Item 3 – Proposed FY 2027 District Operating & Capital Budgets

The first draft of the proposed FY 2027 District Operating & Capital budgets and suggested export, permit, and application fees were presented to the Board October 8, 2026, during a regular board meeting. Results from that meeting instructed District staff to:

- Find line items that could be reduced
- Run fee rate scenarios to determine if suggested permit fee rates could be lowered because of reduced proposed spending
- Develop recommendations based on those findings

All line items in the proposed budget were reviewed and resulted in the following suggested revisions:

Line Item	1st Proposed	Revised Proposed	Reduction
General Counsel (O)	$100,000.00	$80,000.00	$20,000.00
Litigation Counsel (O)	$500,000.00	$300,000.00	$200,000.00
Part-time Office Staff (O)	$31,000.00	$0.00	$31,000.00
BVWaterSmart (O)	$12,000.00	$19,500.00	($7,500.00)
Information/Technology (O)	$13,000.00	15,600.00	($2,600.00)
Computer Equip. (C)	$15,000.00	$12,000.00	$3,000.00
Proposed Budget	$2,749,719.66	$2,505,819.66	$243,900.00

General Counsel – Reduced to expected FY 2026 year end expenditures. Litigation has paused for now but is expected to begin again once the signed decision is handed)down opening the Fazzino Investments case to the appeal process.

Litigation Counsel - Reduced to expected FY 2026 year end expenditures. Litigation has paused for now but is expected to begin again once the signed decision is handed down opening the Fazzino Investments case to the appeal process.

Part-time Office Staff – District staff determined that an additional office staff member is not necessary at this time.

BVWaterSmart – Money was added to this line item as instructed by the Board October 8, 2026.

Salaries – Left as presented October 8,2026, adding a full-time Mitigation Manager and Field Technician

Hydrogeological Services – Remained the same due to the unforeseen need to perform GAM Runs for various permit applications, DFC challenges, and litigation.

Mitigation – Mitigation on City of Calvert Well #5 could be necessary at any time due to the nature of the UWBVF project. Money allocated to the mitigation of the well was left in the FY 2027 budget. The budgeted line item is inclusive of revising the current submission to TCEQ for a permit altering the Sanitary Control Easement and location of the well.

Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
Proposed FY 2027 Operating & Capital Budgets - October 31, 2026

