

# SOUTHEAST TEXAS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## ANNUAL REPORT 2025





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# DISTRICT INFORMATION

## **CREATION OF THE DISTRICT**



In 2003, the creation of the District was authorized by the 78<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature through Senate Bill 1888. On November 2, 2004, the voters of Jasper and Newton Counties confirmed creation of the District. In 2005, the Commissioner's Courts of Hardin and Tyler Counties adopted a resolution requesting that Hardin and Tyler Counties be included in the District. On November 8, 2005, the voters of Hardin and Tyler Counties voted to become members of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

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## **PURPOSE**

The Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District was created to conserve, preserve, protect, recharge, and prevent waste of groundwater, and to control subsidence caused by withdrawal of groundwater within its boundaries. As part of the process of accomplishing its purpose, the District has adopted a Management Plan, which has been reviewed and approved by the Texas Water Development Board.

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## **DISTRICT INFORMATION**

The District encompasses, in their entirety, Jasper, Newton, Hardin, and Tyler Counties, which comprise an area of approximately 3,685 square miles with an estimated population of 122,700 people (U.S. Census Bureau 2020 data – updated 5-year survey February 2026).

The District is included in two regional water planning groups: Region I, Regional Water Planning Group and Groundwater Management Area 14 (GMA 14). The District's General Manager, John Martin, is the current chairman of both the Region I Water Planning Group and Groundwater Management Area 14, and Director Starr is also voting members of the Region I Water Planning Group.

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:



Olen Bean  
President



Bobby Rogers  
Vice President



Charles Zimmerman  
Secretary/Treasurer

## JASPER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:



Greg Kelley, Director  
Appointed by City of Jasper  
Large Municipal Water Utility  
Term: 2025 – 2027



Billy Ted Smith, Director  
Appointed by Jasper County  
Rural Water Utility  
Term: 2023 – 2025



Steven Black, Director  
Appointed by Jasper County  
Large Industrial  
Term: 2024 – 2026

## NEWTON COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:



Landon Kelly, Director  
Appointed by City of Newton  
Large Municipal Utility  
Term: 2025 – 2027



Deana Gibson, Director  
Appointed by Newton County  
Rural Water Utility  
Term: 2023 – 2025  
Partial Term, Apt. July 2024



Thomas Hawthorne, Director  
Appointed by Newton County  
Forestry, Agriculture, Industry  
Term: 2024 – 2026

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

## COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:



Paul Andruess, Director  
Appointed by Hardin County  
Agricultural, Industrial  
Term: 2025 – 2027



Bobby Rogers, Sec./Tres  
Appointed by Hardin County  
Rural, Small Water Utility  
Term: 2026 – 2028



Robb Starr, Director  
Appointed by Hardin County  
Large Municipal Utility  
Term: 2024 – 2026

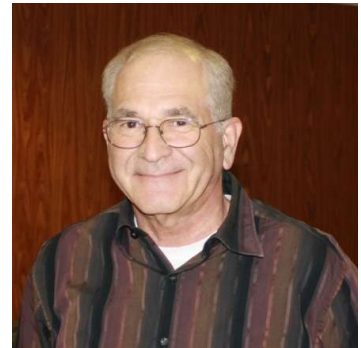
## TYLER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:



Ken Jobe, Director  
Appointed by Tyler County  
Rural, Small Water Utility  
Term: 2025 – 2027



Rick Russler, Director  
Appointed by Tyler County  
Large Municipal Utility  
Term: 2026 – 2028



Charles Zimmerman, Director  
Appointed by Tyler County  
Forestry, Agricultural, Industry  
Term: 2024 – 2026

## STAFF:



John Martin, General Manager



John D. Stover, General Counsel

## GENERAL COUNSEL:

# MANAGEMENT PLAN GOALS SUMMARY - 2025

## MANAGEMENT GOALS, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES, AND METHODOLOGY

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Each year, an annual report will be created by the general manager and staff of the District and will be provided to the members of the Board. The annual report will cover the activities of the District including information on the District's performance in regards to achieving the District's management plan goals and objectives. The annual report will be delivered to the Board within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the completion of the District's fiscal year. A copy of the Annual Report will be kept on file and be made available for public inspection at the District's office upon adoption of the report by the Board.

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### **4.1 Providing the Most Efficient Use of Groundwater:**

4.1.1 Objective - Each year, the District will require all new exempt or non-exempt wells that are constructed within the boundaries of the District to be registered or permitted with the District in accordance with the District's Rules.

4.1.2 Performance Standard - The number of exempt and non-exempt wells registered or permitted by the District for the year will be incorporated into the District's Annual Report.

#### Performance Standard Met

*The number of Exempt wells registered in 2024:* 243

*The number of Non-Exempt wells permitted in 2024:* 4

*Additional data provided in Section 4*

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### **4.2 Controlling and Preventing the Waste of Groundwater in the District**

4.2.1 Objectives - Each year, the District will make an evaluation of the District Rules to determine whether any amendments are recommended to decrease the amount of waste of groundwater within the District.

4.2.2 Performance Standard - The District will include a copy of the meeting notice/agenda as well as the minutes of the meeting at which the District Rules were



discussed and the determination of whether any amendments to the rules are recommended to prevent the waste of groundwater in the District's Annual Report.

*Performance Standard Met/Exceeded*

*The District included this item on the July 10, 2025 agenda. Both the notice/agenda and meeting minutes are provided in Section 5.*

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4.2.3 Objective - Each year, the District will provide information to the public on eliminating and reducing wasteful practices in the use of groundwater by posting an article or newsletter on groundwater waste reduction on the District's website.

4.2.4 Performance Standard - Each year, a copy of the information provided in the groundwater waste reduction article or newsletter posted on the District's website will be included in the District's Annual Report.

*Performance Standard Met*

*An article titled "Summertime Water Conservation and Waste Reduction Tips" was posted on the District's website and provided to local newspapers throughout the District. Printed webpages showing the date and time the article was posted to the District's website are provided in Section 5. The article was published in the following publications: Silsbee Bee (March 26, 2026), Jasper Newsboy (March 12, 2025), The Beaumont Enterprise (March 9, 2025), the East Texas Banner website (March 7, 2025), the Newton County News website (March 8, 2025), and the Tyler County Daily News website (March 7, 2025).*

*Performance Exceeded*

The District exceeded this objective by sending water conservation pamphlets directly to every new exempt domestic well owner upon receipt of the registration.

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### **4.3 Controlling and Preventing Subsidence.**

4.3.1 Objective – The District has reviewed the pertinent portions (Section 4.1.1 and 4.2.4) of the Texas Water Development Board's subsidence risk report: ***Identification of the Vulnerability of the Major and Minor Aquifers of Texas to Subsidence with Regard to Groundwater Pumping***, – as well as other sources for applicability to the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District in an effort to better proactively manage subsidence.

At this time, there are no known occurrences of subsidence within the District. The District proactively strives to prevent subsidence from occurring by applying its Rules, meeting the goals of its management plan, and participating in joint planning efforts in both GMA 14 and the Region I Water Planning Group. Subsidence is one of the main considerations in groundwater management area planning and must be taken into consideration in the desired future conditions process prior to adopting new desired future conditions. The

District will participate in this process by attending at least one Groundwater Management Area 14 meeting each year.

4.3.1 Performance Standard – A copy of the Groundwater Management Area 14’s meeting notice/agenda and sign-in sheets (or any other available evidence of attendance) will be included in the District’s annual report.

Performance Standard Met

*GMA 14 convened six meetings in 2025: February 3, 2025, March 26, 2025, April 30, 2025, May 28, 2025, September 17, 2025, and November 19, 2025. The District was in attendance at all six scheduled meetings. The notices/agendas and sign-in sheets are provided in Section 6.*

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4.3.2 Objective - Each year, the District will review the data from subsidence monitoring locations within the District boundaries and may pursue installation of additional PAM or CORs subsidence monitoring locations.

4.3.2. Performance Standard - Each year, a summary of the data related to subsidence monitoring stations within the District and installation of additional sites will be included in the Annual Report submitted to the Board of Directors of the District.

Performance Standard Met

Data provided from the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District’s interactive website subsidence monitoring stations is included in Section 6 of this Report. Currently 3 CORS stations located within the District are providing subsidence/surface elevation data (TXKO – located Hardin County, TXWO – located in Tyler County, and TXNE – located in Newton County).

Performance Standard Exceeded

The District exceeded this goal by installing a fourth CORS station, located in Jasper County, just south of Buna, TX on CR 784. This station began recording elevation data on May 16, 2025 and the data is regular collected and uploaded to the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District for analysis (which is done after the end of each calendar year). Additionally, the District submitted a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board in an effort to secure grant funds that would allow the District to install 7 additional CORS stations within the District, with the goal of having 2 CORS stations in each county.

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#### **4.4 Addressing Conjunctive Surface Water Management Issues.**

4.4.1 Objective - The District will coordinate conjunctive surface water issues with the Angelina and Neches River Authority (ANRA), Lower Neches Valley Authority (LNVA), the Sabine River Authority (SRA), and the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (also known as Region I), by either inviting the officials from the Planning Group and river

authorities to attend a District meeting at least once a year or by attending at least one of the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group meetings each year.

**4.4.2 Performance Standard.** - A copy of the invitation letters to the Planning Group and the surface water providers, as well as evidence that the letters have been sent, via either U.S. Postal Service (registered/return receipt) or e-mail will be included in the District's annual report, or a copy of the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group meeting notice(s) and sign in sheet(s) indicating a representative of the District was present will be included in the District's Annual Report.

**Performance Standard Met**

The East Texas Regional Water Planning Group convened four meetings in 2025: January 7, 2025, February 6, 2025, May 1, 2025, and September 9, 2025. The District had at least one representative in attendance at each of the scheduled meetings. The notices/agendas and sign-in sheets are provided in Section 7.

**Performance Standard Exceeded**

This goal was exceeded as every Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District meeting notice/agenda is provided to the surface water entities within the District as well as to the Regional I Water Planning Group administrator who forwards the notice to all Region I Members.

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**4.5 Natural Resource Issues Affecting the Use and Availability of Groundwater or Affected by the Use of Groundwater.**

**4.5.1 Objective** - The District requires that all water wells used in conjunction with the exploration of hydrocarbons be registered with the District.

**4.5.2 Performance Standard** – Each month the Board will be provided information pertaining to any new water well registered and drilled for the purpose of hydrocarbon exploration and a summary of all these wells will be included in the District's Annual Report.

**Performance Standard Met**

*Each month the Board of Directors is provided with a GIS map and a summary of each registration which is inclusive of all new wells registered for the purpose of hydrocarbon exploration. A total of 8 oil/gas related water wells were registered within the District in 2025 for the exploration of hydrocarbons. Copies of the data are provided in Section 8.*

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**4.6 Addressing Drought Conditions.**

**4.6.1 Objectives** - The District will post an article and/or drought index maps regarding drought conditions in the District at least annually on the District's website.

4.6.2 Performance Standard - A copy of the article and/or drought index maps posted on the District's website regarding drought conditions will be included in the District's annual report.

*Performance Standard Met*

An article addressing drought conditions was published in the Fall 2025 issue of the SETGCD Well Monitor newsletter and posted to the District's website on October 10, 2025. Additionally, each month the latest U.S. P.D.S.I map, the Texas Monthly P.D.S.I., and /or the U.S. Drought Monitor maps are posted to the District's website. Copies of the article (via the newsletter) are included in the SETGCD Well Monitor newsletter in Appendix A and copies of the monthly drought maps posted on the District's website are provided in Section 9.

*Performance Standard Exceeded*

The Performance Standard only requires an article regarding drought to be posted to the District's website, or drought maps be posted to the District's website annually. The District not only did both options, but continues to updated the drought maps to the District's website on a monthly basis. Additionally, drought maps were provided each month in the Manager's Report and provided to the District's Board.

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**4.7 Addressing Conservation, Recharge Enhancement, Rainwater Harvesting, Precipitation Enhancement, or Brush Control.**

Conservation is the only practice which is practicable in the District. The District does not consider recharge enhancement, precipitation enhancement, or brush control to be either necessary or practical at this time. Rainwater harvesting is not necessary due to the very high rainfall rate in the District. Therefore, these four goals are not applicable.

4.7.1 Objective - The District will annually submit an article regarding water conservation for publication to at least one newspaper of general circulation in Jasper, Newton, Hardin and Tyler Counties.

4.7.2 Performance Standard - A copy of the article submitted by the District for publication to a newspaper of general circulation in Jasper, Newton, Hardin and Tyler Counties regarding water conservation will be included in the District's annual report.

*Performance Standard Met*

*An article titled "Summertime Water Conservation and Waste Reduction Tips" was sent to 4 area newspapers on March 6, 2025. The Article was also provided to the East Texas Banner, the Newton County News, and Tyler County Daily News which are online only publications. The article was published in the following print publications: Silsbee Bee (March 26, 2026), Jasper Newsboy (March 12, 2025), The Beaumont Enterprise (March 9, 2025), and posted to East Texas Banner website (March 7, 2025), the Newton County News website (March 8, 2025), and the Tyler County Daily News website (March 7, 2025).*



4.7.3 Objective - The District will publish and mail or email, at least once annually, an informative flier or newsletter on water conservation and related issues to groundwater use permit holders. A copy of the flier or newsletter shall also be made available on the District's website.

4.7.4 Performance Standard – A copy of the flier or newsletter on water conservation and related issues, along with the mailing/emailing list of the permit holders to whom it was provided shall be included in the District's annual report.

Performance Standard Met

*The District published the Fall 2025 SETGCD Well Monitor newsletter on September 29, 2025 and emailed or mailed it to all permit holders on the same day. The newsletter was uploaded and made available on the District's website on October 1, 2025. A copy of the newsletter along with the list of permit holders is provided in Appendix A.*

Performance Standard Exceeded

This goal was exceeded by not only providing the newsletter to permit holders throughout the District but to all VIPs (county officials, city officials, and city managers and engineers) as well as licensed water well drillers with business addresses within the District and in neighboring counties.

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#### **4.8 Addressing in a Quantitative Manner the Desired Future Conditions**

4.8.1 Objective - The District will monitor groundwater conditions within the District by measuring the static water levels in at least fifteen (15) monitor wells annually.

4.8.2 Performance Standard – The recorded static water levels of the fifteen (15) monitor wells will be included in the District's annual report.

Performance Standard Met

The District recorded static water levels from ≈50 observation wells on two separate occasions (spring 2025 and fall 2025). The static water level data for these wells is provided in Section 11.

Performance Standard Exceeded

This goal was exceeded by recording the static water levels from three times the number of required wells, not just once annually, but twice (spring and fall). Additionally, the District in conjunction with the GMA 14 Members has been reviewing static water level data on a regional basis and the static water level information gathered by the Districts was most recently analyzed in a report by Dr. William Hutchison. The report titled "Comparison of Measured Drawdowns with Simulated Drawdowns from the Desired Future Conditions Adopted in 2021 in Groundwater Management Area 14".

# GOAL 4.1 – Muti Year Comparison

## Registered & Permitted Wells Annual Comparison 2015 – 2025

| Jasper County                             | 2025      | 2024      | 2023      | 2022       | 2021       | 2020       | 2019      | 2018      | 2017      | 2016      | 2015      |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Domestic        | 66        | 78        | 75        | 91         | 109        | 98         | 82        | 84        | 71        | 76        | 82        |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Other           | 2         | 3         | 7         | 5          | 1          | 4          | 4         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Oil Gas Related | 3         | 9         | 2         | 7          | 2          | 4          | 7         | 2         | 8         | 5         | 1         |
| Non-Exempt Wells – Industrial/Commercial  | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 3         |
| Non-Exempt – Public Water Supply          | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         |
|                                           |           |           |           |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED</b>         | <b>71</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>106</b> | <b>93</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>88</b> |

| Newton County                             | 2025      | 2024      | 2023      | 2022      | 2021      | 2020      | 2019      | 2018      | 2017      | 2016      | 2015      |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Domestic        | 30        | 30        | 27        | 46        | 53        | 49        | 35        | 42        | 47        | 36        | 37        |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Other           | 1         | 2         | 3         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 7         |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Oil Gas Related | 1         | 0         | 0         | 3         | 1         | 3         | 2         | 2         | 6         | 4         | 3         |
| Non-Exempt Wells – Industrial/Commercial  | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Non-Exempt – Public Water Supply          | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         |
|                                           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED</b>         | <b>34</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>48</b> |

| Hardin County                             | 2025      | 2024      | 2023      | 2022      | 2021      | 2020      | 2019      | 2018      | 2017      | 2016      | 2015      |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Domestic        | 87        | 87        | 84        | 87        | 70        | 84        | 73        | 84        | 92        | 71        | 79        |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Other           | 4         | 6         | 4         | 10        | 2         | 7         | 5         | 4         | 3         | 2         | 0         |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Oil Gas Related | 3         | 3         | 3         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 6         | 3         | 3         | 2         | 5         |
| Non-Exempt Wells – Industrial/Commercial  | 1         | 0         | 8*        | 1         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Non-Exempt – Public Water Supply          | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
|                                           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED</b>         | <b>95</b> | <b>97</b> | <b>99</b> | <b>99</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>84</b> |

# GOAL 4.1 – Muti Year Comparison

| Tyler County                              | 2025      | 2024      | 2023      | 2022      | 2021      | 2020      | 2019      | 2018      | 2017      | 2016      | 2015      |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Domestic        | 40        | 60        | 62        | 73        | 71        | 55        | 45        | 48        | 47        | 51        | 62        |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Other           | 5         | 3         | 3         | 2         | 5         | 3         | 3         | 0         | 2         | 1         | 1         |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Oil Gas Related | 1         | 0         | 7**       | 15        | 13        | 0         | 4         | 3         | 8         | 5         | 3         |
| Non Exempt Wells – Industrial/Commercial  | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Non Exempt Wells – Public Water Supply    | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         |
|                                           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED</b>         | <b>47</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>72</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>58</b> | <b>66</b> |

## DISTRICT WIDE TOTALS

| Total                                     | 2025       | 2024       | 2023       | 2022       | 2021       | 2020       | 2019       | 2018       | 2017       | 2016       | 2015       |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Domestic        | 223        | 255        | 248        | 297        | 303        | 286        | 235        | 258        | 257        | 234        | 260        |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Other           | 12         | 14         | 17         | 17         | 9          | 15         | 13         | 7          | 6          | 3          | 9          |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Oil Gas Related | 8          | 12         | 12         | 26         | 16         | 7          | 19         | 10         | 25         | 16         | 12         |
| Non Exempt Wells – Industrial/Commercial  | 2          | 1          | 10         | 2          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 3          |
| Non Exempt Wells – Public Water Supply    | 2          | 5          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 2          |
|                                           |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED</b>         | <b>247</b> | <b>287</b> | <b>287</b> | <b>342</b> | <b>331</b> | <b>309</b> | <b>267</b> | <b>275</b> | <b>288</b> | <b>255</b> | <b>286</b> |

Average number of Exempt/Registered wells for the previous 10-year period 2015 – 2024 is 289.8

Average number of Exempt/Registered wells for the previous 5-year period 2020 – 2024 is 306.8

# GOAL 4.1

## PROVIDING THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF GROUNDWATER

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### **Objective**

1. *Each year, the District will require all new exempt or permitted wells that are constructed within the boundaries of the District to be registered or permitted with the District in accordance with the District's Rules.*

### **Performance Standard**

1. *The number of exempt and non-exempt wells registered or permitted by the District for the year will be incorporated into the District's Annual Report.*
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### **OBJECTIVE 1**

The District enters all registered and permitted wells into its ArcMap GIS Database. The database not only provides the District with the number and types of wells being drilled, but also their specific location, and after receipt of the driller's Well Report, the well depth and static water level. The following tables show a breakdown of the number of new exempt and non-exempt wells registered and/or permitted by county and type, followed by two tables with totals for the entire District. Additional tables are included comparing previous years with the 2025 data.

