

The Water Commission will meet in a regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice is hereby posted providing time, place, date, and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretative services must be made to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****3. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

The Commission welcomes citizen participation and comments at all Commission Meetings. First Citizen Comment Period: Speakers are required to sign up to speak before the meeting and shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes each. Second Citizen Comment Period: Speakers are not required to sign up to speak and shall limit their comments to two (2) minutes each. Speakers are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing. If you speak, you must follow these guidelines:

- 3.1. Direct your comments to the entire Commission, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
- 3.2. Show the Commission the same respect that you would like to be shown.
- 3.3. State your name and address before your comments begin.
- 3.4. The Commission may not discuss or take action on any presented issue.
- 3.5. Topics of operational concern shall be directed to the City Manager.

NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the City Council is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

- 4.1. Minutes for July 21, 2026, Water Commission Regular Meeting.
- 4.2. Utility Department Monthly Activity Report
Water Pumping/usage from City wells, Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects, and Water and/or Drought Management (current Watering Stage).
- 4.3. Items applicable to the Water Commission discussed at City Council meetings.
- 4.4. Wastewater Ordinance.
- 4.5. Water Conservation Education.
- 4.6. Expiring Terms (September 30, 2026) of Commissioner Pohl, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Stedman, and Commissioner Dorsey.
- 4.7. Future Agenda Items.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD (See Guidelines under Item 3.)**6. ADJOURNMENT**

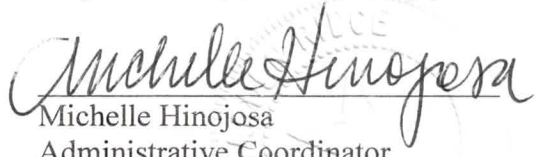
AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required: Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Commission Authorized: The Commission may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of the City Council, other city boards, commissions, and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions, and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions, and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions, and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action are specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

This is to certify that I, Michelle Hinojosa, posted this Agenda at 4:15 p.m. on September 2, 2026, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.


Michelle Hinojosa
Administrative Coordinator



Commissioners Present:

Chair William Pohl
Commissioner Keven Harshbarger
Commissioner Steven Stedman
Commissioner Dr. Richard Carmichael
Commissioner Brian Strickland
Councilmember James Mueller, Ex-Officio

Commissioners Absent:

Vice-Chair Nathan Dorsey
Commissioner Don Stone

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Michelle Hinojosa, Administrative Coordinator
Monica McCaslin, Utility Clerk
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Hank Crippen, City Engineer

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the Water Commissioners present, Chair Pohl called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Water Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pohl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizen Comment Period

None signed up to speak.

4. Business Items

The following items are for discussion, consideration, and/or action.

4.1. Minutes for June 16, 2026, Water Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Harshbarger, seconded by Commissioner Carmichael, to approve the Minutes for the June 16, 2026, Water Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

4.2. Utility Department Monthly Activity Report.

Water Pumping/usage from City wells, Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects, and Water and/or Drought Management (current Watering Stage).

Public Works Director Steven Steinmetz reviewed the monthly activity report and addressed questions from Commissioners.

4.3. Items applicable to the Water Commission discussed at City Council Meetings.

Chair Pohl provided the Commission with an update on items applicable to the Water Commission discussed at City Council Meetings.

4.4. Wastewater Ordinance.

City Engineer Hank Crippen spoke regarding the Wastewater Ordinance and received input from Commissioners.

4.5. FY27 Proposed Budget and Water Rates.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye updated the Commission on the FY27 Proposed Budget and Water Rates.

4.6. Water Conservation Education.

Chair Pohl spoke regarding Water Conservation Education.

4.7. Future Agenda Items.

Chair Pohl requested to receive updates related to the Wastewater Ordinance and Water Conservation Education.

5. Citizen Comment Period

None wished to speak.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Tuesday, July 21, 2026, Water Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Pohl.

