



BIG CREEK FOREST DRIVE INVESTIGATION UPDATE

POSGCD BOARD MEETING

MAY 13, 2025

TIMELINE

- On January 11, 2023, District Staff received phone call regarding low water pressure in system
 - District found that the system was not registered with TCEQ or have a permit with the district
- January 11, 2023, District Staff conducted a site inspection
- May 4, 2023, District Staff sent property owners letter regarding system
- August 8, 2023, District Staff spoke with property owner legal representation regarding well
- August 23, 2023, District Staff received information, from property owners' legal representation, relating to who owned the power pole and meter
- October 18, 2023, District Legal Consultant sent letter to property owner legal representation requesting an update on document search for property ownership of water system



TIMELINE

- December 3, 2023, District Staff conducted a site inspection
- December 13, 2023, District Legal Consultant sent letters to all parties involved with system regarding ownership
- January 5, 2024, District Staff conducted a site inspection
- February 8, 2024 – District Legal Council followed up with TCEQ
- February 9, 2024 – TCEQ responded saying an investigation has been opened.
- April 16, 2024 – Received TCEQ Investigation Report
 - Report stated that a connection count could not be determined and no owner determination
- June 25 – November 5, 2024 – Emails concerning the report and trying to schedule a time to have a conference call on the matter



TIMELINE

- November 5, 2024 – District Staff and Legal Consultant video call with TCEQ representatives
 - TCEQ can not establish connection count or owner of well, asked District to get information from property owners in the area to determine where water was coming from
- November 6, 2024 – TCEQ reach out to property owners and are told that property owner legal representation does not represent property owners
- November 12, 2024 – District Staff gets email from property owner legal representation regarding the well
 - Same legal representation that TCEQ contacted
- November 13, 2024 – District sends violation letter



TIMELINE

- November 25, 2024 – District receives response from new legal representation regarding violation
- December 18, 2024 – Meeting with Karisch family and legal representation at District Offices
- January 10, 2025 – District receives letters from Karisch legal representation to all property owners in subdivision regarding shutting down of well (60-day notice)
- January 17, 2025 – District discusses possible options with subdivision regarding local options, buying well and water rights, or drilling new well.
- February 7, 2025 – District discusses extension with Karisch legal representation as subdivision discusses the possibility of drilling a new well
- February 10, 2025 – Letter from Karisch legal representation requesting 60-day extension to shutting well off so subdivision residents can try to get new well dug. Karisch also filled a plugging application for well on property.



TIMELINE

- March 7, 2025 – District receives a letter from the Texas Public Utility Commission
 - Deemed the property owner as a public water supply, and failed at getting a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN)
 - Stated that the property owners could NOT plug the well and for property owner to get into contact with the Division of Utility Outreach, residents at Big Creek Subdivision and other agencies
- May 9, 2025 – District received correspondence between property owners' legal council and subdivision residence trying to schedule a meeting to discuss the PUC letter, next steps moving forward and well had a power outage but has been restored.
- August 26, 2025 – District has discussions with property owner legal representation regarding the well, PUC determination and TCEQ determination.
- January 1, 2026 – Correspondence with property owner legal representation regarding the well



TIMELINE

- February 23, 2026 – District receives petition from property owner to PUC to discontinue utility service along with notices that went out to landowners in subdivision and nearby utilities.