The District had a total of 243 exempt wells registered in 2025. The District also had 4 non-exempt wells permitted in 2025. Overall, the 243 exempt wells registered in 2025 was approximately a 13% decrease from 2024. If we look at all wells registered over the past 5- and 10-year time periods the total number of wells registered is down 21% compared to the previous 5-year average, and down approximately 16% compared to the previous 10-year average. The oil & gas related well category only had 8 wells registered in 2025 compared to 12 wells in 2024. The District saw fewer non-exempt wells registered in 2025 compared to 2024, with only 4 non-exempt wells permitted, however this is only down slightly from the previous 5-year average of 4.4 wells, and is an increase on the previous 10-year average of 2.9 wells per year.

Included in this section are ArcMap GIS location maps for each county. These maps show the location of each exempt well registered and non-exempt well permitted in 2025, as well as information regarding ownership, date of registration/permitting, and the identity of the driller. A map showing the locations of all the water wells that were plugged within the District in 2025 is also included. The number of wells plugged in 2025 was 16.

## GOAL 4.1

Also included in this section is a table showing how many wells were drilled into each layer of the Gulf Coast Aquifer. In the far northern portions of the District the data is incomplete as it is likely that it is the Catahoula layer of the aquifer that is being utilized. When reviewing the new well data for each county these wells are categorized as N/A or U/K for the Aquifer Layer and Geologic Layer. The following is a breakdown of which layer is being utilized, the number of wells drilled and the overall percentage:

| AQUIFER LAYER          | TOTAL NUMBER OF<br>WELLS DRILLED | PERCENT |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Chicot                 | 178                              | 73.50%  |
| Evangeline             | 1                                | 00.45%  |
| Burkeville             | 2                                | 00.90%  |
| Jasper                 | 21                               | 9.25%   |
| U/K (likely Catahoula) | 25                               | 10.00%  |

Note: this table is not inclusive of all wells registered/permited in 2025 with approximately 6.5% of the State Well Reports having not yet been submitted or the wells have not yet been drilled. These numbers are very similar to the past several years in that majority of wells are drilled into the Chicot layer of the Gulf Coast Aquifer, with the Jasper layer making up the majority of the remaining percentage (of wells with known aquifer layer data).

# GOAL 4.1

## **COUNTY TOTALS**

| <b>Jasper County</b>                          | <b>Number of Wells - 2025</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Domestic            | 66                            |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Other               | 2                             |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Oil and Gas Related | 3                             |
| Non-Exempt Wells – Industrial / Commercial    | 0                             |
| Non Exempt Wells – Public Water Supply        | 0                             |
| <i>Plugged Wells</i>                          | 6                             |
|                                               |                               |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED WELLS</b>       | <b>71 / 0</b>                 |

| <b>Newton County</b>                          | <b>Number of Wells - 2025</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Domestic            | 30                            |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Other               | 1                             |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Oil and Gas Related | 1                             |
| Non-Exempt Wells – Industrial / Commercial    | 0                             |
| Non Exempt Wells – Public Water Supply        | 2                             |
| <i>Plugged Wells</i>                          | 0                             |
|                                               |                               |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED WELLS</b>       | <b>32 / 2</b>                 |

| <b>Hardin County</b>                          | <b>Number of Wells - 2025</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Domestic            | 87                            |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Other               | 4                             |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Oil and Gas Related | 3                             |
| Non Exempt Wells – Industrial/Commercial      | 1                             |
| Non Exempt Wells – Public Water Supply        | 0                             |
| <i>Plugged Wells</i>                          | 5                             |
|                                               |                               |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED WELLS</b>       | <b>94 / 1</b>                 |

| <b>Tyler County</b>                           | <b>Number of Wells - 2025</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Domestic            | 40                            |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Other               | 5                             |
| Exempt/Registered Wells - Oil and Gas Related | 1                             |
| Non Exempt Wells – Industrial/Commercial      | 1                             |
| Non Exempt Wells – Public Water Supply        | 0                             |
| <i>Plugged Wells</i>                          | 5                             |
|                                               |                               |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED WELLS</b>       | <b>46 / 1</b>                 |



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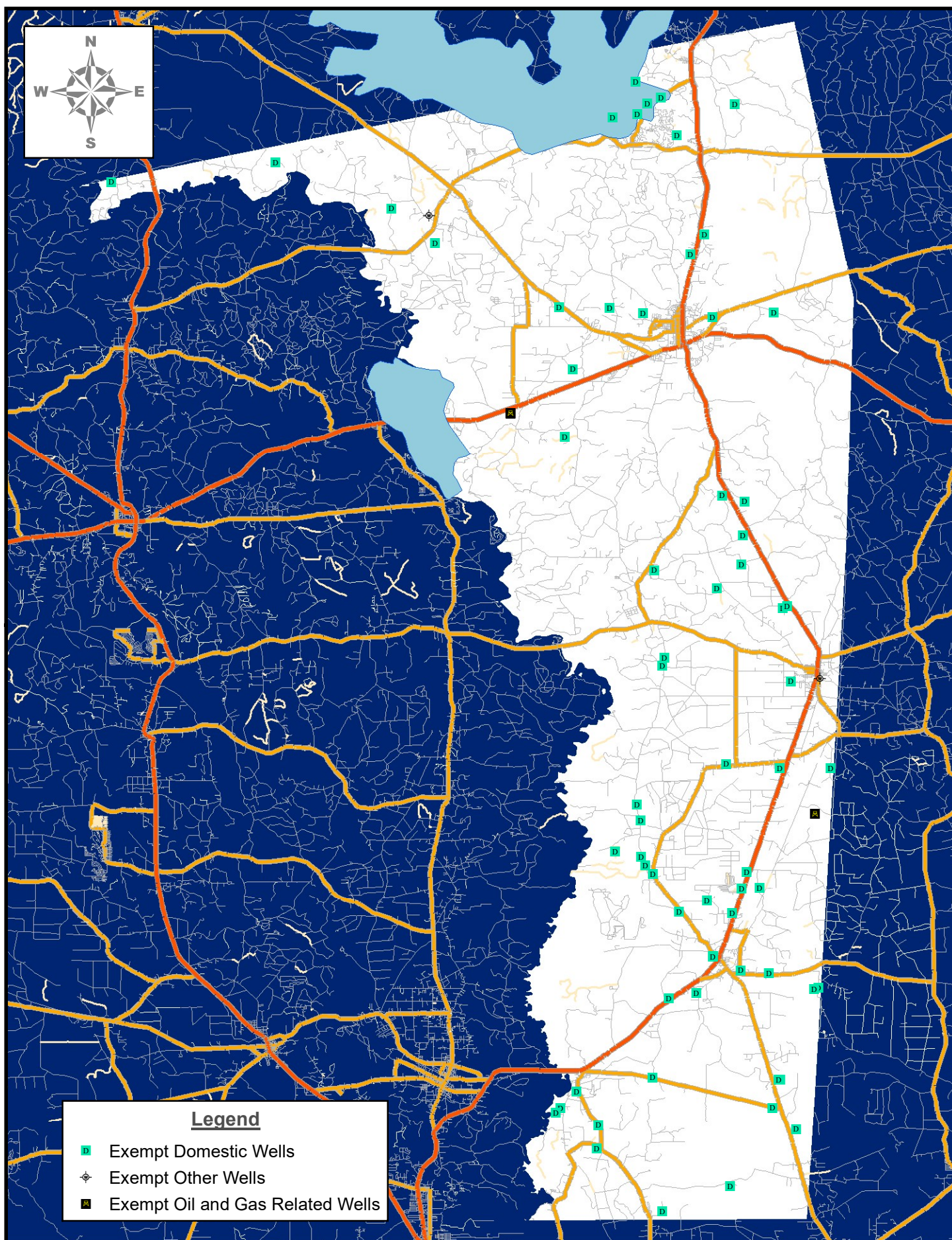
## **DISTRICT WIDE TOTALS**

| Total                                         | Number of Wells – 2025 |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells – Domestic            | 223                    |
| Exempt/Registered Wells – Other               | 12                     |
| Exempt/Registered Wells – Oil and Gas Related | 8                      |
| Non Exempt/Permitted – Industrial/Commercial  | 2                      |
| Non Exempt/Permitted – Public Water Supply    | 2                      |
| <i>Plugged Wells</i>                          | 16                     |
|                                               |                        |
| TOTAL REGISTERED/PERMITTED WELLS              | 243 / 4                |

## **TOTAL EXEMPT-REGISTERED / NON-EXEMPT-PERMITTED**

| Total                      | Number of Wells - 2025 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Exempt/Registered Wells    | 243                    |
| Non Exempt/Permitted Wells | 4                      |

# Wells Registered / Permitted in Jasper County - 2025



## Jasper County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT          | OWNER LAST     | OWNER FIRST   | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER      |
|--------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
| 6288   | New Well         |                | Lisa          | Paskell      | Keith         | 01/11/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6295   | New Well         |                | Dustin        | Jones        | Whit          | 01/24/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6297   | New Well         |                | Nick          | Paskell      | Keith         | 01/30/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6300   | New Well         |                | Dusty         | Paskell      | Keith         | 01/30/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6299   | New Well         |                | Micah         | Jones        | Whit          | 01/31/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6304   | Replacement Well |                | Robynn        | Paskell      | Keith         | 02/06/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6371   | New Well         | I              | Terri         | Bishop       | Nathan        | 02/13/2025 | U/K     | U/K             |
| 6308   | Replacement Well |                | John and Mary | Jones        | Whit          | 02/20/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6312   | New Well         |                | Randy         | Jones        | Bobby         | 02/26/2025 | U/K     | U/K             |
| 6318   | New Well         |                | Alexis        | Jones        | Bobby         | 03/11/2025 | U/K     | U/K             |
| 6320   | New Well         |                | Robert        | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/13/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto   |
| 6321   | New Well         |                | Joshua        | Paskell      | Keith         | 03/13/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6325   | New Well         |                | Michael       | Turk         | Mitch         | 03/14/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6326   | New Well         |                | Nathan        | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/18/2025 | U/K     | U/K             |
| 6379   | New Well         |                | David         | Jones        | Bobby         | 03/21/2025 | Jasper  | Oakville        |
| 6345   | New Well         |                | Travis        | Jones        | Bobby         | 04/02/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 6346   | New Well         |                | Stephanie     | Bishop       | Nathan        | 04/08/2025 | Jasper  | Oakville        |
| 6351   | New Well         |                | James         | Jones        | Bobby         | 04/15/2025 | U/K     | U/K             |
| 6358   | New Well         |                | Adam          | Paskell      | Keith         | 04/17/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6362   | New Well         | Mortgage Corp. | 21st          | Jones        | Bobby         | 04/18/2025 | <null>  | <null>          |
| 6366   | New Well         |                | Justin        | Paskell      | Keith         | 04/29/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6368   | New Well         |                | Clinton       | Paskell      | Keith         | 04/30/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6369   | New Well         |                | Megan         | Paskell      | Keith         | 05/05/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6377   | New Well         |                | Jacob         | Jones        | Whit          | 05/20/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6378   | New Well         |                | Bruce         | Paskell      | Keith         | 05/22/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6380   | New Well         |                | Jake          | Gore         | Dale          | 05/29/2025 | Jasper  | L.L. / Oakville |



## Jasper County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT                     | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST            | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------|
| 6383   | New Well                    |            | Becky                  | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/03/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 6390   | New Well                    |            | Shelby and<br>Lindsey  | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/06/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 6392   | New Well                    |            | Clayton                | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/06/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6394   | New Well                    |            | Lane                   | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/17/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6402   | New Well                    |            | Andrew                 | Bishop       | David         | 06/24/2025 | U/K     | U/K        |
| 6407   | New Well                    |            | Chris and<br>Stephanie | Bishop       | Nathan        | 07/01/2025 | <null>  | <null>     |
| 6410   | New Well                    |            | Joe                    | Bishop       | Nathan        | 07/02/2025 | Jasper  | Oakville   |
| 6399   | New Well - Owner<br>Drilled |            | Kurt                   | Stephenson   | Kurt          | 07/07/2025 | <null>  | <null>     |
| 6415   | New Well                    |            | Seth                   | Bell         | Evan          | 07/14/2025 | U/K     | U/K        |
| 6417   | New Well                    |            | Johnie                 | Gore         | Dale          | 07/14/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 6421   | New Well                    |            | Harley                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 07/23/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 6445   | New Well                    |            | Shelby                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 08/11/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6446   | New Well                    |            | Jade / Eric            | Paskell      | Keith         | 08/12/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6449   | New Well                    |            | Neal                   | Jones        | Whit          | 08/13/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6450   | New Well                    |            | Austin                 | Jones        | Whit          | 08/13/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6456   | New Well                    |            | Paul                   | Jones        | Bobby         | 08/21/2025 | U/K     | U/K        |
| 6475   | New Well                    |            | Aymee                  | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/12/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6474   | New Well                    |            | Jerrold                | Jones        | Whit          | 09/15/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6479   | New Well                    |            | David                  | Gore         | Dale          | 09/18/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6484   | New Well                    |            | Dylan                  | Jones        | Whit          | 09/22/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6480   | New Well                    |            | Aaron                  | Jones        | Bobby         | 09/25/2025 | U/K     | U/K        |
| 6481   | New Well                    |            | David                  | Jones        | Whit          | 09/25/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6490   | New Well                    |            | Adam                   | Paskell      | Keith         | 10/01/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6503   | New Well                    |            | Jeremy                 | Turk         | Mitch         | 10/14/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6504   | New Well                    |            | Donna                  | Turk         | Mitch         | 10/15/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6513   | New Well                    |            | Bubba                  | Gore         | Dale          | 10/16/2025 | U/K     | U/K        |
| 6509   | Replacement Well            |            | Darrell                | Bishop       | David         | 10/21/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |

## Jasper County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT  | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST       | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER    |
|--------|----------|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|
| 6511   | New Well |            | James             | Jones        | Bobby         | 10/21/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 11569  | New Well |            | Eursula           | Jones        | Bobby         | 10/24/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie        |
| 11567  | New Well |            | Timothy           | Jones        | Whit          | 10/28/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie        |
| 11571  | New Well |            | Sean and Kara     | Jones        | Bobby         | 10/31/2025 | U/K     | U/K           |
| 11572  | New Well |            | William           | Jones        | Whit          | 11/03/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 11574  | New Well |            | Art               | Paskell      | Keith         | 11/04/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie        |
| 11578  | New Well |            | Cassie            | Jones        | Whit          | 11/05/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie        |
| 11583  | New Well |            | Justin            | Gore         | Dale          | 11/14/2025 | U/K     | U/K           |
| 11584  | New Well |            | Ross and Margaret | Gore         | Dale          | 11/18/2025 | U/K     | U/K           |
| 11592  | New Well |            | Robert            | Bishop       | David         | 11/21/2025 | <null>  | <null>        |
| 11598  | New Well |            | Justin            | Gore         | Dale          | 12/08/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto |
| 11611  | New Well |            | Clint             | Gore         | Dale          | 12/20/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 11605  | New Well |            | Ronald            | Jones        | Whit          | 12/29/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie        |

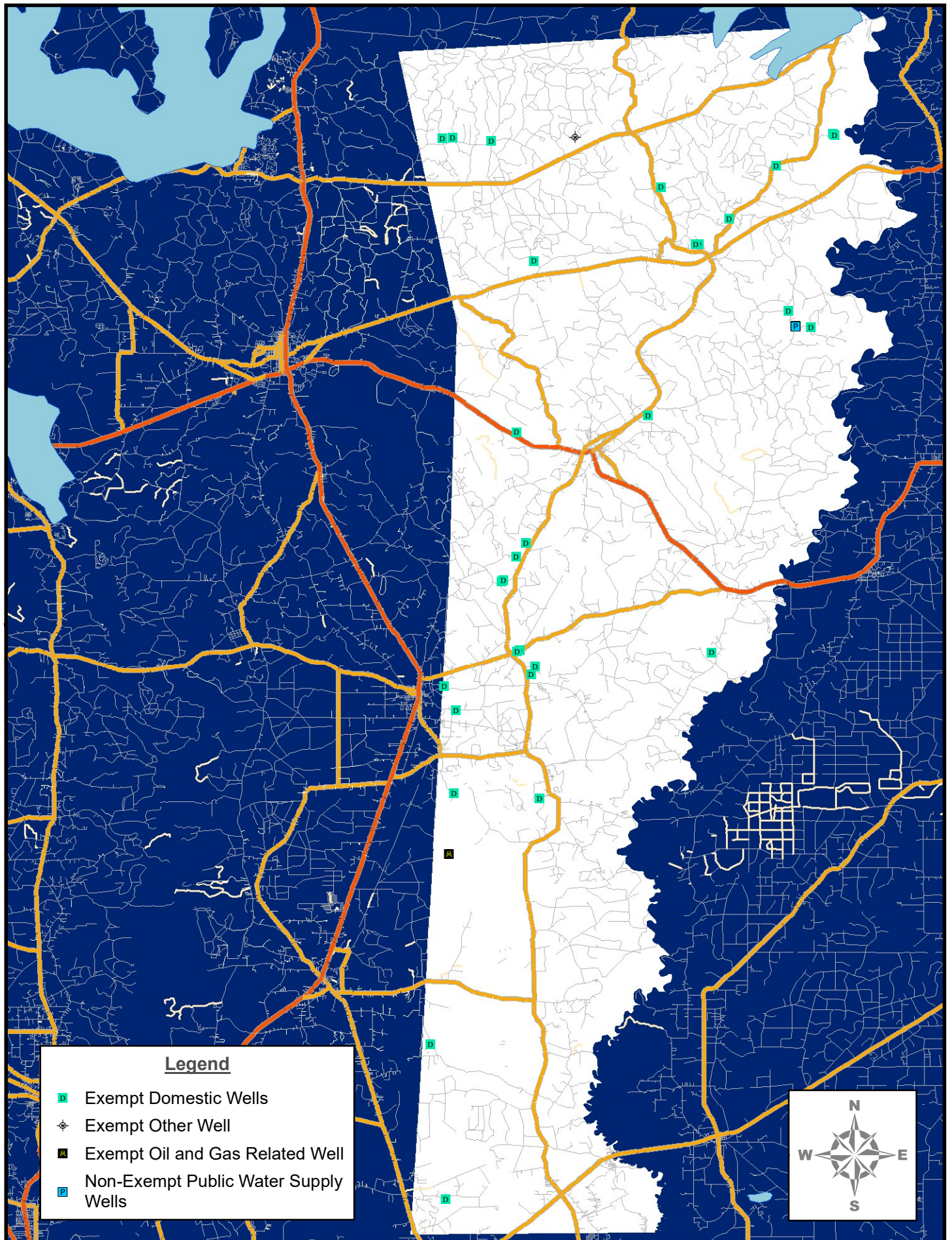
## Jasper County - Exempt Oil and Gas Related Wells - 2025

| WELL OWNER          | WELL NAME             | DRILLING CO.    | DATE DRILLED | PLUGGED? | FRACKED? | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Zarvona Energy, LLC | Josey Francis 1H WW#2 | J&S Water Wells |              | N        | N        | <null>  | <null>     |
| Paleo Oil Company   | Monarch B#1           | Pinnergy LTD    | 03/28/2025   | N        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| Zarvona Energy, LLC | Josey Francis 1H WW#1 | J&S Water Wells | 04/09/2025   | N        | N        | Jasper  | Oakville   |