William Pohl
Chair

ATTEST

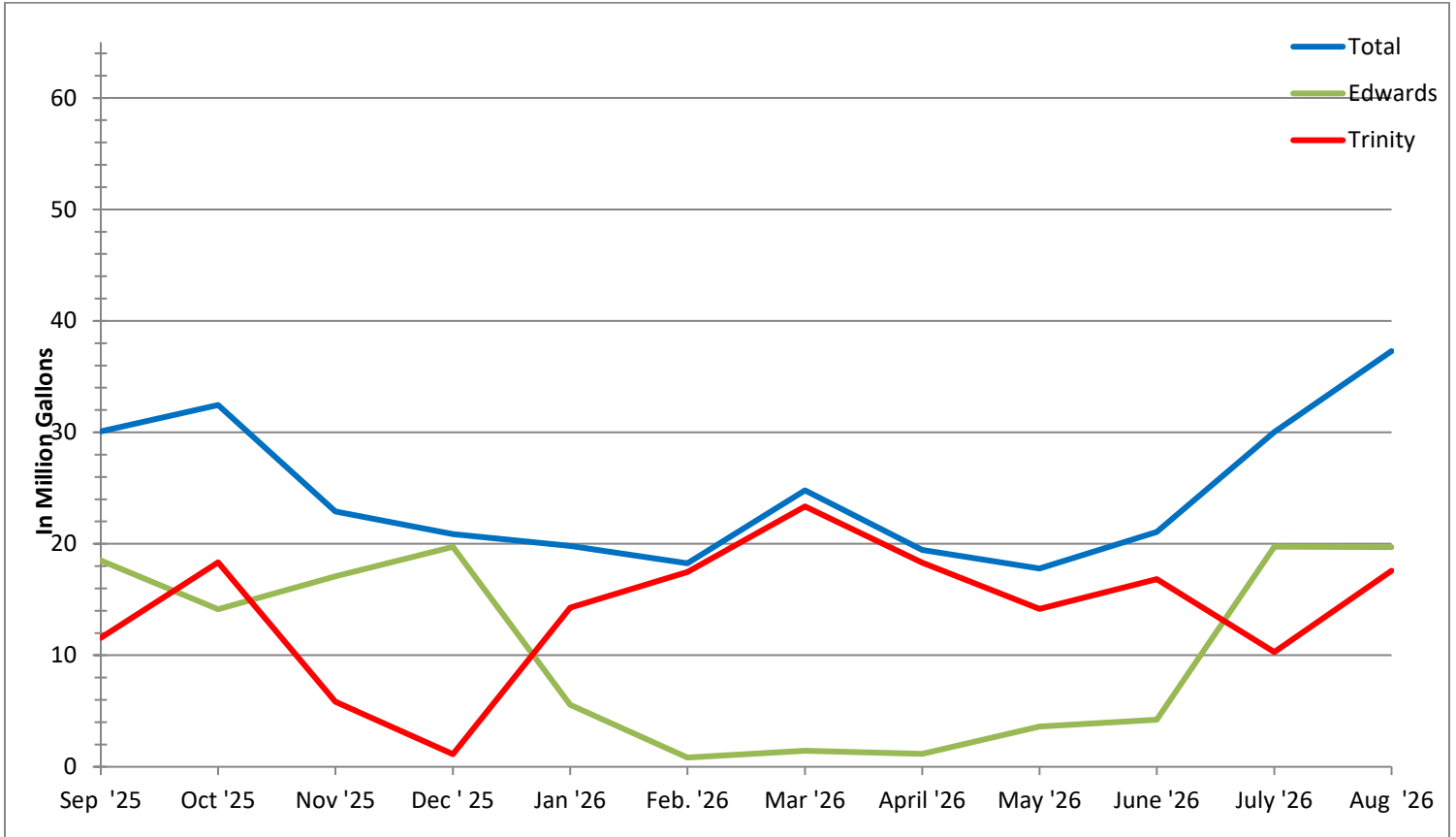
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Utilities Department Report

