

HAYS HAPPENINGS

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Water

Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is expected to declare we are in the District's Stage IV drought. We have been in Stage III since October 2022. At Stage IV, the City's allowable water usage will be reduced by 50%. The City is currently operating with a reduction of 30%.

Hays Commons

Hay Commons Land Investment, LP, has applied to a state agency to be removed from the City of Hays's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN). The City is in negotiations about compensation.

The City Council authorized City Attorney Josh Katz to send a protest letter to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding Hays Commons request to establish a Municipal Utility District.

Due to a new state law, Hays Commons will have the opportunity starting in September to be released from the City of Hays's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). If this happens, the City will have little say in how Hays Commons is developed.

Carpenter Road Ranch, LLC

The city council did not contest Carpenter Road Ranch's request for release from the City's CCN due to the high cost of a dispute. Carpenter Road agreed to pay the City \$10,000 in compensation.