## Jasper County - Exempt Other Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT              | OWNER LAST    | OWNER FIRST | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE DRILLED | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------|------------|
| 455    | Less Than 25,000 gpd | Jasper Newton |             | Bell         | Evan          | 04/01/2025   | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 467    | New Well / Church    |               | Jeremy      | Jones        | Bobby         | 10/14/2025   | U/K     | U/K        |

# Wells Registered / Permitted - Newton County - 2025





# Newton County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT              | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.   | AQUIFER    | GEO. LAYER           |
|--------|----------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| 6305   | New Well             |            | Sarah       | Jones        | Bobby         | 02/07/2025  | Jasper     | Lower Lagarto        |
| 6306   | New Well             |            | Stephanie   | Paskell      | Keith         | 02/17/2025  | Chicot     | Lissie               |
| 6315   | New Well / Pond Well |            | Mystery     | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/05/2025  | Burkeville | Middle Lagarto       |
| 6316   | New Well / Shop      |            | Mystery     | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/05/2025  | Burkeville | Middle Lagarto       |
| 6319   | New Well             |            | Casey       | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/10/2025  | Chicot     | Willis               |
| 6322   | New Well             |            | Emily       | Paskell      | Keith         | 03/14/2025  | Chicot     | Lissie               |
| 6323   | New Well             |            | Clay        | Gore         | Dale          | 03/14/2025  | Jasper     | Lower Lagarto        |
| 6324   | New Well             |            | Robert      | Jones        | Bobby         | 03/17/2025  | Chicot     | Willis               |
| 6331   | New Well             |            | Mikey       | Jones        | Bobby         | 03/19/2025  | Chicot     | Lissie               |
| 6344   | New Well             |            | John        | Bishop       | Nathan        | 04/02/2025  | Jasper     | Lower Lagarto        |
| 6357   | New Well             |            | Kim         | Paskell      | Keith         | 04/17/2025  | Chicot     | Lissie               |
| 6361   | New Well             |            | Daniel      | Bishop       | Nathan        | 04/18/2025  | Evangeline | Upper Lagarto        |
| 6386   | New Well             |            | Buddy       | Bishop       | Nathan        | 06/03/02025 | U/K        | U/K                  |
| 6385   | New Well             |            | Jimmy       | Bishop       | Nathan        | 06/03/2025  | Chicot     | Willis               |
| 6401   | New Well             |            | Michael     | Bishop       | Nathan        | 06/24/2025  | <null>     | <null>               |
| 6412   | New Well             |            | Jonathon    | Paskell      | Keith         | 07/16/2025  | Chicot     | Lissie               |
| 6420   | New Well             |            | Joyce       | Bishop       | Nathan        | 07/16/2025  | Chicot     | Willis               |
| 6423   | Replacement Well     |            | Johnny      | Bishop       | David         | 07/18/2025  | U/K        | U/K                  |
| 6427   | New Well             |            | Tommy       | Bishop       | Nathan        | 07/23/2025  | Chicot     | Lissie               |
| 6437   | New Well             |            | Christina   | Jones        | Bobby         | 08/04/2025  | Chicot     | Willis               |
| 6457   | New Well             |            | Haylie      | Bishop       | David         | 08/21/2025  | U/K        | U/K                  |
| 6465   | New Well             |            | James       | Jones        | Bobby         | 09/03/2025  | Jasper     | Lower Lag / Oakville |
| 6472   | New Well             |            | Johnny      | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/10/2025  | Chicot     | Lissie / Willis      |
| 6483   | New Well             |            | James       | Bishop       | David         | 09/22/2025  | U/K        | U/K                  |
| 6488   | New Well             |            | Mirela      | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/30/2025  | Chicot     | Willis               |

## Newton County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT         | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|--------|-----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------|
| 6501   | New Well - Pond |            | Robert      | Paskell      | Keith         | 10/14/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 6502   | New Well - Home |            | Robert      | Paskell      | Keith         | 10/14/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 6508   | New Well        |            | Richard     | Bishop       | David         | 10/21/2025 | <null>  | <null>     |
| 11565  | New Well        |            | Pamela      | Bishop       | David         | 10/27/2025 | <null>  | <null>     |
| 11579  | New Well        |            | Brandon     | Bishop       | David         | 11/06/2025 | <null>  | <null>     |

## Newton County - Exempt Other Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT                    | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE DRILLED | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|--------|----------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------|------------|
| 453    | Replacement / agricultural |            | David       | Bishop       | Nathan        |              | <null>  | <null>     |

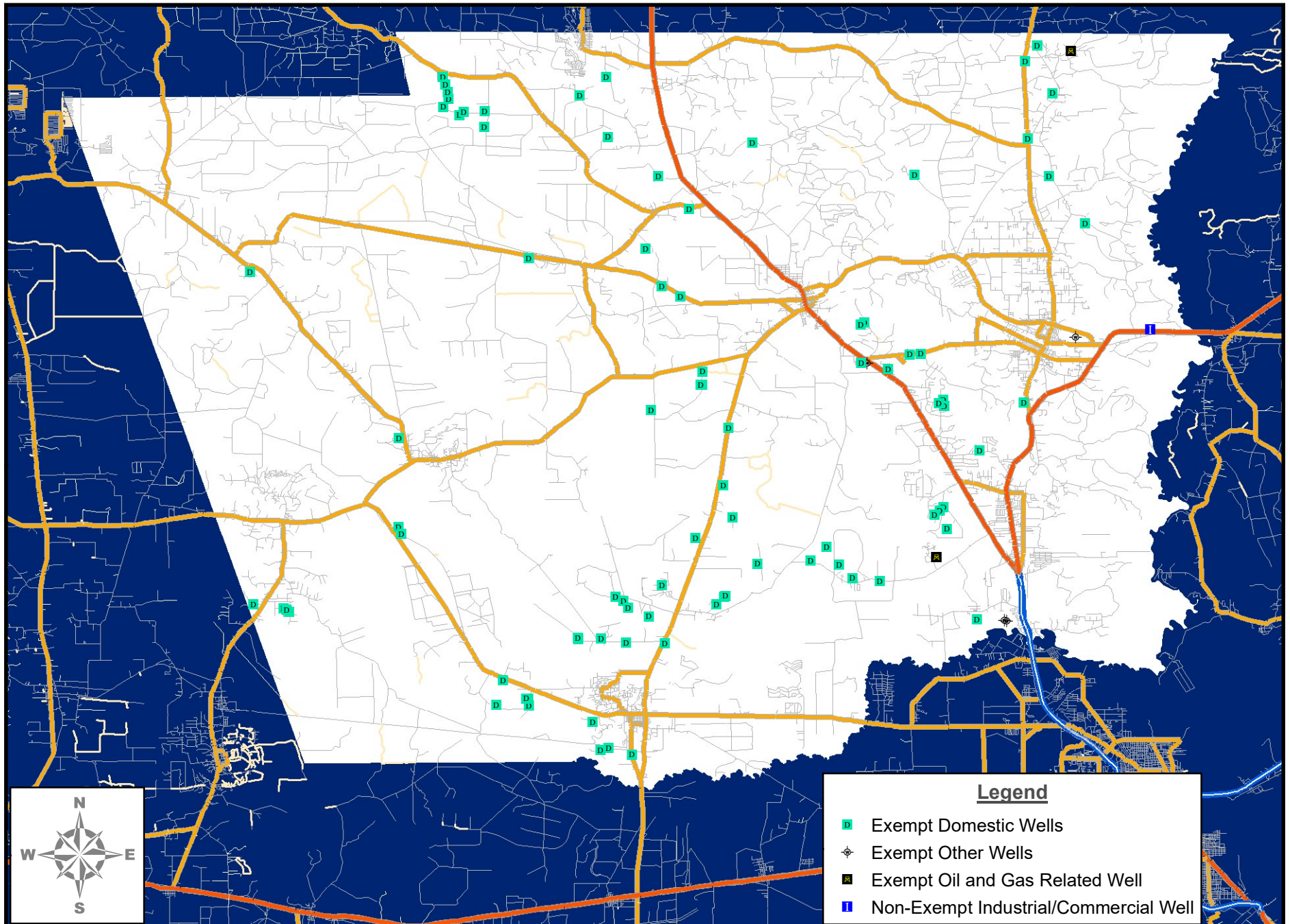
## Newton County - Exempt Oil and Gas Related Wells - 2025

| WELL OWNER          | WELL NAME             | DRILLING CO.      | DATE DRILLED | PLUGGED? | FRACKED? | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Geo Terre Operating | B.E.Quinn III ETAL #1 | Fas Line Services | 06/25/2025   | N        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |

# Newton County - Non-Exempt Municipal/WSC/Public - 2025

| IDENT        | COMMENT               | OWNER              | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE PERMITTED |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Ayers Test 1 | Water Quality Testing | WSR Water Co., LLC | Bishop       | Nathan        | 10/21/2025     |
| Ayers Test 2 | Water Quality Testing | WSR Water Co., LLC | Bishop       | Nathan        | 10/21/2025     |

# Wells Registered / Permitted in Hardin County - 2025



# Hardin County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT                                | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST    | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|--------|----------------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------|
| 6286   | New Well                               |            | James          | Turk         | Mitch         | 01/02/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 6287   | New Well                               |            | John and Betty | Gore         | Dale          | 01/08/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6290   | New Well                               |            | Jerryd         | Turk         | Mitch         | 01/14/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6292   | New Well                               |            | Sanda          | Turk         | Mitch         | 01/24/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6303   | New Well                               |            | Chad           | Turk         | Mitch         | 02/05/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6311   | New Well                               |            | Michael        | Turk         | Mitch         | 02/26/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6309   | New Well                               |            | Joseph         | Paskell      | Keith         | 02/27/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 6310   | New Well                               |            | Amanada        | Paskell      | Keith         | 02/28/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6328   | New Well                               |            | Ryan           | Paskell      | Keith         | 03/19/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6329   | New Well                               |            | Willie         | Gore         | Dale          | 03/19/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6332   | New Well                               |            | Patrick        | Jones        | Whit          | 03/20/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6335   | New Well                               |            | Thomas         | Turk         | Mitch         | 03/21/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6336   | New Well                               |            | John           | Greak, III   | James         | 03/24/2025 | <null>  | <null>     |
| 6337   | New Well                               |            | Stuart         | West         | Randy         | 03/25/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6338   | New Well                               |            | Timothy        | Jones        | Whit          | 03/26/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6350   | New Well / Illegally Drilled / Flowers |            | Juan           | Flowers      |               | 04/04/2025 | <null>  | <null>     |
| 6353   | New Well                               |            | Jack           | Paskell      | Keith         | 04/11/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6355   | New Well                               |            | Bradley        | Paskell      | Keith         | 04/16/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6363   | New Well / Registered Late             |            | John           | Bell         | Evan          | 04/23/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6365   | New Well                               |            | Dylan          | Turk         | Mitch         | 04/29/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6367   | New Well / Late Registration           |            | Laura          | Bell         | Evan          | 04/29/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6370   | New Well                               |            | Andrea         | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 05/01/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6374   | New Well                               |            | Jason          | Turk         | Mitch         | 05/13/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6375   | New Well                               |            | Rodney         | Gore         | Dale          | 05/16/2025 | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 6376   | New Well                               |            | Julia          | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 05/19/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |



# Hardin County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT                          | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST         | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|--------|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------|
| 6381   | New Well                         |            | Kenneth             | Gore         | Dale          | 06/02/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6387   | New Well                         |            | Roger               | Turk         | Mitch         | 06/05/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6393   | New Well                         |            | Gary                | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/16/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6395   | New Well                         |            | Billy               | Turk         | Mitch         | 06/18/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6396   | New Well                         |            | Jay                 | Turk         | Mitch         | 06/20/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6397   | New Well                         |            | Fernando            | Bell         | Evan          | 06/23/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6403   | New Well                         |            | Michael             | Turk         | Mitch         | 06/27/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6409   | New Well                         |            | William             | Paskell      | Keith         | 07/04/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6411   | New Well                         |            | Dillon              | Turk         | Mitch         | 07/09/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6414   | New Well                         |            | Talia               | Turk         | Mitch         | 07/16/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6422   | New Well                         |            | Norbert             | Jones        | Whit          | 07/21/2025 | Chicot  | <null>     |
| 6424   | New Well                         |            | Clayton             | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 07/23/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6426   | New Well                         |            | Stephen             | West         | Randy         | 07/23/2025 | <null>  | <null>     |
| 6430   | New Well                         |            | Austin              | Jones        | Whit          | 07/25/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6431   | New Well                         |            | Wesley              | Turk         | Mitch         | 07/29/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6438   | New Well                         |            | Merle               | Turk         | Mitch         | 08/04/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6439   | New Well                         |            | Sara                | Bell         | Evan          | 08/04/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6440   | New Well                         |            | Lane                | Paskell      | Keith         | 08/07/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6442   | New Well                         |            | Mildred             | Paskell      | Keith         | 08/08/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6443   | New Well                         |            | Vanessa             | Paskell      | Keith         | 08/09/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6444   | New Well                         |            | Nathan              | Paskell      | Keith         | 08/09/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6453   | New Well                         |            | Troy                | Paskell      | Keith         | 08/19/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6451   | New Well                         |            | Ray                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 08/20/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6452   | New Well (2nd home for daughter) |            | Jacee               | Paskell      | Keith         | 08/20/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6461   | New Well                         |            | Chrisotpher         | West         | Randy         | 08/28/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6462   | New Well                         |            | Shannon and Matthew | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/04/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 6464   | New Well                         |            | Mitchell            | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/05/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie     |

# Hardin County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT          | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST           | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER      |
|--------|------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
| 6468   | New Well         |            | Mike                  | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/06/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6466   | New Well         |            | Jason                 | Bell         | Evan          | 09/09/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6467   | Replacement Well |            | B. A.                 | Turk         | Mitch         | 09/09/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6469   | New Well         |            | Steven                | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/09/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6471   | New Well         |            | Athan                 | Jones        | Whit          | 09/10/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6478   | New Well         |            | Sonny                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/17/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6482   | Replacement Well |            | Jerry                 | Turk         | Mitch         | 09/22/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 6486   | New Well         |            | Terry                 | Turk         | Mitch         | 09/26/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6489   | Replacement Well |            | Thomas                | Turk         | Mitch         | 10/01/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6491   | New Well         |            | Brandi                | Turk         | Mitch         | 10/03/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 6492   | New Well         |            | Richard               | Paskell      | Keith         | 10/03/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6494   | New Well         |            | Samanth               | Paskell      | Keith         | 10/06/2025 | Chicot  | Lissis          |
| 6496   | New Well         |            | Bryan                 | Turk         | Mitch         | 10/07/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6497   | New Well         |            | Velma                 | West         | Randy         | 10/09/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6499   | New Well         |            | Joedy                 | West         | Randy         | 10/10/2025 | <null>  | <null>          |
| 6507   | New Well         |            | Craig                 | Gore         | Dale          | 10/14/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 11566  | New Well         |            | Joe                   | Bell         | Evan          | 10/28/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11568  | New Well         |            | Dyllon and<br>Kendall | Paskell      | Keith         | 10/28/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11570  | New Well         |            | Lisa                  | West         | Randy         | 10/29/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11573  | New Well         |            | Howard                | Turk         | Mitch         | 11/04/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11577  | New Well         |            | Elvia                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 11/05/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11586  | New Well         |            | Brian                 | Pakell       | Keith         | 11/14/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11589  | New Well         |            | Colby                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 11/21/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11590  | New Well         |            | Kevin                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 11/21/2025 | <null>  | <null>          |
| 11595  | New Well         |            | Richard               | West         | Randy         | 11/22/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11599  | New Well         |            | Tyler                 | Turk         | Mitch         | 12/10/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11600  | New Well         |            | Elizabeth             | Turk         | Mitch         | 12/12/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie / Willis |
| 11601  | New Well         |            | Saul                  | Paskell      | Keith         | 12/12/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |

## Hardin County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT  | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER      |
|--------|----------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
| 11602  | New well |            | Sterling    | Turk         | Mitch         | 12/17/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie / Willis |
| 11603  | New Well |            | Justin      | Gore         | Dale          | 12/17/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11606  | New Well |            | Colton      | Turk         | Mitch         | 12/21/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11607  | New Well |            | Colbie      | Turk         | Mitch         | 12/21/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 11610  | New Well |            | Grant       | Paskell      | Keith         | 12/22/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 11609  | New Well |            | Wayne       | Johnson      | Aaron         | 12/23/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 11612  | New Well |            | Hunter      | Jones        | Whit          | 12/31/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |

## Hardin County - Exempt Other Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT                     | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE DRILLED | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------|------------|
| 456    | New Well / Retreat Property |            | Peter       | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 04/07/2025   | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 457    | New Well / Retreat Property |            | Peter       | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 04/07/2025   | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| 459    | New Well / Less Than 25,000 |            | Beau        | Turk         | Mitch         | 05/21/2025   | Chicot  | Willis     |
| 461    | New Well / Agri.            |            | Ken         | Turk         | Mitch         | 07/26/2025   | Chicot  | Lissie     |