As of August 31, 2026

City of Garden Ridge Aquifer Usage

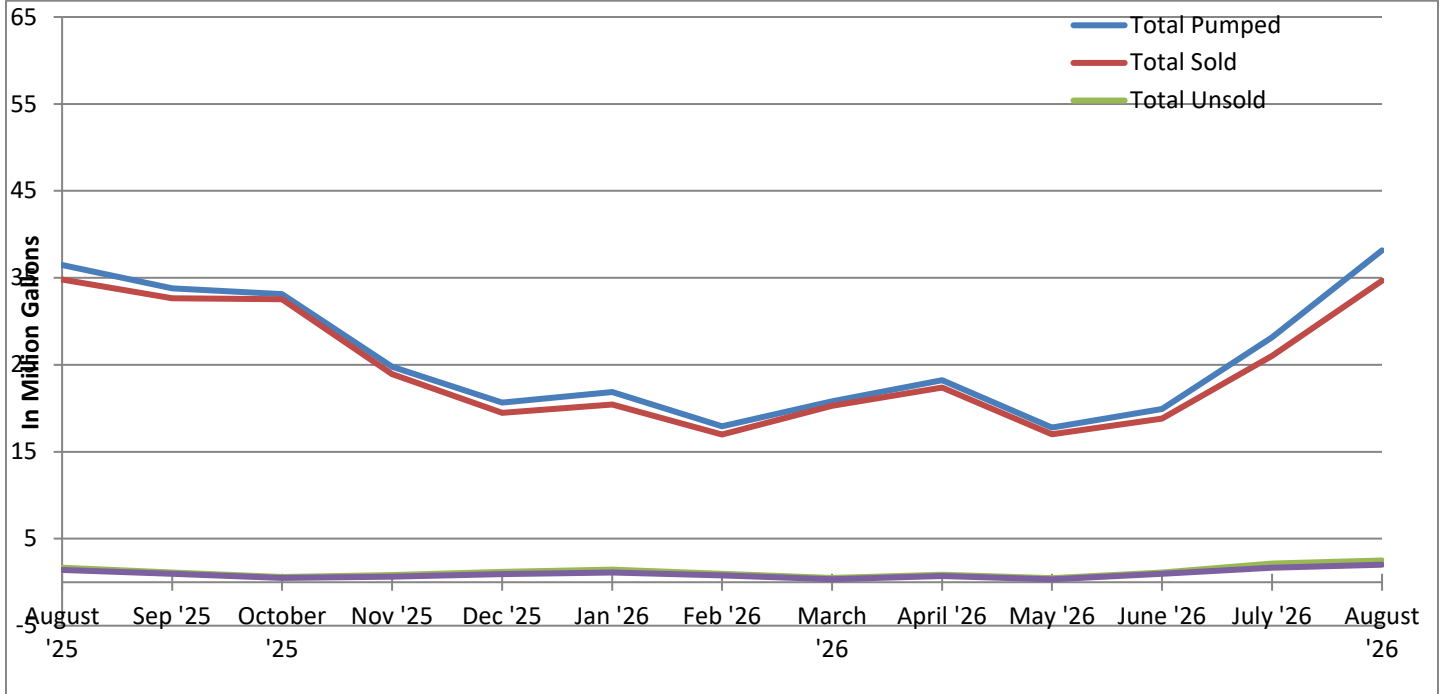


	Month:	Year:	Available:	Stage:
Edwards Well Usage AC/FT:	60.47	172.57	328.43	2
Trinity Well Usage AC/FT:	53.99	405.97	N/A	0

Water Quality

Bacteriological Samples:	Due:	Missed:	Passed:	Failed:
Distribution samples:	6	0	6	0
Chlorine Residual test:	31	0	31	0
Special Samples:	0	0	0	0

2025 – 2026 Pumping Report



	Total Pumped (Thousands)	Total Sold (Thousands)	Total Unsold (Thousands)	Unaccountable Unsold (Thousands)	Unaccountable Unsold %
August '25	36,490	34,809	1,681	1,395	3.8%
September '25	33,786	32,671	1,115	978	2.9%
Oct '25	33,144	32,549	595	507	1.5%
Nov '25	24,779	23,949	830	630	2.5%
Dec '25	20,657	19,474	1,183	936	4.5%
Jan '26	21,864	20,429	1,435	1,099	5.0%
Feb '26	17,936	16,984	952	776	4.3%
March '26	20,786	20,288	501	359	1.7%
April '26	23,246	22,389	857	721	3.1%
May '26	17,465	16,996	469	333	1.9%
June '26	19,920	18,819	1,101	964	4.8%
July '26	28,166	26,037	2,129	1,683	6.0%
August '26	38,165	35,665	2,500	2,014	5.3%
Yearly Average	26,302	24,697	1,181	953	3.6%
	Yearly national average				16%

Utilities Department Monthly Activities:

New Installed Meters	0	Work Orders	287
Meter Replacements	3	Locates	65
City Owned Leaks	1	Irrigations Permits Issued	0
Meters Read	1703	Total Rebates	0
Meter Tests	0	Watering variances	0

AMI Information

Total Portal Customers: 938

Meter Daily Readability Percentage: 98.43% for 1,698 assigned meters (current bill cycle)

Main Breaks/City Repairs: Fire Hydrant

Estimated Water Loss: 50,000

Location: Tommy Trail

Explanation: Seat gasket did not close all the way.

Leak Adjustments

New Requests	4	Waiting for Customer	0	Approved		Amount Approved		Denied	0	Sent to Water Commission	0
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Employee Training/certifications

WATER COMMISSION TERMS OF OFFICE

Name	Place	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration
William Pohl (Appointed Chair October 2024-current)	1	January 2023 September 2024	October 2024 September 2026			
Dr. Richard Carmichael	2	December 2019 September 2021	October 2021 September 2023	October 2023 September 2025	October 2025 September 2027	
Don Stone	3	April 2021 September 2022	October 2022 September 2024	October 2024 September 2026		
Steve Stedman	4	December 2023 September 2024	October 2024 September 2026			
Brian Strickland	5	October 2025 September 2027				
Keven Harshbarger	6	October 2017 September 2019	October 2019 September 2021	October 2021 September 2023	October 2023 September 2025	October 2025 September 2027
Nathan Dorsey (Appointed Vice-Chair October 2024-current)	7	Term Expires September 2024	October 2024 September 2026			

(P)= Partial term of less than ½ the term remaining