Estimated 2027 All Revenue - $3,063,612,68

	Approved Budget FY 2026	Projected Expenses FY 2026	Committee/Staff Proposed Budget FY 2027	Proposed FY 2027 Budget ↑↓	
Supplies					
Computing Services /Hardware/Website	$ 10,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ -	2 New hard drives, screen, etc./4 new lalptop computers, docking stations, monitors/computer repair/Microsoft Office 365 Business (5 users)/ GoDaddy/Trend Micro/Adobe Acrobat DC Pro/QuickBooks Payroll/Quick Books Update; Ipads (8) for director use
Office Supplies/Services	$ 12,000.00	$ 10,500.00	$ 12,000.00	$ -	Supplies/UBEO/copies/Quill
Postage	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00	$ (300.00)	Stamps
Public Education	$ 53,100.00	$ 53,100.00	$ 56,000.00	$ 2,900.00	Meetings/supplies/WET Project/Field Days/CORE teachers/KBTX advertising for BVWaterSmart.org
Field Services	$ 5,700.00	$ 5,700.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 300.00	Field monitoring supplies/gauge calibration/TerraFlex software/Trimble device support/
Remote Telemetry	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ -	Matching funds for TWDB grant Subsciptions to Vu-Situ (8) & Signal Fire (19) for continuously monitored wells
Miscellaneous	$ 500.00	$ 600.00	$ 600.00	$ 100.00	Petty cash for invoices/posting notices
				$ -	
Subtotal	$ 88,800.00	$89,100.00	$ 91,800.00	$ 3,000.00	
Professional Services					
Legal (General-Norman)	$ 100,000.00	$ 80,000.00	$ 80,000.00	$ (20,000.00)	Monique Norman (25 hours/month)
Legal (Fazzino Litigation/SOAH/General Litigation - Lloyd Gosselink)	$ 500,000.00	$ 300,000.00	$ 300,000.00	$ (200,000.00)	Fazzino was filed January 2, 2025; Ruling on MSJ 8-3-26 favored the District
Engineering/Hydrologist - AGS (General/Mitigation)	$ 200,000.00	$ 200,000.00	$ 200,000.00	$ -	AGS - DFC/General Hydrology
ArcGIS Program/hosting - Halff Associates	$ 37,000.00	$ 76,000.00	$ 25,000.00	$ (12,000.00)	Host database/General repairs/Build-out of data collection application (TWDB)/hosting of BVWaterSmart platform
Annual Audit	$ 16,000.00	$ 16,000.00	$ 17,500.00	$ 1,500.00	Seidel Schroeder CPA
Information/Technology	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00	$ 15,600.00	$ 8,600.00	Jeff Skelton
Legislative Consultant	$ 60,000.00	$ 60,000.00	$ 60,000.00	$ -	89th Leg. Session Interim work
Design & Construction Administration - GLS	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ -	$ (6,000.00)	
West Water Research	$ 50,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ (50,000.00)	
Subtotal	$ 976,000.00	$ 745,000.00	$ 698,100.00	$ (277,900.00)	
Other Services					
Well Mitigation	$ -	$ 50,000.00	$ 800,000.00	$ 800,000.00	Blyel Engineering/Drill & equip City of Calvert Well #7
Miscellaneous	$ 5,000.00	$ 4,500.00	$ 5,000.00	$ -	Fish Window Cleaning/Allstar Pest Control/Raquel (monthly office cleaning)
Bonds/Liability Insurance	$ 7,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 7,000.00	$ -	Texas Municipal League/Director bonds
Memberships	$ 4,000.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 1,000.00	TAGD/TWA/TGWA/Sam's Club
Travel/Training	$ 13,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 17,500.00	$ 4,500.00	Inclusive of Board members attendance at the Texas Groundwater Summit/Law conferences/TAGD meetings
Utilities	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ -	
Telephone/ISP/Web Hosting	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,800.00	$ 3,000.00	$ -	Verizon/Brazos WiFi/Data for three devices
Advertising/Meetings	$ 1,500.00	$ 2,800.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 1,500.00	Eagle legal notices/Zoom annual subscription & recordings
Vehicle Fuel/Maintenance (General/Mitigation)	$ 12,000.00	$ 7,500.00	$ 12,000.00	$ -	Fuel/maintenance/auto repair
Part-time Employee (General Field/Mitigation) - John Crabtree	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00	$ 45,000.00	$ 5,000.00	Part-time - Assisting water level measuring/well identification @ $30.00/hr
Part-time Employee (Office) - Taelor Suarez	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 5,000.00	Part-time -Assign more secretarial duties to Taelor Suarez Data input for Well Assistance Program @ $17.50/hr
Part-time Office Staff (administrative)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Subtotal	$ 116,500.00	$ 110,100.00	$ 933,500.00	$ 817,000.00	
Grant Program/Other Expenses					
BVWaterSmart Network	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 19,500.00	$ 7,500.00	Maintenance of remote station equipment/cell phone connections
Water Well Plugging	$ 10,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ -	75/25 cost share
Depreciation	$ 30,000.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 30,000.00	$ -	Depreciation on two District trucks/office building

UAAL (Unfunded Act. Accrued Liability)	$ 7,000.00	$ -	$ 7,000.00	$ -	
Building Maintenance	$ 7,500.00	$ 7,500.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 2,500.00	Annual water sealing of Magnolia exposed brick wall
Furnishings for New Office space	$ 16,000.00	$ 16,000.00	$ -	$ (16,000.00)	Desks, chairs, conference table, television, shelving
Subtotal	**$ 82,500.00**	**$ 70,500.00**	$ 76,500.00	$ (6,000.00)	
Salaries					
Salaries (Gross)	$ 222,750.00	$ 287,750.00	$ 454,457.50	$ 231,707.50	Cynthia ↑5.0%, Alan ↑5.0%; cashed vacation time not taken by District staff ($15,096.80); Cynthia ($6,363.2); Alan ($8,733.60) $39.77/hr $60.65/hr; Total includes General Manager, Office Manager, Educational & Outreach, Mitigation Manager, Full-time Field Technician
Medicare/SS	$ 28,850.00	$ 28,850.00	$ 42,241.76	$ 13,391.76	Contribution is 8.67% of payroll
Subtotal	**$ 251,600.00**	**$ 316,600.00**	$ 496,699.26	$ 245,099.26	
Benefits					
Health Insurance	$ 56,000.00	$ 56,000.00	$ 96,548.40	$ 40,548.40	TML (Blue Cross Blue Shield) ($19,309.68/employee) 5 employees
Retirement	$ 45,900.00	$ 45,900.00	$ 50,672.00	$ 4,772.00	TCDRS - contribution @ 11.15% (100% funded ratio)
Subtotal	**$ 101,900.00**	**$ 101,900.00**	$ 147,220.40	$ 45,320.40	
Totals	**$ 1,617,300.00**	**$ 1,433,200.00**	$ 2,443,819.66	$ 826,519.66	

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET - FY 2027

2027 Distict Truck (trade in 2012 Chevrolet)	$ 50,000.00
3 Laptops /2 desktop computer/2 monitors/2 docking stations	$ 12,000.00
	$ 2,505,819.66