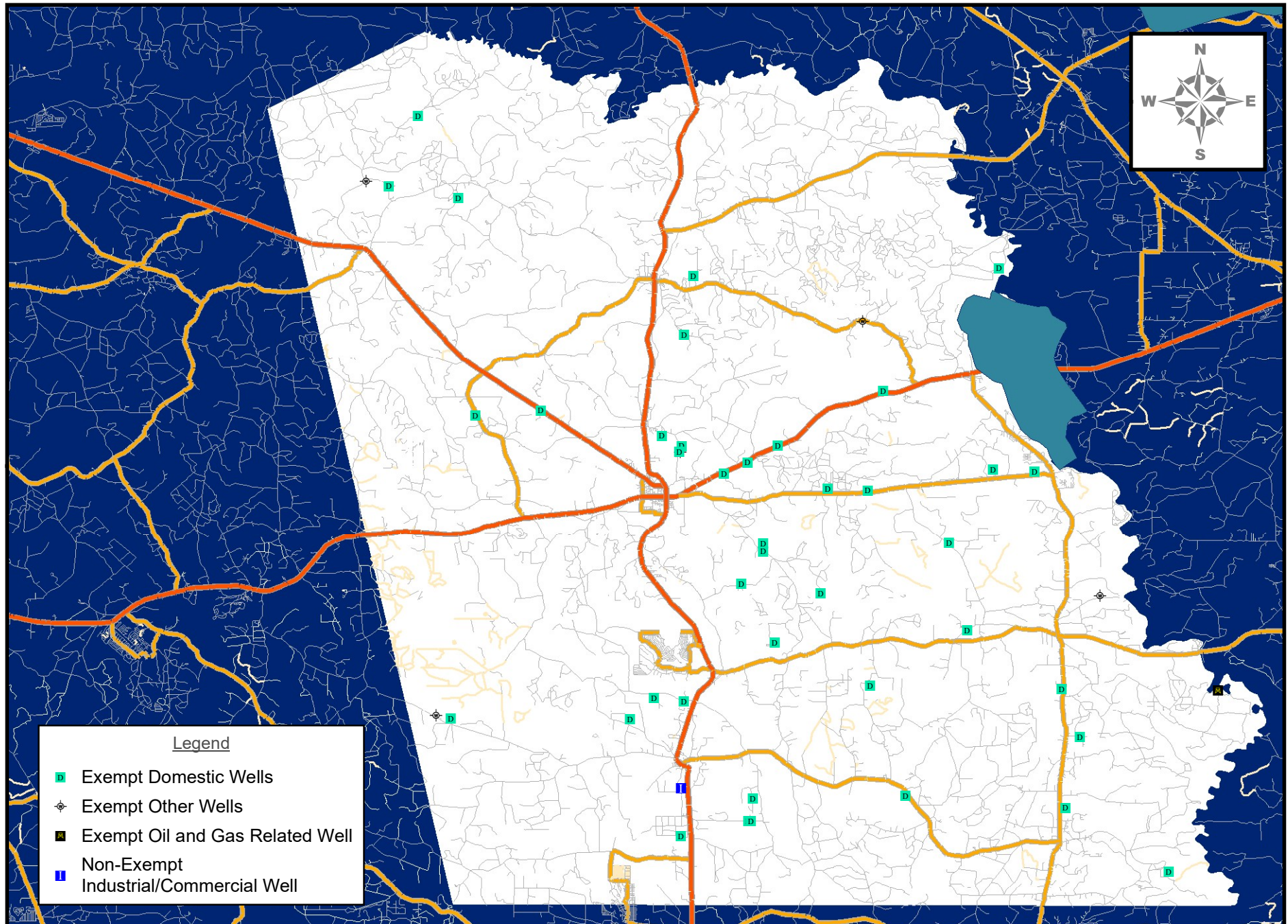
## Hardin County - Exempt Oil and Gas Related Wells - 2025

| WELL OWNER                | WELL NAME        | DRILLING CO.      | DATE DRILLED | PLUGGED? | FRACKED? | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Whitehead Resources, LTD  | Arriola Fee #192 | George Bellenger  | 06/08/2025   | Y        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| Whitehead Resources, LTD  | Arriola Fee #192 | George Bellenger  | 06/08/2025   | Y        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| TX Operating Partners LLC | EFF Doty Jackson | Dales Water Wells | 09/19/2025   | N        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |

# Hardin County - Non-Exempt Industrial/Commercial Well - 2025

| Company_Name    | COMMENT                     | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE PERMITTED | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------|------------|
| Modern Land Co. | New Well / Concrete<br>Prod | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 10/15/2025     | Chicot  | Lissie     |

# Wells Registered / Permitted in Tyler County - 2025





# Tyler County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT                                        | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST       | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER    |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|
| 6291   | NewWell                                        |            | Joe               | Gore         | Dale          | 01/15/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 6296   | New Well                                       |            | Sam               | Turk         | Mitch         | 01/25/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie        |
| 6298   | New Well / Owner Registered (drilled 2009 ish) |            | Loren and Diane   | U/K          | U/K           | 01/31/2025 | <null>  | <null>        |
| 6302   | New Well                                       |            | Eddie             | Gore         | Dale          | 02/03/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto |
| 6313   | Replacement Well                               |            | Toby              | Gore         | Dale          | 03/03/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 6314   | New Well                                       |            | Brittany          | Bell         | Evan          | 03/03/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 6333   | New Well                                       |            | Steve             | Ballard      | Sammuel       | 03/25/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 6339   | New Well                                       |            | Regina            | Gore         | Dale          | 03/26/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto |
| 6340   | New Well                                       |            | James             | Bell         | Evan          | 03/26/2025 | U/K     | U/K           |
| 6341   | New Well                                       |            | Alana             | Ballard      | Sam           | 04/01/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto |
| 6349   | New Well                                       |            | Sean              | Gore         | Dale          | 04/08/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie        |
| 6356   | New Well                                       |            | Mitchell          | Turk         | Mitch         | 04/16/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie        |
| 6359   | New Well                                       |            | Derrick           | Turk         | Mitch         | 04/18/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 6373   | New Well                                       |            | Vanna             | Gore         | Dale          | 05/12/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto |
| 6384   | New Well                                       |            | Johnny            | Gore         | Dale          | 06/03/2025 | Jasper  | Oakville      |
| 6398   | Replacement Well                               |            | Jerry             | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/20/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto |
| 6400   | New Well - Developer                           |            | Curt              | Jones        | Bobby         | 06/25/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 6416   | New Well                                       |            | Mike              | Gore         | Dale          | 07/14/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 6413   | New Well - Developer                           |            | Curt              | Jones        | Bobby         | 07/17/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |
| 6418   | New Well                                       |            | Lance             | Gore         | Dale          | 07/17/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie        |
| 6432   | New Well                                       |            | Bryce and Chelsea | Gore         | Dale          | 07/28/2025 | N/A     | N/A           |
| 6434   | New Well                                       |            | Kevin             | Jones        | Bobby         | 07/30/2025 | U/K     | U/K           |
| 6435   | New Well                                       |            | Nancy             | Jones        | Bobby         | 07/30/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto |
| 6441   | New Well                                       |            | Tyler             | Turk         | Mitch         | 08/06/2025 | Chicot  | Willis        |

# Tyler County - Exempt Domestic Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT                                  | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REG.  | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER      |
|--------|------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
| 6447   | New Well                                 |            | Gaston      | Gore         | Dale          | 08/12/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie / Willis |
| 6448   | New Well /<br>second home on<br>property |            | David       | Gore         | Dale          | 08/13/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 6454   | New Well                                 |            | Aaron       | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 08/15/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 6460   | New Well                                 |            | Jessie      | Jones        | Bobby         | 08/22/2025 | U/K     | U/K             |
| 6470   | New Well                                 |            | Thomas      | Bell         | Evan          | 09/10/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 6473   | New Well                                 |            | Frederical  | Bell         | Evan          | 09/11/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 6485   | New Well                                 |            | Brandon     | Turk         | Mitch         | 09/26/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 6487   | New Well                                 |            | Mike        | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 09/29/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 6506   | New Well                                 |            | Doug        | Gore         | Dale          | 10/13/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 11575  | New Well                                 |            | Ryan        | Gore         | Dale          | 11/04/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11580  | New Well                                 |            | Dana        | Turk         | Mitch         | 11/12/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 11581  | Replacement Well                         |            | John        | Gore         | Dale          | 11/14/2025 | Chicot  | Lissie          |
| 11587  | Replacement Well                         |            | Douglas     | Turk         | Mitch         | 11/18/2025 | Chicot  | Willis          |
| 11588  | New Well                                 |            | Matt        | Jones        | Bobby         | 11/18/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto   |
| 11593  | New Well                                 |            | Elizabeth   | Gore         | Dale          | 11/25/2025 | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto   |
| 11596  | New Well                                 |            | Morgan      | Jones        | Bobby         | 12/02/2025 | U/K     | U/K             |

## Tyler County - Exempt Other Wells - 2025

| ID NO. | COMMENT                            | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE DRILLED | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER      |
|--------|------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------|-----------------|
| 458    | New Well / Live Stock              |            | Rick        | Gore         | Dale          | 04/24/2025   | U/K     | U/K             |
| 464    | New Well / Agri.                   |            | Mark        | Gore         | Dale          | 10/06/2025   | U/K     | U/K             |
| 468    | New Well / Agr. Stock Pond         |            | Elizabeth   | Gore         | Dale          | 11/21/2025   | Jasper  | Lower Lagarto   |
| 470    | New Well / Agr. Stock Pond         |            | Chad        | Chaffin      | Jay           | 12/08/2025   | <null>  | <null>          |
| 471    | New Well / Agr. Stock Pond - solar |            | Jimmy       | Gore         | Dale          | 12/31/2025   | Chicot  | Lissie / Willis |

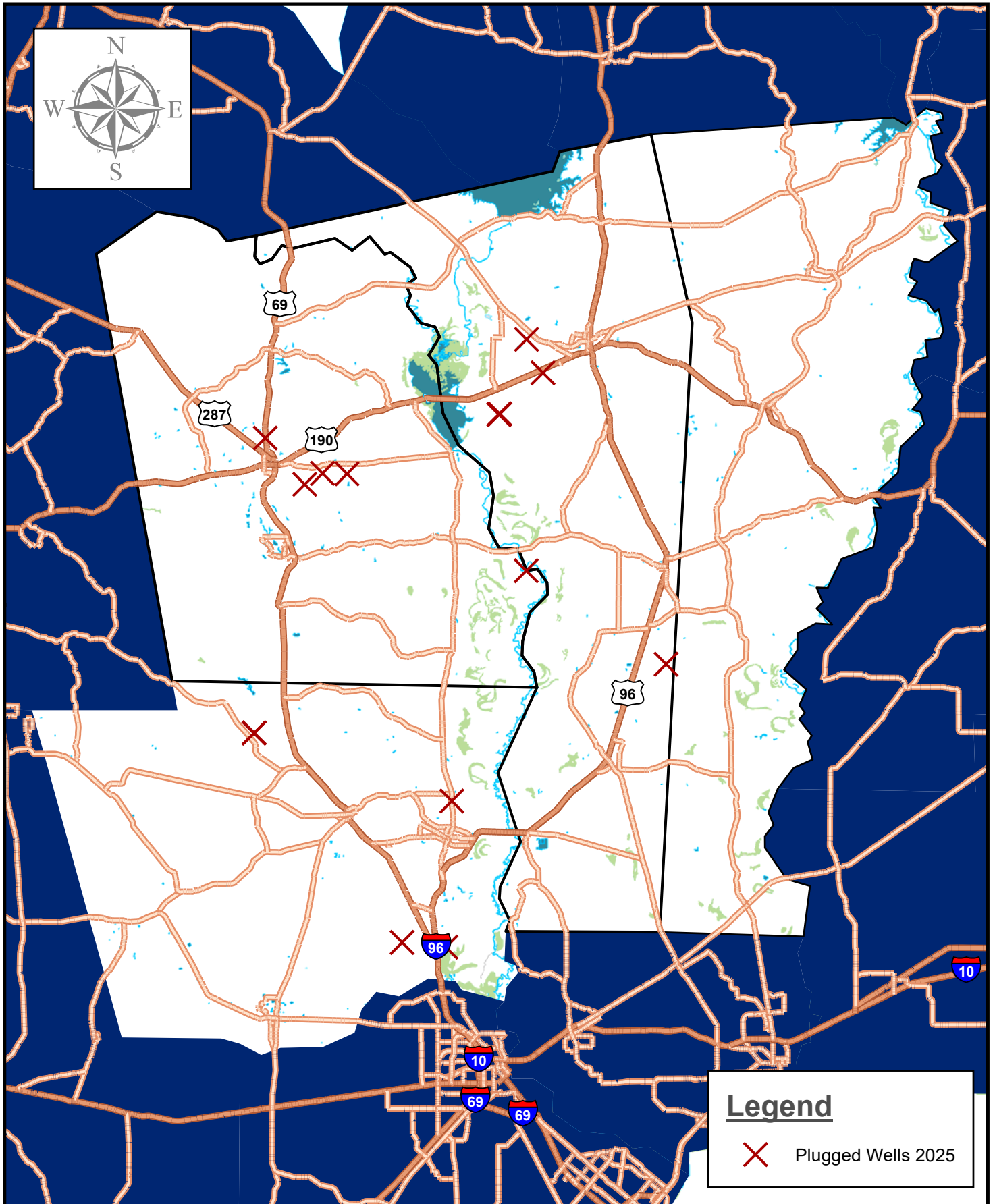
## Tyler County - Exempt Oil and Gas Related Wells - 2025

| WELL OWNER             | WELL NAME | DRILLING CO.     | DATE DRILLED | PLUGGED? | FRACKED? | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Sandalwood Exploration | WN Unit A | George Bellenger | 03/01/2025   | Y        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |

## Tyler County - Non-Exempt Industrial/Commercial Well - 2025

| Company_Name        | COMMENT                           | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE PERMITTED | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------|------------|
| Pulice Construction | Temp Well for Hwy 69 Construction | Turk         | Mitch         | 01/31/2025     | Chicot  | Willis     |

# Plugged Wells - 2025



# Plugged Wells 2025 - District Wide

| IDENT                     | LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | COMPANY                      | DATE PLUGGED |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Meteor #1 WW2             |           |            | Jamex, Inc.                  | 01/02/2025   |
| JT&I Custom Homes         |           |            | JT&I Custom Homes            | 02/07/2025   |
| Mary Rene 1H              |           |            | Geo Southern                 | 02/26/2025   |
| Fistfull of BS 1H<br>WW#2 |           |            | Zarvona Energy               | 03/04/2025   |
| Fistfull of BS 1H<br>WW#3 |           |            | Zarvona Energy               | 03/04/2025   |
| Fistfull of BS 1H<br>WW#1 |           |            | Zarvona Energy               | 03/04/2025   |
| WN Unit A                 |           |            | Sandalwood<br>Exploration    | 03/27/2025   |
|                           |           | David      |                              | 03/27/2025   |
| Monarch #1                |           |            | Paleo Oil Company            | 05/02/2025   |
|                           |           | Janet      |                              | 05/23/2025   |
| Arriola Fee #192          | <null>    | <null>     | Whitehead<br>Resources, LTD  | 09/03/2025   |
| Rivendell 1H              | <null>    | <null>     | Burk Royalty /<br>Navidad Op | 10/02/2025   |
| Hooper 2H                 | <null>    | <null>     | Burk Royalty /<br>Navidad Op | 10/02/2025   |
| Hancock #1 ww1            | <null>    | <null>     | Burk Royalty /<br>Navidad Op | 10/02/2025   |
| Meteor #1                 |           |            | Jamex, Inc.                  | 12/02/2025   |
| SETX Barndominium         | <null>    | <null>     | SETX Barndominium            | 12/23/2025   |



# GOAL 4.2

## CONTROLLING AND PREVENTING THE WASTE OF GROUNDWATER IN THE DISTRICT

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### **Objectives**

1. *Each year, the District will make an evaluation of the District Rules to determine whether any amendments are recommended to decrease the amount of waste of groundwater within the District.*
2. *Each year, the District will provide information to the public on eliminating and reducing wasteful practices in the use of groundwater by posting an article or newsletter on groundwater waste reduction on the District's website.*

### **Performance Standard**

1. *The District will include a copy of the meeting notice/agenda as well as the minutes of the meeting at which the District Rules were discussed and the determination of whether any amendments to the rules are recommended to prevent the waste of groundwater in the District's Annual Report.*
  2. *Each year, a copy of the information provided in the groundwater waste reduction article or newsletter on the District's website will be included in the District's Annual Report.*
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### **OBJECTIVE 1**

Attached is a copy of the District's July 10, 2025 meeting notice/agenda as well as the minutes of that meeting at which the District's Rules were discussed and evaluated (Agenda Item 9), specifically considering any changes that would reduce the amount of waste of groundwater within the District. After discussing potential rule changes, the board considered adding language to address the water that is used for flushing public water supply systems, however, no action was taken and no changes were made.

### **OBJECTIVE 2**

The article titled "Summertime Water Conservation and Waste Reduction Tips" was posted on the District's website and provided to local newspapers throughout the District. Printed webpages showing the date and time the article was posted to the District's website are provided in Section 5. The article was published in the following publications: Silsbee Bee (March 26, 2026), Jasper Newsboy (March 12, 2025), The Beaumont Enterprise (March 9, 2025), the East Texas Banner website (March 7, 2025),

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the Newton County News website (March 8, 2025), and the Tyler County Daily News website (March 7, 2025). A copy of the article is included in this section as well as in Goal 4.7 and is also included in the SETGCD Well Monitor newsletter in Appendix A (Tab 12).

In addition to the article being posted, the District continues to provide electronic copies of three informative water conservation pamphlets on the District's "Conservation" webpage: *Household Water Use and Ways to Save*, *Water is Limited. Save Some Today*, and *Conserving Water Outdoors*. These pamphlets are designed by the Texas Water Development Board in conjunction with its Water IQ program. The District also provides these pamphlets directly to the owner of each new well that is registered within the District.

# **Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District**

**NOTICE** is given that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District will hold a monthly board meeting on Thursday July 10, 2025 starting at 10:00 a.m., at the Jasper County Courthouse Annex Building, Emergency Operations Center (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), at 271 East Lamar, Jasper, Texas 75951 in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code or (as amended).

