquifer conditions, depletion, subsidence, or effects on					
	existing permit holders or other groundwater users within the District					
	How the proposed export is consistent with the approved regional water plan and certified District					
	Management Plan					
	For more attachments that may be needed, please see the Full Summary of the Permit Application Process					
	document.					
7.	Certification					
	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I					
	certify to abide by the terms of the District Rules, the District Management Plan, and orders of the Board of					
	Directors. I agree to comply with all District well plugging and capping guidelines as stated in the District Rules.					
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	Typed Name of the Owner or Designee: Ted Smith					
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	Signature: Ted Smith Digitally signed by Ted Smith Date: 2025.01.10 13:00:14 -06'00' Date: 1/10/25					

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N3-25-001P Contact List

Wells 1/2 Mile

Prop ID	<u>Name</u>	Address	City	State	<u>Zip</u>	Well#	<u>Status</u>	Depth	Aguifer	<u>Use</u>	Distance
470482	1670 Properties LLC	6 S 1st Street	Temple	TX	76501	E-02-3064G	Active	90	Edwards BFZ	Domestic	1,356 ft
49724	Glenda Hill	4320 FM 2484	Salado	TX	76571	E-02-139G	Active	150	Edwards BFZ	Domestic	2,030 ft
419069	John Mack Anderson & Patricia Kenney Revocable Living Trust	4117 FM 2484	Salado	TX	76571	E-02-3468G	Inactive	160	Edwards BFZ	Not Used	1,277 ft
96620	Nathan Houston	11222 Salado Heights Dr.	Salado	TX	76571	E-02-1037G	Inactive	300	Edwards BFZ	Not Used	2,223 ft
507506	MISSTEX Investments LLC	615 Tanner Rd	Dacula	GA	30019	E-02-3467G	Active	unknown	Edwards BFZ	Domestic	1,947 ft
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531518	New Life Methodist Church of Salado	PO Box 1322	Salado	TX	76571	E-02-3466G	Plugged	112	Edwards BFZ	Not Used	1,774 ft
350413	Salado ISD	PO Box 98	Salado	TX	76571	N2-08-002P	Active	960	Middle Trinity	Ag/Irrigation	1,894 ft
476924	Kevin & Robin Spurlock	16482 Kuyendall Branch Rd	Salado	TX	76571	N2-17-001P	Active	190	Edwards BFZ	Industrial	2,550 ft
476924	Kevin & Robin Spurlock	16482 Kuyendall Branch Rd	Salado	TX	76571	E-02-956G	Active	100	Edwards BFZ	Domestic	2,561 ft

Adjacent Property

507506	MISSTEX Investments LLC	615 Tanner Rd	Dacula	GA	30019
531858	EP Salty Investments LLC	744 Azalea Place	El Paso	TX	79922
509611	Salado ISD	PO Box 98	Salado	TX	76571
507511	Salado ISD	PO Box 98	Salado	TX	76571
402199	Canyon Creek Crossing at Salado LLC	1023 Canyon Creek Dr Suite 100	Temple	TX	76502
507510	Salado ISD	PO Box 98	Salado	TX	76571
519382	JAMB Investments LLC	901 Indian Trail	Salado	TX	76571
519381	JAMB Investments LLC	901 Indian Trail	Salado	TX	76571
519380	Ronda Anderson & Stephen Zahirniak	11049 Eagle Walk Blvd	Salado	TX	76571
519379	Heron Rodriguez	119 Meadow Valley Loop	Jarrell	TX	76537
519378	JAMB Investments LLC	901 Indian Trail	Salado	TX	76571
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519462	MISSTEX Investments LLC	615 Tanner Rd	Dacula	GA	30019
531475	Campbell Branch Investments LLC	PO Box 1145	Salado	TX	76571
519421	MISSTEX Investments LLC	615 Tanner Rd	Dacula	GA	30019
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February 17, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DRILLING PERMIT

Name Address City, TX Zip VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Application for a Drilling Permit

To Whom It May Concern:

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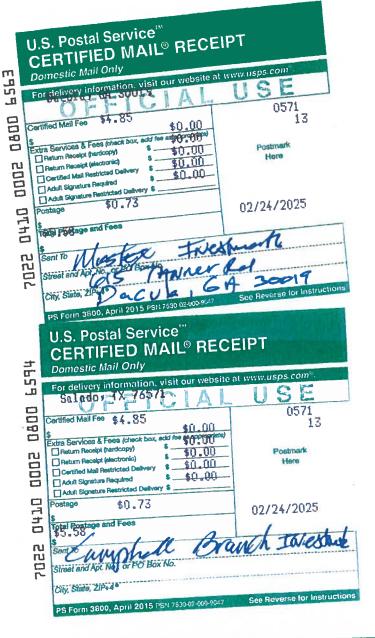
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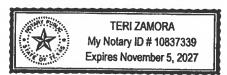
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