## **Regular Board Meeting:**

The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

1. Call to order;
2. Public comment;
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2025 Board meeting;
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report and approval of payables presented;
5. Presentation of the District's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025 Investment Report;
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the annual review of the District's Fiscal Management and Investment Policy;
7. Discussion and possible action regarding large volume groundwater export projects throughout Texas;
8. Discussion and possible action regarding potential changes to District Rules including but not limited to water marketing and large volume export projects;
9. Discussion and possible action regarding potential changes to the District's Rules including but not limited to Management Plan item 4.2(1) – "Evaluation of the District's Rules to determine whether any amendments are recommended to decrease the amount of waste of groundwater within the District;
10. Discussion and possible action regarding adding a second employee and the related need for additional office space;
11. Manager's Report to include: Update on subsidence monitoring/CORS station, general legislative update, presentation at Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) seminar, and drought conditions;
12. Establish date and time of next meeting; and,
13. Meeting adjourned.

*These public meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend the meeting please contact the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District, (409) 383-1577, at least three working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.*

**Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District**  
**July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes**  
**Jasper County Courthouse Annex Building**  
**Emergency Operations Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Jasper, Texas**

**Directors Present:**

Olen Bean, President  
Charles Zimmerman, Sec. / Treasurer  
Bobby Rogers, Vice President  
Paul Andruess  
Steven Black  
Brent Marcum  
Rick Russler  
Billy Ted Smith  
Robb Starr

**Directors Absent:**

Deana Gibson  
Greg Kelley  
Thomas Hawthorne  
Landon Kelly

John Martin, General Manager

**Regular Board Meeting:**

1. Call to order: At 10:06 a.m., President Bean called to order the regular meeting of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District and asked Vice President Rogers to open the meeting with an invocation. President Bean then asked Manager Martin to conduct roll call. A quorum was confirmed with 9 Directors present, 4 Directors absent.
2. Public comment: President Bean noted that no members of the public were present.
3. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2025 Board meeting: President Bean asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the previous meeting's minutes. Director Smith made motion to approve the June 12, 2025, meeting minutes. Director Starr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the monthly Treasurer's Report and approval of payables presented: Treasurer Zimmerman provided a detailed review of the District's July 2025 Treasurer's Report including account balances, monthly payables, and the expected First State Bank (FSB) operating account balance after the July payables have been disbursed. Director Starr made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and payables presented. Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Presentation of the District's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025 Investment Report: Manager Martin reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025 Investment Report including deposits and withdrawals, interest earned and deposited, ending balances, and interest rates for each of the District's accounts. He noted that the current WA calculation as of June 30 was 70.42 days, well within the requirement of 365 days. He also noted that the change in total investments from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 Investment Report was a reduction of just under \$2,200. He



explained that the first half of the year saw many large expenses such as those related to the CORS station and our annual financial audit. Manager Martin then noted Meeting Material Items 5a – 5d, which included Investment Report, the WAM calculation form, the State Comptroller's Divestment Lists and the latest Texpool S&P ratings, which continue to be AAA for both accounts.

He reminded the Board that no action is required on this matter, only that the Board be provided and review an investment report each quarter.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the annual review of the District's Fiscal Management and Investment Policy: Manager Martin reviewed that it is an annual requirement that the District review its Fiscal Management and Investment Policy. He noted that no changes that impacted the District were made to the PFIA during the legislative session and that he was not recommending any changes to the policy this year.

After a brief discussion Director Smith made a motion that the District approve the policy as is, with no changes. The motion was seconded by Director Russler. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding large volume groundwater export projects throughout Texas: Manager Martin began by noting Meeting Material Item 7A which was an article on a large export project in the Brazos Valley GCD which was originally intended to export 100,000-acre feet of water a year out of that district. He pointed out that the article says that they have "settled" this issue, with the settlement being a reduction in the amount requested. The amount to be approved cut in half the original request and will allow permittee to export 50,000-acre feet per year.

He then stated that the large export project up in the Trinity and Neches Valleys GCD (TNVGCD) is still a very hot topic. He referred the directors to Meeting Material Item 7b, a draft letter that President Bean suggested we consider sending to our county judges regarding the matter and the fact that the same parent company has a large tract of land within the District in Hardin County. Manager Martin stated that he drafted the letter as being addressed from him, however, wanted the director's thoughts on whether they thought it should be from President Bean.

After some discussion, it was recommended that the letter be sent from President Bean and include a couple of minor changes: first, the addition of some language in the first paragraph of the letter providing comparison data based on local pumping to the proposed export pumping. And secondly, that the letter be Cc'd to the Liberty County Judge's office as well. Director Starr made motion to approve sending the letter with the changes discussed. Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager Martin then reminded the board that Representative/Chairman Harris has called a House Natural Resources Committee public hearing on the TNVGCD matter and that it is scheduled for July 15th. He explained that the public hearing was by invitation only for testimony and that our district had not been specifically invited, however the Region I Water Planning Group has been invited. Manager Martin stated that he spoke to Attorney Stover about this and that it was his recommendation that he attended the public hearing but only as a resource witness for the Region I Water Planning Group. He stated that he



planned on attending that public hearing (noting that it would be poor form to ignore an invitation from the Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, especially after his committee recently passed our bill), but since it would be an expense to the District if there were any objections, he would not attend. No objections were made.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding potential changes to District Rules including but not limited to water marketing and large volume export projects: Manager Martin explain that Attorney Stover is very busy and has not given us anything specific yet, but has been assured the he was working on our Rules. He noted that he spoke to Attorney Stover earlier in the week on this subject and reiterated the importance of reviewing and updating our rules to assist the board to better handle today's "water world".

One of the items Manager Martin specifically asked Attorney Stover to review and look into is our guidelines for hydrogeologic reports. Manager Martin noted that when we last made rule changes, one of the things we included was an updated guideline for hydrogeologic reports, and when researching the subject he saw that some districts had very extensive requirements. He noted meeting material item 8b, which was the hydrogeologic report guidelines from the Bluebonnet GCD.

Director Russler inquired as to why Rule 14, which pertained to permit requirements for export projects. Manager Martin explained that GCDs cannot legally treat permit requests any differently because of the location where the water was going to be used. Because of this, he noted that several years back he recommended that the rules be changed so that the permit requests be treated the same, whether for in-district use or export; he also noted that the rules still allow for export fees to be collected for water that directly leaves the District. Manager Martin did note that thar our rules could address all permits with tiered requirements as is the case with the provided hydrogeologic guidelines that he shared.

Additional discussion was had on export fees with Director Starr suggesting that the District adopt higher export fees. Manager Martin noted that he and President Bean had discussed suggesting the same thing but in a way that would either grandfather existing permit holders who export or implementing a tiered fee structure that would step up the export fee based on the volume being exported. Treasurer Zimmerman noted that additional funding from the export fees could be used for additional monitoring sites such as the CORS station the District recently installed. Manager Martin stated that he would discuss this with Attorney Stover and bring back recommendations for consideration.

Director Starr noted that he had a suggestion for a change to our rules that would be related to decreasing the amount of waste of groundwater. Manager Martin noted that we should advance to the next agenda item to specifically discuss that.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding potential changes to the District's Rules including but not limited to Management Plan item 4.2(1) – "Evaluation of the District's Rules to determine whether any amendments are recommended to decrease the amount of waste of groundwater within the District: Director Starr commented that he though some language could be added to the rules that would relate to the reducing waste. He explained that water systems need to flush their systems, and he believed that adding language to the District Rules would be beneficial. Manager Martin asked if he would draft some language specific



to his request so that the District could consider adopting his suggestions at a later meeting. Director Starr agreed to do so.

Manager Martin noted that he had no recommendations for any additional rule changes that would specifically apply to the reduction of waste of groundwater within the District. No actions were taken at this time.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding adding a second employee and the related need for additional office space: Manager Martin referred the Board to his written Managers Report, quickly reviewed it and asked for their opinions on how best to proceed. After a discussion on whether the District should first hire an assistant manager or and administrative assistant, it was decided that first finding a potential predecessor to Manager Martin would be the better option. Treasurer Zimmerman also noted the importance of hiring an administrative assistant at some point prior to Manger Martin retiring. President Bean quested that Manager Martin begin putting together a job description and numbers related to salary and benefits for a full-time assistant manager to be discussed and considered at a later meeting.

Also discussed was the need for additional office space. Although no action was taken on this matter, it was agreed upon that Directors would begin looking for additional space by way of talking with respective county judges.

11. Manager's Report to include: Update on subsidence monitoring/CORS station, general legislative update, presentation at Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) seminar, and drought conditions: Manager Martin asked if anyone had any questions on his written Manager's Report. None were asked. He provided additional information on a topic he mentioned at the last meeting related to "produced water" from the oil and gas industry. He quickly reviewed the basics of the case and noted that groundwater isn't typically part of the mineral rights that the oil and gas industry own. The produced water is a waste byproduct of the oil and gas industry and is typically very low quality, none-the-less, it is becoming a commodity, and a recent Texas Supreme Court case was heard dealing with who owned the produced water. Manager Martin stated that the Texas Supreme Court decision said it belonged to the oil/gas company as a waste byproduct and not the surface owner.

Manager Martin also mentioned one other item. It was regarding the Socioeconomic Impact Report recently made available by the Texas Water Development Board. He stated that this report is required to be included as part of the Regional Water plan, and is also used by the GMA's and was recently updated by the TWDB. He explained that when he reviewed it, the report showed that a purported "shortage" of 78-acre feet per year in Tyler county for industrial use. This "shortage" was shown to equate to an economic loss of nearly \$100 million dollars. He noted that he followed up with the Texas Water Development Board to confirm that that minimal amount of water, based on their methodology, would equate to such a huge number. Manager Martin said they responded that they checked their numbers and utilizing the same methodology used for the industrial category across the state, that the number was correct.



12. Establish date, time, place, and agenda items of next meeting: President Bean noted that August is one of the District's two holiday months and that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be September 11, 2025

13. Meeting adjourned at: 12:05

Olen Bean

Olen Bean, President

Charles Zimmerman

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Date: September 11, 2025

## Summertime Groundwater Conservation and Waste Reduction Tips

We are just barely seeing signs of spring but before we know it, summertime will be here once again. That means our water use is going to increase significantly. It is estimated that during the summer we use between two and four times as much water as we do the rest of the year. Overall, depending on where you live and how much watering you do, 30—70 percent of all the water we use at home is used outdoors. The best way to be sure you aren't wasting water is to follow some simple guidelines that will help conserve our most precious resource. If you don't, you may be wasting up to 50 percent of the water you are using due to inefficient watering methods. Since nearly all water used within the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District is groundwater (well water), by conserving water today, we are banking it for future use when we experience drought periods. Keep these tips in mind when you are using water outdoors:

- Don't water your lawn or garden at the wrong time of the day. During the hottest part of the day, you can lose a significant amount of the water you are applying to evaporation.
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- One way to tell if your lawn needs water is to step on the grass and see if it springs back. If it does, you needn't worry about watering. Also, let the grass grow a little. By letting it grow longer it will shade the ground and roots and slow the evaporation rate.
- In the garden, be sure to utilize mulch around your vegetable plants. A good layer of ground cover will allow the water to seep deeper into the soil and reduce loss due to evaporation.
- Pools are very susceptible to evaporation. It's not uncommon to have to add 2,000 gallons a month to a pool due to summertime evaporation. The use of a pool cover can reduce evaporation by as much as 90 percent. And, believe it or not, even during the winter season you can lose hundreds of gallons per month to evaporation if the pool is not covered.
- Pool features such as fountains have become popular. These fountains look great, but they can significantly increase the amount of water you lose to evaporation. Save water by limiting the runtime of these fountains or eliminate it all together.
- Be conscientious when washing your vehicles at home. If you leave a hose running, you could use as much as 100 gallons or more washing your vehicle. Have a sprayer head on the hose to save water or consider a commercial car wash. A commercial car wash typically uses 35 – 70 gallons of water with newer high-tech facilities using as little as 15 gallons.

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With a drip irrigation system you will be able to apply a very specific amount of water to each plant individually when you water. You can purchase a basic all-inclusive set-up at your local home improvement store for \$50—\$75. The starter kits typically come with a variety of components and between 50—100 feet of tubing to get you started

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### Board Meetings

2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 10:00 AM unless otherwise noticed.

No Board meetings scheduled for August or December unless otherwise noticed.

Meetings are held at the  
Jasper County Courthouse Annex Building  
271 E. Lamar, Suite 202, 2nd Floor -  
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## OUTDOOR TIPS

One inch of water per week in the summer will keep most Texas grasses healthy. To determine how long you should run your sprinklers, place straight-edged cans at different distances away from the sprinkler and time how long it takes to fill an average of 1 inch of water in each can.

Don't abuse the benefits of an automatic sprinkler system by over-watering. Set it to provide thorough but infrequent watering. Check sprinkler heads regularly to make sure they are working properly. Install rain shut-off devices and adjust sprinklers to eliminate coverage on pavement.

Prevent evaporation of water. Water lawns early in the morning or in the evening during the hotter summer months. Never water on windy days. Use drip irrigation systems for bedded plants, trees, or shrubs and use low-angle sprinklers for lawns. Cover pools and spas. This can save the equivalent of your pool volume each year!

Plant water-efficient, well-adapted, and/or native shrubs, trees, and grasses. Choose plants that are drought and heat tolerant and can survive the minimum winter temperatures in your area. In odd-shaped areas, use drought-tolerant groundcover instead of grass. Many cities provide lists of water-efficient plants.

Harvest the rain. Buy a rain barrel or a cistern and collect the water from your gutters to water your plants.

Use your water efficiently. Don't waste water by cleaning patios or sidewalks with it; use a broom. For plants that need more water, use a hose or watering can to give them additional water.

Keep grass 3 inches tall during the summer and don't cut more than one-third of its length at one time. Don't scalp lawns when mowing during hot weather. Taller grass holds moisture better. Leave lawn clippings on the lawn instead of bagging.

Use lots of mulch around your shrubs and trees. It will retain moisture, reduce run-off, moderate soil temperatures, and help with weed control.

Don't over-fertilize! Get a soil kit to determine what nutrients your soil needs. If you apply fertilizer only in the spring and fall, your grass will be healthy, use less water, and require less mowing.

Use a car wash that recycles water. If you are washing your car at home, use a bucket of soapy water and a hose nozzle that shuts off the water while you scrub.



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## WATER CONSERVING TIPS



**USING WATER MORE EFFICIENTLY** will not only save money but, more importantly, will also help protect the quality of life of future Texans.

With the vastness of Texas, it's easy to forget two important facts about our state: we are subject to frequent droughts, and our population is projected to double in the next 50 years. The cost of developing new or additional supplies in that same time period is estimated to be \$30.7 billion.

To ensure that we have enough cost-effective water for current and future Texans, we need to reduce the amount of water we waste.



## POSSIBLE WATER SAVINGS

- High-efficiency toilets, water-efficient washing machines, rainwater harvesting systems, and water-efficient landscaping can all help reduce water use.
- Water-efficient showerheads and aerators for faucets can significantly reduce the amount of water you use. In fact, installing a water-efficient showerhead is one of the most effective water-saving steps you can take inside your house.
- Leaky faucets and toilets can waste thousands of gallons of water monthly, and they are inexpensive to fix. A few small changes in your water use habits can make a huge difference in water savings.
- In the summer, outdoor water use can account for 50 percent or more of total water use. With proper management, you can have a beautiful, healthy landscape and reduce your water use significantly. This can amount to hundreds of dollars in savings a year in water and often wastewater costs.



## INDOOR TIPS

### Bathroom

- Replace your showerhead with a water-efficient model.
- Get in the shower as soon as the water becomes warm enough.
- Take short showers.
- Take a shower instead of a bath. A shower with a water-efficient showerhead often uses less water than a bath.
- Reduce the level of water used in a bathtub by 1 or 2 inches if a shower is not available.
- Turn off the water while you are shaving. Fill the sink with hot water instead of letting the water run continuously.
- Replace your old toilet with a high-efficiency toilet that uses 1.3 gallons per flush.
- Test toilets for leaks. Once in awhile, take the top off of your toilet tank and watch it flush. Do you notice any leaks? Yes? Replace the flapper or rubber washer. Don't forget about those less obvious leaks. Add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the water in the tank, but do not flush the toilet. If the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes, the toilet has a leak that needs to be repaired.
- Never use the toilet to dispose of trash.
- Don't waste water when brushing your teeth or washing your hands. Shut off the water until it's time to rinse.

### Kitchen

- Run the dishwasher only when full. This practice will save water, energy, detergent, and money. If your dishes are not very dirty, use the short wash cycle. You can spend less money on water and energy by installing a high-efficiency dishwasher.
- Install faucet aerators. You'll never notice the difference, and you'll cut your sink water consumption in half! Also, don't ignore leaky faucets; they waste lots of water.
- Keep a container of water in the refrigerator. It will be refreshingly cool and won't waste water.
- Dry scrape dishes instead of rinsing. Your dishwasher will take care of the rest.
- Use garbage disposals sparingly. They can waste water unnecessarily.
- Soak pans rather than scrubbing them while the water is running.
- Rinse your vegetables in a pan of cold water; it doesn't take gallons of water to get the dirt off.

### Laundry room

- Conventional washing machines use 32 to 59 gallons of water per load.
- Wash only full loads.
- Use the lowest water level setting on the washing machine for light or partial loads whenever possible.
- Use cold water as often as possible to save energy and conserve hot water for uses that cold water cannot serve.

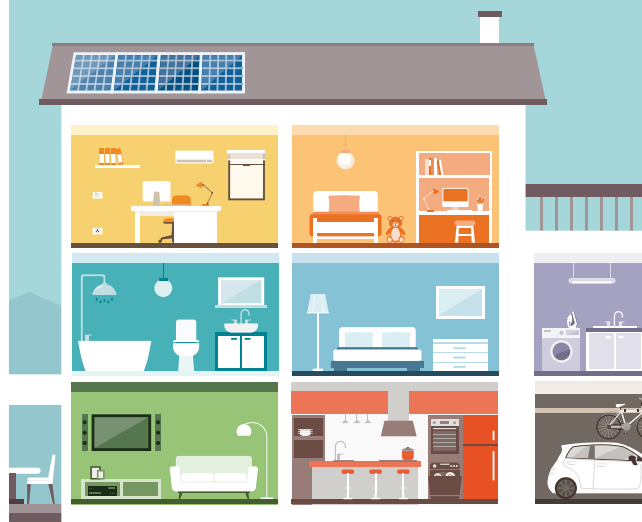
### Additional tips

- Don't ignore leaky faucets; they are usually easy and inexpensive to repair. Turn off the valve under the sink until you get around to repairing the leak. A slow drip can waste as much as 170 gallons of water each day and will add to the water bill.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is in case a pipe bursts. Insulate hot water pipes. You won't waste water waiting for it to get hot, and you will save energy too.
- Install water-softening systems only when necessary, and if you have one, save water and salt by running the minimum amount of regenerations necessary to maintain water softness.
- Replace water-to-air heat pumps and air conditioners with air-to-air if you are purchasing new units. They are just as efficient and do not waste water.
- Find other uses for water rather than letting it go down the drain, such as watering house plants with fish tank water.





# Household Water Use and Ways to Save



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## Install Water-Efficient Appliances and Fixtures

### Toilets

- ◆ Toilets account for approximately 24 percent of indoor water use. They also happen to be a major source of leaks and/or inefficiency.
- ◆ Over the course of your lifetime, you will likely flush the toilet nearly 140,000 times. A high-efficiency toilet can save you 4,000 gallons per year.
- ◆ A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water per day.



- ◆ Test toilets for leaks. Add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the water in the tank, but do not flush the toilet. If the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes, the toilet has a leak that needs to be repaired (usually the flapper or rubber washer).

### Showers

- ◆ A water-efficient showerhead is one of the single most effective water-saving steps you can take inside your home.
- ◆ Take shorter showers. A full bathtub can use up to 70 gallons of water versus a 5-minute shower that uses as little as 10 gallons.



### Sinks

- ◆ Install faucet aerators on sinks for a simple, cost-effective way to save water. The faucet's efficiency can double without sacrificing performance.

## Washing Machines

- ◆ High-efficiency washers use 35 to 55 percent less water and 50 percent less energy.
- ◆ They also require less detergent, rinse more thoroughly, are less abrasive on clothes, and can fit larger capacity loads in the same size drum.



## Dishwashers

- ◆ High-efficiency dishwashers use 2.1 to 7 gallons of water per load.
- ◆ Replacing older, inefficient models can cut dishwasher water use in half.

## Don't Wait to Fix Leaks!

Leaks waste both water and energy and can account for 14 percent or more of your water bill.

Use your water meter to check for invisible leaks.

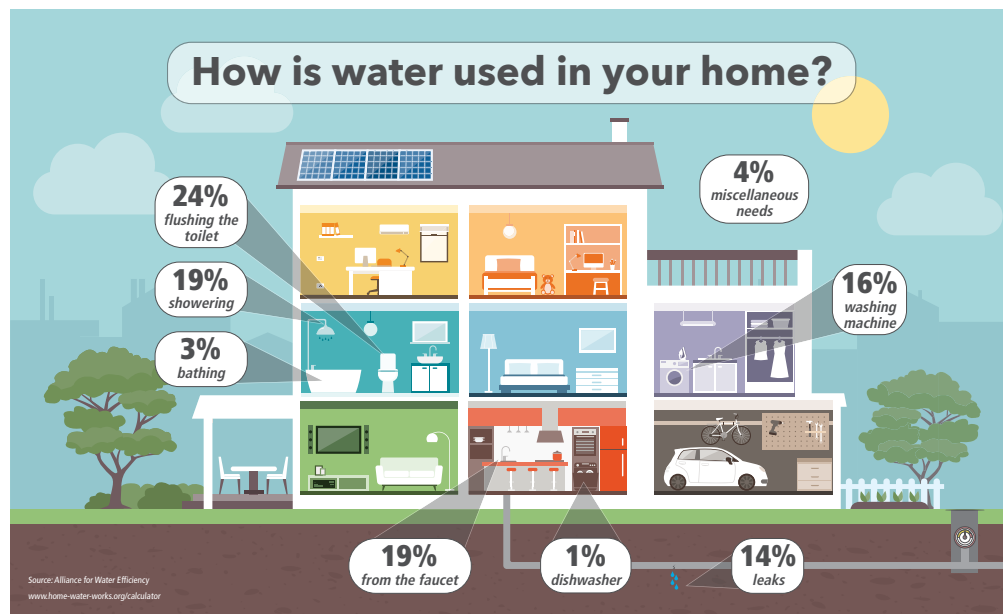
- ◆ Turn off all faucets and any water-using appliances.
- ◆ Read the dial on the water meter and record the numbers. (It is often located along the property line near the street.)
- ◆ Recheck the meter after 15 to 20 minutes.

If the numbers on the meter changed while no water was used, you have a leak!

If your utility offers customer dashboards, regularly check your usage throughout the month and watch for abnormally high readings, which may indicate a leak.

### How much water do you use?

Alliance for Water Efficiency's Water Calculator  
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## **THE FUTURE OF TEXAS WATER**

**Water** is our state's most precious and limited resource. With a growing population and an increasing need for water, we must be especially vigilant about how we use the water we already have. For years, Texas has experienced regularly recurring droughts, and more are inevitable in the future.

If Texans don't take steps to reduce water use, we could face serious water shortages over the next 50 years. If a drought of record occurs in the immediate future, it has been estimated that Texas could lose more than 400,000 jobs and over \$70 billion in annual economic activity. And those impacts increase each decade if the state water plan is not implemented.

Water conservation is often the least expensive and most cost-effective way to ensure adequate water supplies. Individual conservation practices can make a big difference in our overall water use.

***We need your help to save  
water, starting today!***



## HELP CONSERVE TODAY

Inside your home, toilets consume the most water, followed by washing machines and showers. Outdoor use can account for more than 30 percent of total home water use.

***Here are a few easy things you can start doing today to save water.\****

◆ **Fix leaks** – Leaks waste both water and energy and can account for 10 percent or more of your water bill. Frequently check for leaks in your toilets, washing machines, and sinks. A slow drip adds up.



◆ **Shorten shower time** –

Reducing your shower time from 10 to 5 minutes could

save at least 12.5 gallons per shower with efficient showerheads. That's over 4,500 gallons a year.

◆ **Turn off the faucet** – Don't let water run when you wash your hands, brush your teeth, and shave. Turn it off until you need it again.



◆ **Lower washing machine water level** –

Use the lowest water level setting on your washing machine whenever possible.

◆ **Water more efficiently** – Limit your yard watering to no more than once a week, and prevent water evaporation by watering early in the morning—and never on windy days.

Also, adjust sprinklers so they don't water the pavement or other unnecessary areas.

***Take water conservation one step further.***

Replace some of your household appliances with more energy-efficient models, and add rain sensors to your irrigation system.

◆ **Washing machines** – High-efficiency washing machines can save almost 25 gallons of water per load, and they save energy.



◆ **Toilets** – The average flush of an older toilet uses about 3.6 gallons of water, compared to newer, high efficiency toilets that use just 1.3 gallons per flush.

◆ **Sprinklers** – Install rain shut-off devices so you don't water the yard unnecessarily during or after a rain.

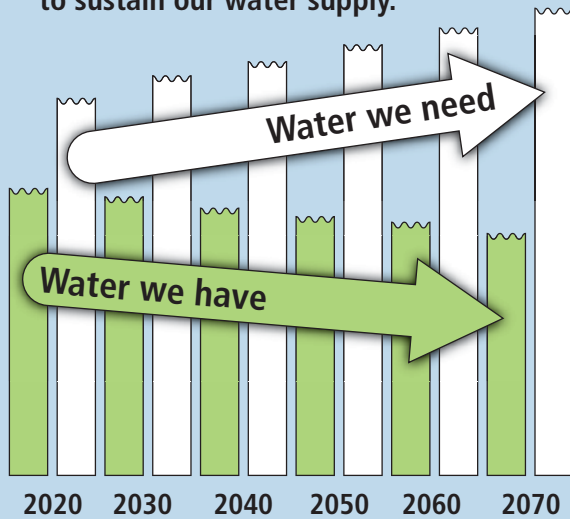
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Our need for water is growing, but our current water supply will decline over time. More and more water conservation efforts will be necessary to sustain our water supply.



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# GOAL 4.3

## CONTROLLING AND PREVENTING SUBSIDENCE

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### **Objectives**

- 1     *The District has reviewed the pertinent portions (Section 4.1.1 and 4.2.4) of the Texas Water Development Board's subsidence risk report: Identification of the Vulnerability of the Major and Minor Aquifers of Texas to Subsidence with Regard to Groundwater Pumping, – as well as other sources for applicability to the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District in an effort to better proactively manage subsidence.*

*At this time, there are no known occurrences of subsidence within the District. The District proactively strives to prevent subsidence from occurring by applying its Rules, meeting the goals of its management plan, and participating in joint planning efforts in both GMA 14 and the Region I Water Planning Group. Subsidence is one of the main considerations in groundwater management area planning and must be taken into consideration in the desired future conditions process prior to adopting new desired future conditions. **The District will participate in this process by attending at least one Groundwater Management Area 14 meeting each year.***

2.     *Each year, the District will review the data from subsidence monitoring locations within the District boundaries and may pursue installation of additional PAM or CORs subsidence monitoring locations.*

### **Performance Standard**

- 1     *A copy of the Groundwater Management Area 14's meeting notice/agenda and sign-in sheets (or any other available evidence of attendance) will be included in the District's annual report.*
2.     *Each year, a summary of the data related to subsidence monitoring stations within the District and installation of additional sites will be included in the Annual Report submitted to the Board of Directors of the District.*

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### **OBJECTIVE 1**

*Groundwater Management Area 14 (GMA 14) met six times in 2025, February 3, 2025, March 26, 2025, April 30, 2025, May 28, 2025, September 17, 2025, and November 19,*

## GOAL 4.3

2025. *The District was in attendance at all six scheduled meetings.*

### **OBJECTIVE 2**

GMA 14 (of which the District is a member), adopted its most recent Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) on February 23, 2022. On June 15, 2022 the Texas Water Development Board deemed the DFC submittal to be administratively complete and on July 14, 2022 the District adopted the DFCs specific and relevant to the District.

The new DFCs include “multiple metrics”, one of which is subsidence based. The subsidence-based metric is “...no more than an average of 1.0 additional foot of subsidence between 2009 and 2080”.

To track and monitor subsidence within the District, the District will utilize data made available by the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD). The HGSD operates a network of their own subsidence monitoring stations and collects data from other sites throughout the greater Houston area and makes this data available to the public. The Harris-Galveston Subsidence District collects data from 3 sites within the District: the TXKO site in Kountze, Texas, the TXWO site in Woodville, Texas, and the TXNE site in Newton, Texas. I have also included data from site TXB1, located in Jefferson County just 1.25 miles south of the Hardin/Jefferson County line (located just off 69/96/287).

In late 2024 the Board of Directors approved funds for a new subsidence monitoring station to be constructed in Jasper County (Buna CORS). The site is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Buna, Texas on the South Jasper County WSC’s well #1 site on CR 784. The site was completed, brought online and began recording elevation data in mid-May 2025. The data is manually downloaded from the station approximately every 2 months and then uploaded to the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD). The HGSD has all the data collected from the calendar year analyzed at the beginning of the following year. The Buna CORS station will collect data for 3 – 5 years to set a baseline for the site, at which time the data will then be made available as part of the HGSD website. Although data for the Buna CORS site will not be available for several years, the new site is labeled on the map as TXBU.

Additionally, in an effort to add more CORS sites in the District, the District submitted a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board for funds that would allow for 7 additional CORS stations to be installed. At the time of this report the status of the grant request is unknown.

Included are two location maps for the sites (one a general HGSD map and the second specific to the District), as well as site summaries and graphs showing the 5-Year Subsidence Rate and Change in Ellipsoid Height. The Data provided from these sites shows a very nominal change in surface elevation.

## GOAL 4.3

The summaries and graphs provided indicate very stable conditions with the TXKO and TXB1 site showing a minor increase in elevation and the TXWO and TXNE sites showing a very minor decreases in elevation.

# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

As required by Section 36.108(e), Texas Water Code, a meeting of the **Groundwater Management Area 14 Joint Planning Committee**, comprised of representatives from the following groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within Groundwater Management Area 14: Bluebonnet GCD, Brazoria County GCD, Lone Star GCD, Lower Trinity GCD, and Southeast Texas GCD, will be held on **Monday February 3, 2025 beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the offices of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, located at 655 Conroe Park North, Conroe, TX 77303.**

The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

1. Call to order;
2. Confirmation of receipt of posted notices;
3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the November 19, 2024 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Update from Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District regarding progress on the district's coring project;
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Gulf2023 Model update;
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the development of the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) including, but not limited to, the schedule for development of the DFCs;
10. Discussion and possible action regarding non-voting advisory stakeholder committee(s);
11. Discussion and possible action regarding positions of chairman, secretary, and Region H representative for the fourth round of joint planning;

Meeting will be convened as a meeting of the GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding the Interlocal Agreement For Governmental Functions And Services Related to Joint Planning In GMA 14;

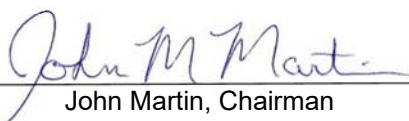
GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement Participants meeting will be adjourned, and the meeting of the GMA 14 District Representatives will reconvene.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items; and,
14. Meeting Adjourned;

Comments concerning any aspect of this meeting should be directed to Mr. John Martin of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 1407, Jasper, TX 75951; [jmartin@setgcd.org](mailto:jmartin@setgcd.org), or (409) 383-1577.

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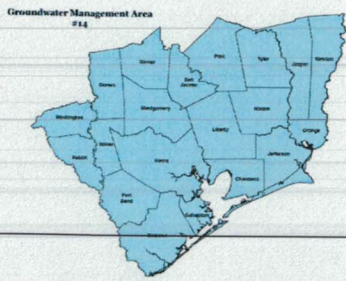
  
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GMA 14 Planning Group

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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA 14) JOINT PLANNING MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

February 03, 2025  
10:00 am

| Member District                         | District Representative | Date     | Signature         |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD                          | Zach Holland            |          |                   |
| Brazoria County GCD                     | Beverly Hopkins         | 2/3/25   | BH                |
| Lone Star GCD                           | Sarah Kouba             | 2/3/25   | Sarah Kouba       |
| Lower Trinity GCD                       | Gary Ashmore            | 2/3/2025 | Gary Ashmore      |
| Southeast Texas GCD                     | John Martin             | 2/3/25   | John Martin       |
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| Interlocal Participant                  | Representative          | Date     | Signature         |
| Harris Galveston<br>Subsidence District | Mike Turco              | 2/3/25   | Mike Turco        |
| Fort Bend Subsidence<br>District        | Ashley Greuter          | 2/3/2025 | Ashley Greuter    |
| Washington County                       | Veronica Osegueda       |          | Veronica Osegueda |
|                                         | KIRK HANATH             | 2.3.25   | Kirk Hanath       |
| Chambers County                         |                         |          |                   |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

1. Call to order;
2. Confirmation of receipt of posted notices;
3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the February 3, 2025 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Update from Lone Star Groundwater GCD regarding progress on the district's coring project;
8. Update (from Lone Star GCD), Discussion and possible action regarding the Gulf2023 Model update;
9. Discussion and possible action regarding GMA 14 representative and alternate to the Region H Regional Water Planning Group;
10. Discussion and possible action regarding DFC management priorities/approaches;
11. Discussion and consideration of aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(1));
12. Discussion and consideration of the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(2));
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
14. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items; and,
15. Meeting Adjourned;

Comments concerning any aspect of this meeting should be directed to Mr. John Martin of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 1407, Jasper, TX 75951; [jmartin@setgcd.org](mailto:jmartin@setgcd.org), or (409) 383-1577.

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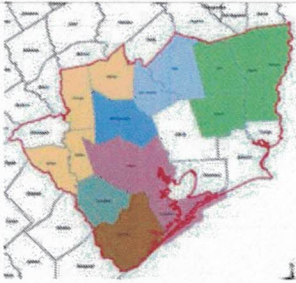
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John Martin, Chairman  
GMA 14 Planning Group

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# GMA 14 MEMBER AND INTERLOCAL SIGN IN SHEET

March 26, 2025  
10:00 AM

| Member District     | District Representative | Date      | Signature           |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |           | <i>Zach Holland</i> |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 3-26-25   | <i>BH</i>           |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 3/26/25   | <i>Sarah Kouba</i>  |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            | 3/26/2025 | <i>Gary Ashmore</i> |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 3-26-25   | <i>John Martin</i>  |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

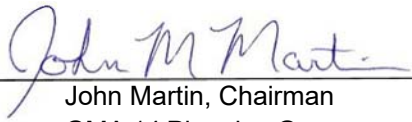
1. Call to order;
2. Confirmation of receipt of posted notices;
3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the March 26, 2025 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Discussion and possible action regarding DFC management priorities/approaches including review of current DFCs/MAG via the updated GMA 14 GAM;
8. Discussion and consideration of "hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the executive administrator, and the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(3));
9. Discussion and consideration of "other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(4));
10. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
11. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items; and,
12. Meeting Adjourned;

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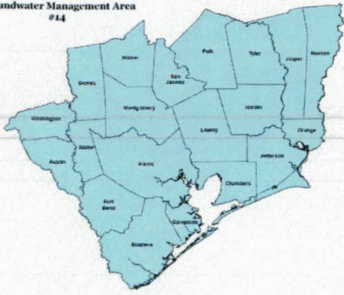
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John Martin, Chairman  
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA 14) JOINT PLANNING MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

April 30, 2025  
10:00 am

| Member District     | District Representative | Date    | Signature          |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |         |                    |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 4/30/25 | <i>BH</i>          |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 4/30/25 | <i>S Kouba</i>     |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            |         |                    |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 4/30/25 | <i>John Martin</i> |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

1. Call to order;
2. Confirmation of receipt of posted notices;
3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the April 30, 2025 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Discussion and consideration of "the impact on subsidence" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(5));
8. Discussion and consideration of "socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(6));
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
10. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items; and,
11. Meeting Adjourned;

Comments concerning any aspect of this meeting should be directed to Mr. John Martin of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 1407, Jasper, TX 75951; [jmartin@setgcd.org](mailto:jmartin@setgcd.org), or (409) 383-1577.

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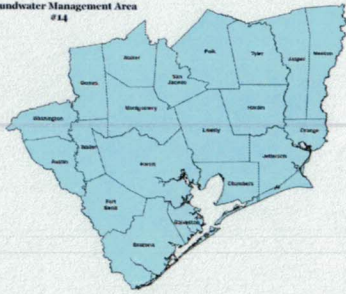
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA 14) JOINT PLANNING MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

May 28, 2025  
10:00 am

| Member District     | District Representative | Date      | Signature              |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |           |                        |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 5/28/25   | <i>Beverly Hopkins</i> |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 5/28/25   | <i>Sarah Kouba</i>     |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            | 5/28/2025 | <i>Gary Ashmore</i>    |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 5/28/25   | <i>John Martin</i>     |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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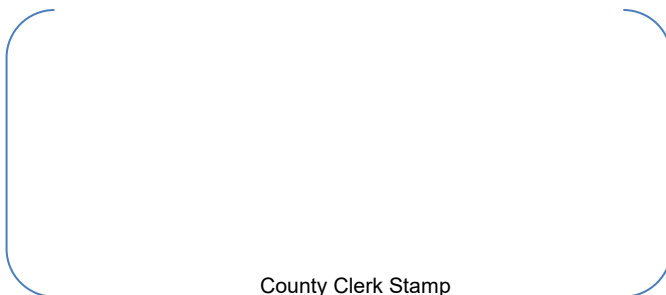
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The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

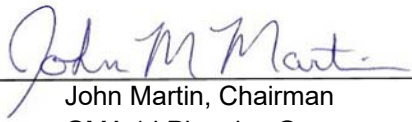
1. Call to order;
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3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the May 28, 2025 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Discussion and consideration of "the impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of management area landowners and their lessees and assigns in groundwater as recognized under Section 36.002;" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(7));
8. Discussion and consideration of "the feasibility of achieving the desired future condition" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(8));
9. Discussion and consideration of "any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(9));
10. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
11. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items; and,
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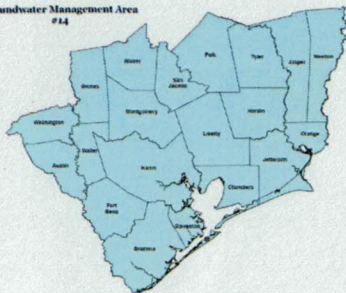


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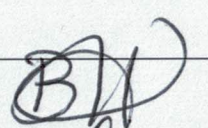
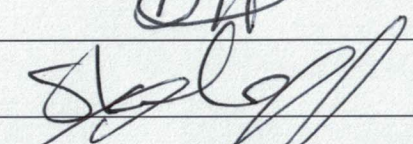
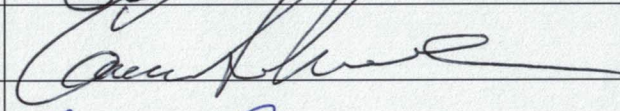
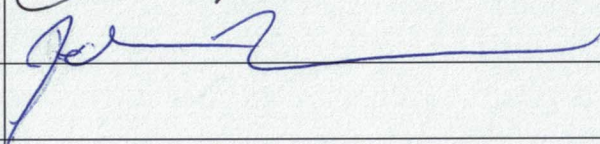
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA 14) JOINT PLANNING MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

September 17, 2025  
1:00 pm

| Member District     | District Representative | Date    | Signature                                                                                        |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |         |                                                                                                  |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 9/17/25 |  Zach Holland |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 9/17/25 |               |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            | 9/17/25 |               |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 9-17-25 |              |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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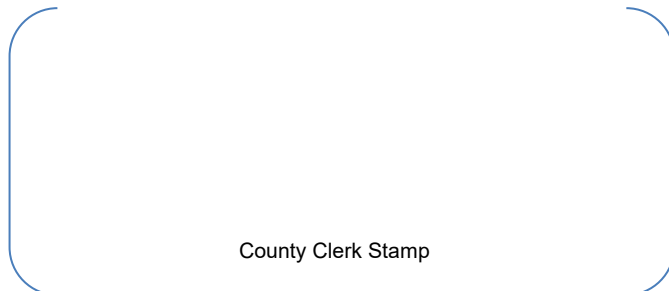
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The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

1. Call to order;
2. Confirmation of receipt of posted notices;
3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the September 17, 2025 GMA 14 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Presentation by Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on recently passed legislation related to Joint Planning, the Desired Future Conditions, and district Management Plans;
8. Review, discussion and consideration of member district management plans as required by Chapter 36.108(c);
9. Review and discussion of the draft report comparison of measured drawdown with simulated drawdown from the DFCs.", by William Hutchison, Ph.D., P.E., P.G.
10. Presentation and discussion of GMA 14 model run;
11. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
12. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items;
13. Meeting Adjourned.

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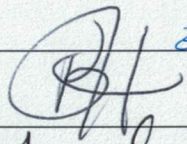
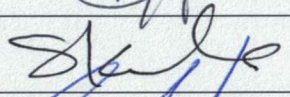
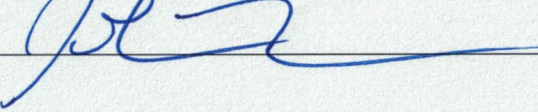
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November 19, 2025  
10:00 am

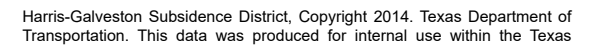
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| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |          |                                                                                                  |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 11/19/25 |  Zach Holland |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 11/19/25 |               |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            | 11-19-25 |               |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 11-19-25 |               |
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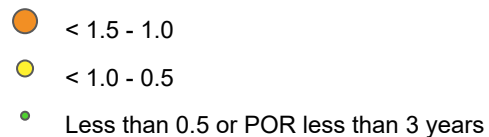
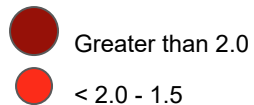
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Regulatory Area 3



Annual Subsidence Rate (cm/yr.) from 2020 to 2024



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# Subsidence Rates in Harris, Galveston, and Su



## Annual Subsidence Rate (cm yr.) from 2020 to 2024



Table



Zoom to

Station Name

TXKO

Operator

Texas Department of  
Transportation

Latitude

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Longitude

-94.332

Start Year

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End Year

2024.74

Years Monitoring

12.97

Total Vertical Displacement  
(cm)

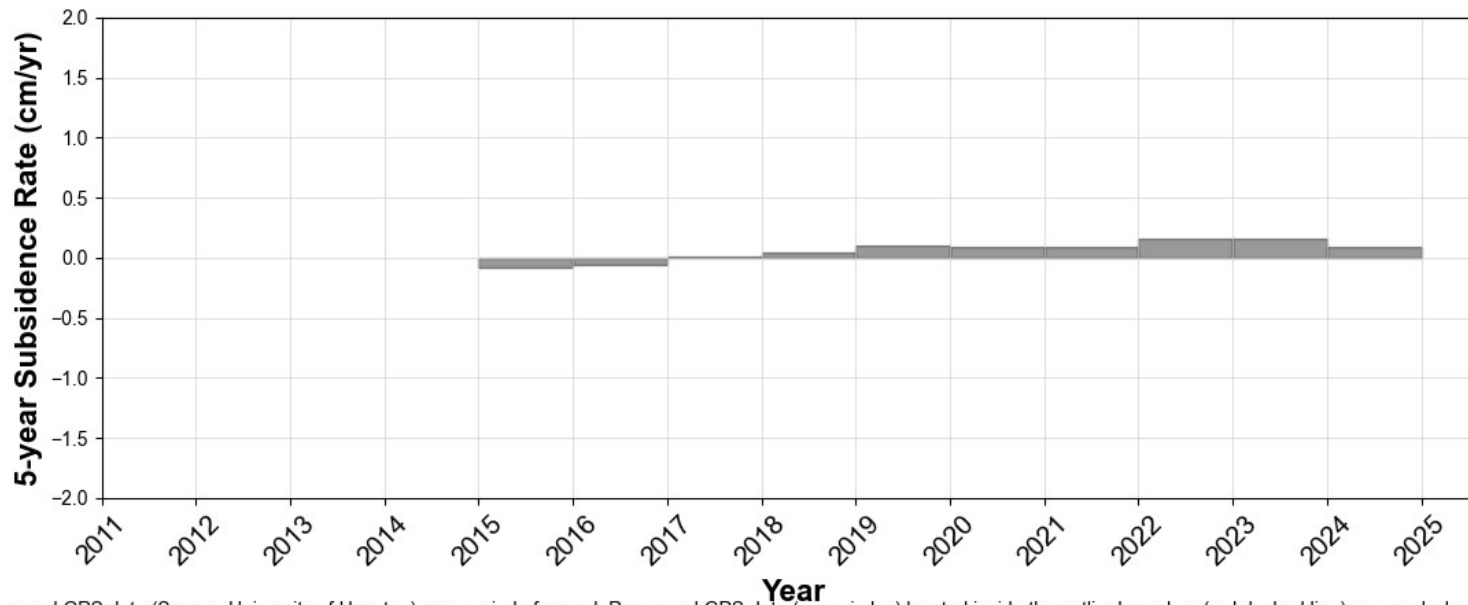
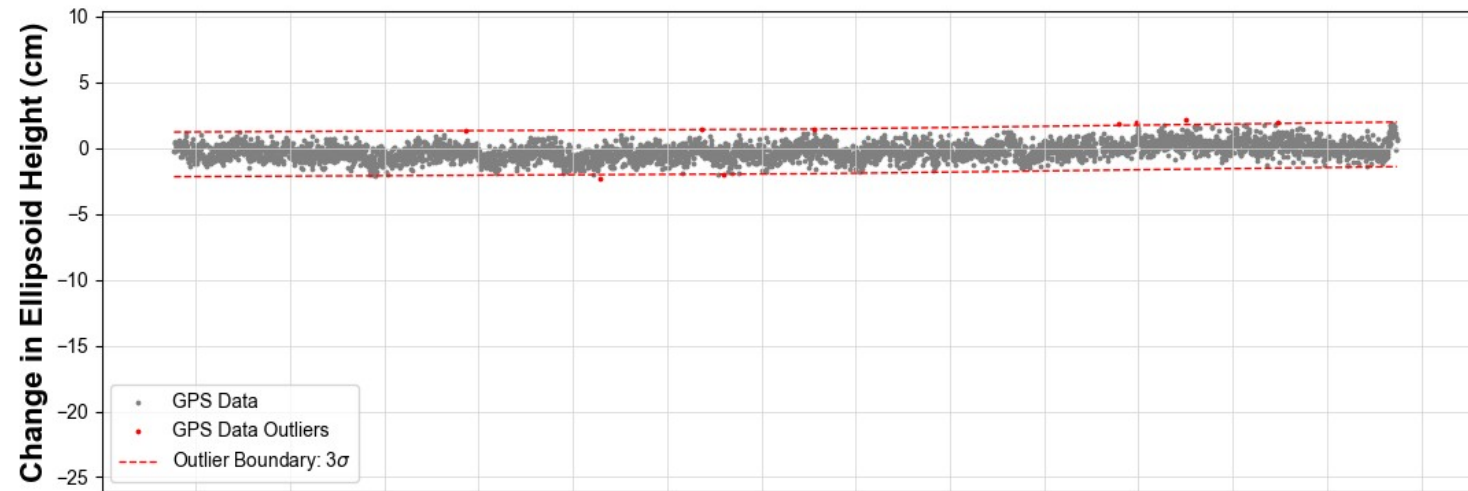
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Subsidence Rate (cm/yr)

0.19

TXKO

## TXKO



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# Subsidence Rates in Harris, Galveston, and Su



## Annual Subsidence Rate (cm yr.) from 2020 to 2024



Table



Zoom to

Station Name

TXNE

Operator

Texas Department of  
Transportation

Latitude

30.848

Longitude

-93.775

Start Year

2013.19

End Year

2024.74

Years Monitoring

11.55

Total Vertical Displacement  
(cm)

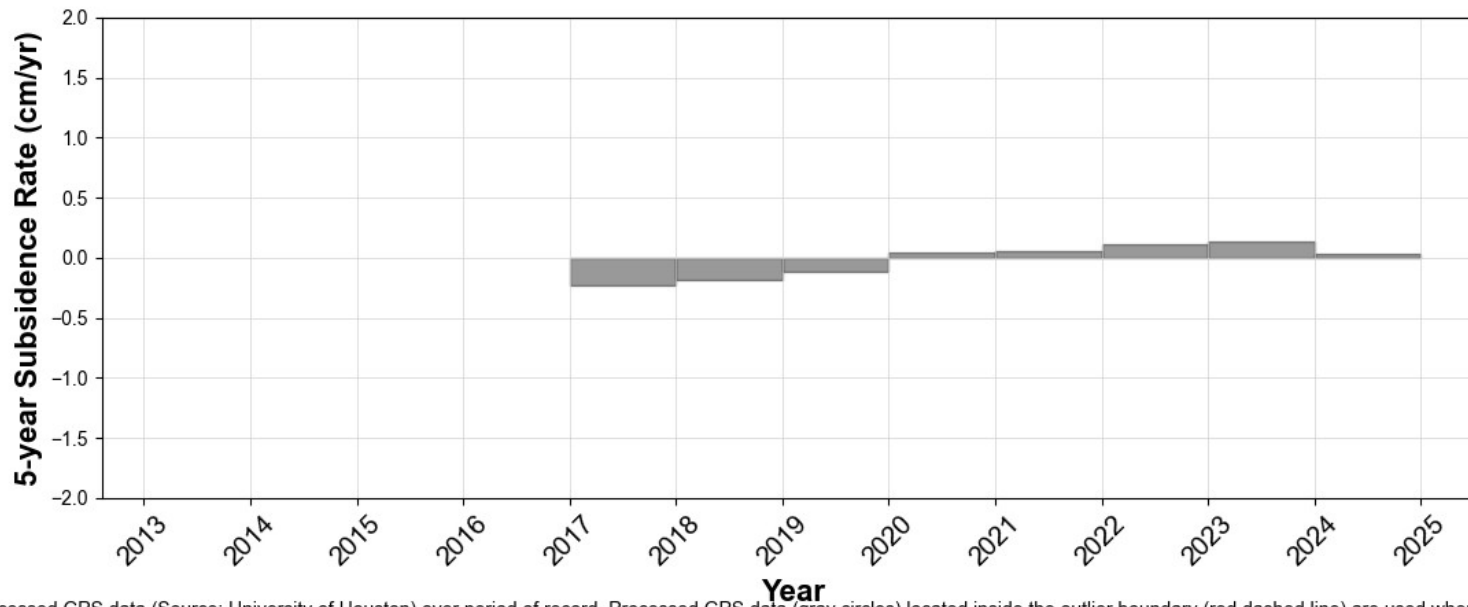
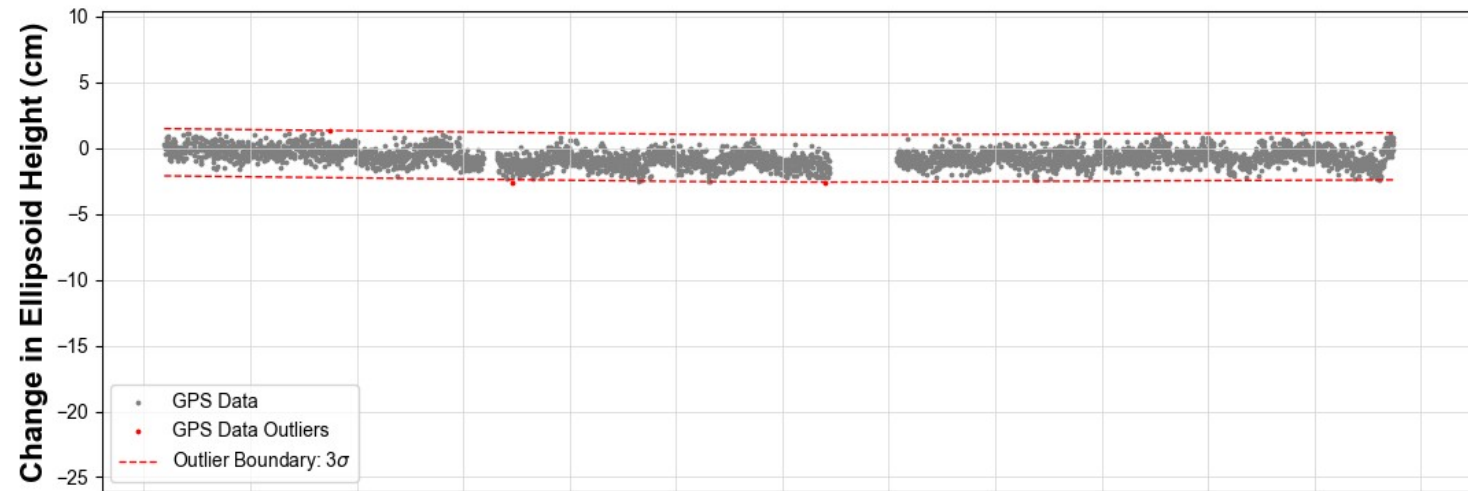
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Subsidence Rate (cm/yr)

0.26

TXNE

## TXNE



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# Subsidence Rates in Harris, Galveston, and Su



## Annual Subsidence Rate (cm yr.) from 2020 to 2024



Table



Zoom to

Station Name

TXWO

Operator

Texas Department of  
Transportation

Latitude

30.782

Longitude

-94.424

Start Year

2013.19

End Year

2024.49

Years Monitoring

11.29

Total Vertical Displacement  
(cm)

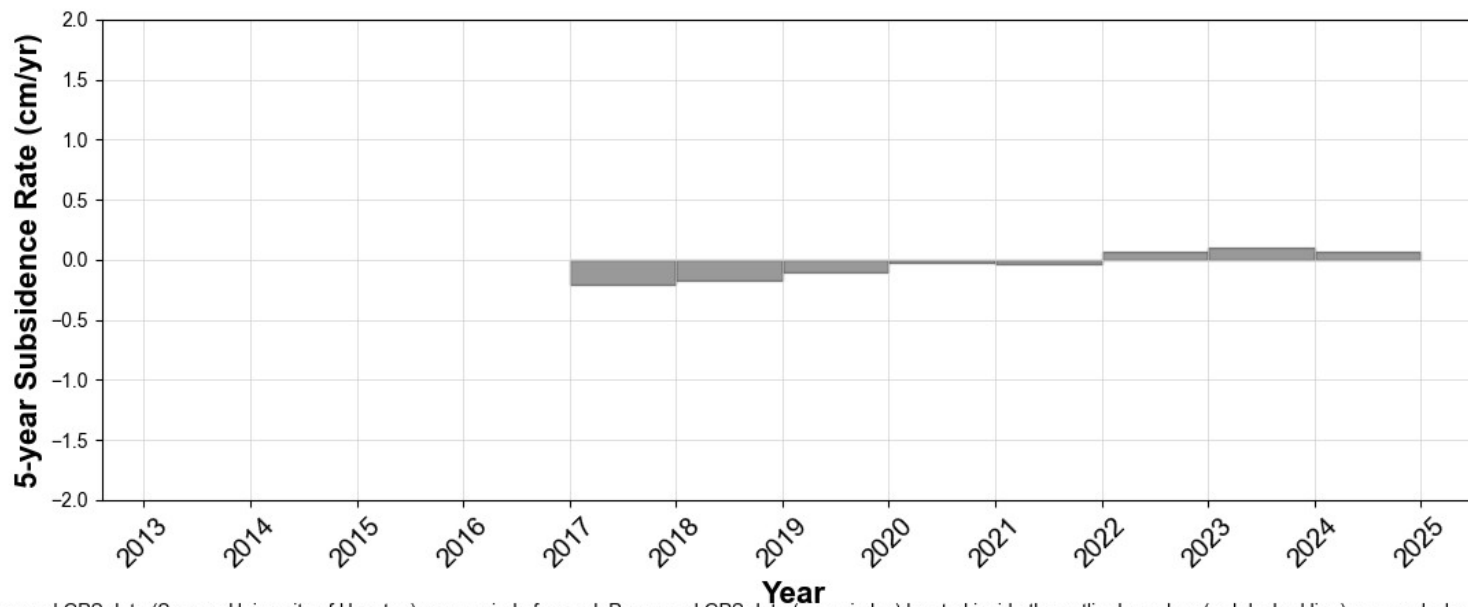
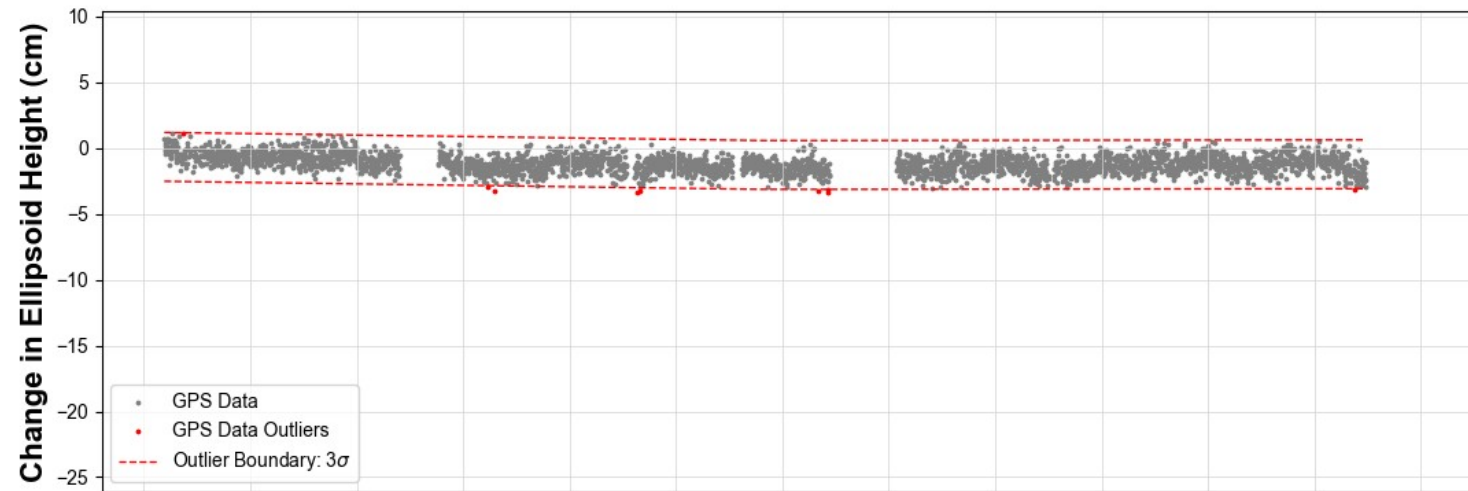
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Subsidence Rate (cm/yr)

0.29

TXWO

## TXWO



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# Subsidence Rates in Harris, Galveston, and Su



## Annual Subsidence Rate (cm yr.) from 2020 to 2024



Table



Zoom to

Station Name

TXB1

Operator

Texas Department of  
Transportation

Latitude

30.161

Longitude

-94.181

Start Year

2013.19

End Year

2024.74

Years Monitoring

11.55

Total Vertical Displacement  
(cm)

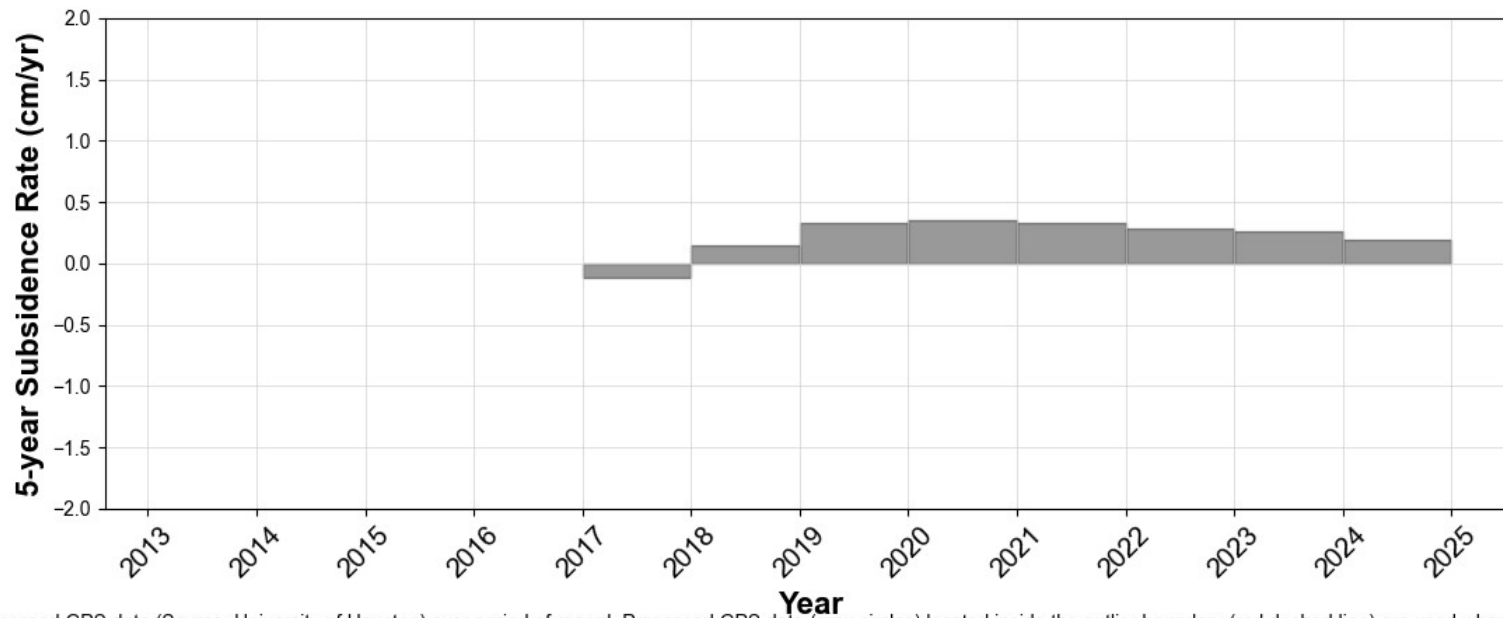
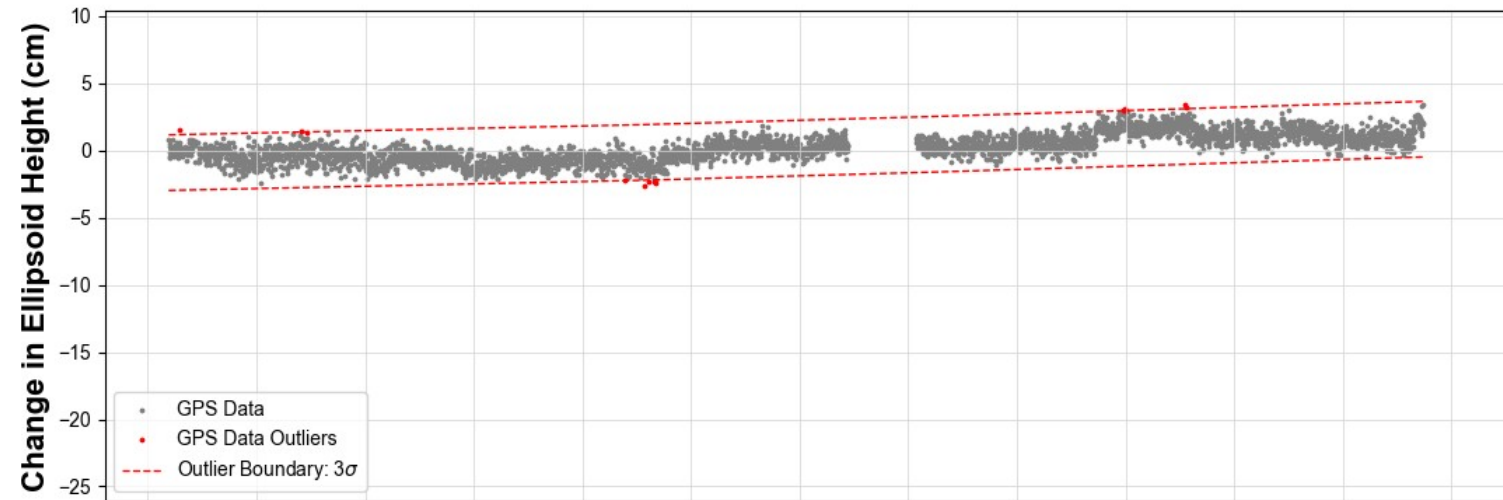
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Subsidence Rate (cm/yr)

0.09

TXB1

## TXB1



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# Subsidence Rates in Harris, Galveston, and Su



## Annual Subsidence Rate (cm yr.) from 2020 to 2024



Table



Zoom to

Station Name

PWES

Operator

University of Houston

Latitude

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Longitude

-95.511

Start Year

2015.22

End Year

2024.74

Years Monitoring

9.52

Total Vertical Displacement  
(cm)

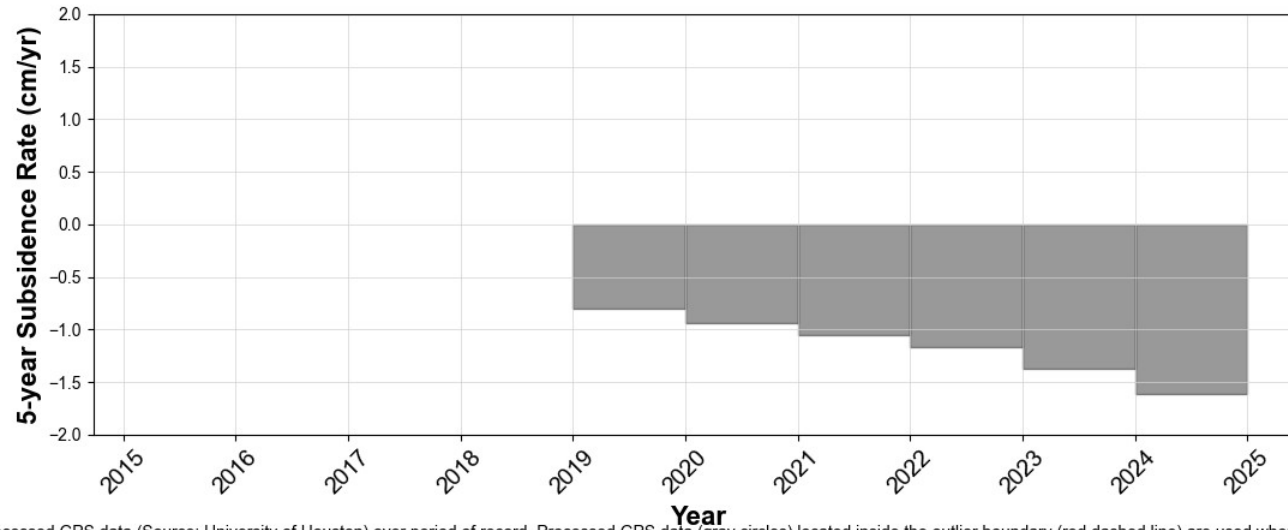
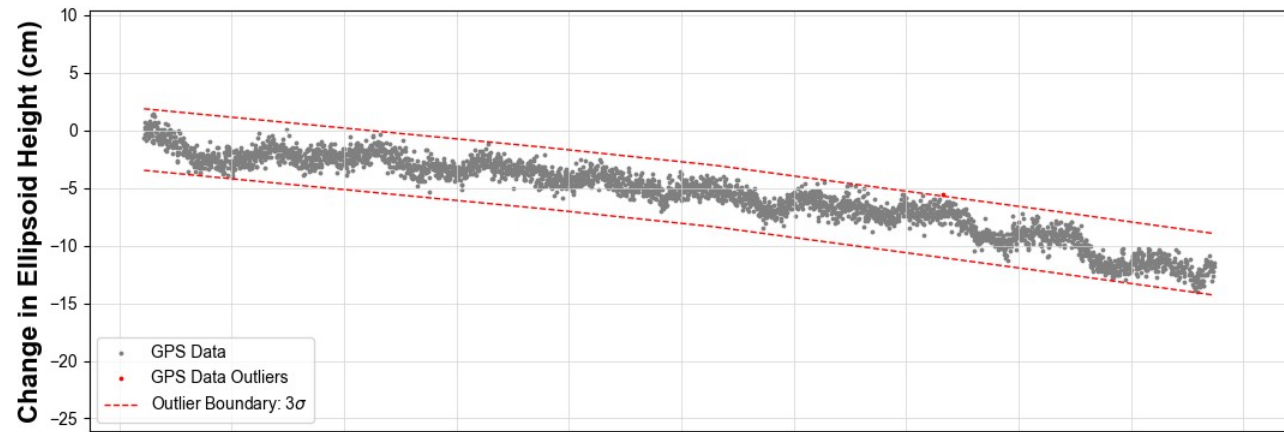
-11.80

Subsidence Rate (cm/yr)

1.69

PWES

## PWES



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# GOAL 4.4

## ADDRESSING CONJUNCTIVE SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

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### **OBJECTIVE**

1. *The District will coordinate conjunctive surface water issues with the Angelina and Neches River Authority (ANRA), Lower Neches Valley Authority (LNVA), the Sabine River Authority (SRA), and the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (also known as Region I), by either inviting the officials from the Planning Group to attend a District meeting at least once a year or by attending at least one of the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group meeting each year.*

### **PERFORMANCE STANDARD**

1. *A copy of the invitation letters to the Planning Group and the surface water providers, as well as evidence that the letters have been sent, via either U.S. Postal Service (registered/return receipt) or email, will be included in the District's Annual Report, or a copy of the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group meeting notice(s) and sign in sheet(s) indicating a representative of the District was present will be included in the District's Annual Report.*
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### **OBJECTIVE 1**

The East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (also known as Region I WPG) is the most comprehensive regional water planning agency in East Texas. The RWPG incorporates all aspects of water use in the development of the Regional Water Plan and is done so with 20 stakeholders/members. Three of the Region I WPG stakeholders/members are the general managers of the three river authorities within the District. Manager Martin works very closely in coordinating surface water issues with the river authorities within the District and East Texas in general. Manager Martin has been serving as the Region I Chairman since October 19, 2022. The District's Director Robb Starr is also an active voting member of the Region I WPG.

Region I scheduled and posted notices/agendas for four meetings in 2025, which were all attended by one or more District representatives (Manager Martin or Director Starr).

In addition to being an active participant of the Region I Water Planning Group, the District is also a member of Groundwater Management Area 14. This group's goal is regional planning for the shared groundwater resources within GMA 14 which is made up of 20 counties located over the northeastern portion of the Gulf Coast Aquifer.

## GOAL 4.4

The Desired Future Conditions (“DFCs”) and associated Managed Available Groundwater data are integral parts of the regional water planning process and are developed wholly by the Groundwater Management Areas (GMA). Once DFC’s are developed by the GMA, and then approved by the TWDB, the TWDB issues a Managed Amount of Groundwater (MAG) report for that GMA. GMA 14 finalized and approved the current DFCs in 2022 and subsequently a new MAG was made available (MAG GR 21-019). The Regional Water Planning Groups are then required to utilize the data contained in the MAGs in the development of the regional water plans.

The table below shows each water planning group, the date of the meeting and the District’s representative(s) in attendance. At least one District representative attended 100% of both Region I and GMA 14 meetings; copies of the notices/agendas and sign-in sheets are attached. Sign-in sheets may not be available or may show that a member “signed in” virtually as Region I allows for virtual attendance. Because of this, the meeting minutes for each meeting are included as they are the official record of the meeting and indicate all members who were “present”.

| <b>Planning Group</b>                 | <b>Date of Meeting</b> | <b>Attendees</b>          |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Region I Water Planning Group</b>  | January 7, 2025        | John Martin<br>Robb Starr |
| <b>Region I Water Planning Group</b>  | February 6, 2025       | John Martin               |
| <b>Region I Water Planning Group</b>  | May 1, 2025            | John Martin               |
| <b>Region I Water Planning Group</b>  | September 18, 2024     | John Martin<br>Robb Starr |
| <b>Groundwater Management Area 14</b> | February 3 , 2025      | John Martin               |
| <b>Groundwater Management Area 14</b> | March 26 , 2025        | John Martin               |
| <b>Groundwater Management Area 14</b> | April 30 , 2025        | John Martin               |
| <b>Groundwater Management Area 14</b> | May 28, 2025           | John Martin               |
| <b>Groundwater Management Area 14</b> | September 17, 2025     | John Martin               |
| <b>Groundwater Management Area 14</b> | November 19, 2025      | John Martin               |

Additionally, all regular meeting notices/agendas of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District were provided via email to the surface water entities within the District, as well as to the Regional Water Planning Group, which then emails the notice to all Region I Members in an effort to encourage their attendance at our District meetings.





## REGION I WATER PLANNING GROUP

**07 January 2025 • 10:00 AM**  
**Nacogdoches Recreation Center**  
**1112 North Street**  
**Nacogdoches, TX 75961**  
**AGENDA**

**Meeting Details and Documents can be found at:** <https://www.etexwaterplan.org/meetings/>  
**Remote Meeting Connection Information:**

Join via Web Browser: <https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>  
Meeting ID: 292 193 892 336  
Passcode: GYXxWd

**[Join the meeting now](#)**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Notice of Meeting
4. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
5. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
6. Consideration and Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting
7. Report from City of Nacogdoches – Cheryl Bartlett
8. Reports of Adjoining Regions' Activity:
  - a. Region C – David Montagne
  - b. Region D – John McFarland
  - c. Region H – Scott Hall
  - d. Interregional Liaison – Kelley Holcomb
9. Reports from Standing Committees:
  - a. Executive Committee – John Martin
  - b. Finance Committee – Kelley Holcomb
  - c. Bylaws Committee – David Alders
  - d. Technical Committee – Scott Hall
  - e. Nominations Committee – Monty Shank
10. Report from Consultant Team with Discussion by Regional Water Planning Group:
  - a. Review of 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Water Planning Schedule
  - b. Updates on and Review of Posted Draft Initially Prepared Plan Chapters:
    - i. Chapter 1: Description of the Regional Water Planning Area
    - ii. Chapter 2: Projected Population and Water Demands



- iii. Chapter 3: Evaluation of Current Water Supplies in the Region
- iv. Chapter 4: Water Needs
- c. Updates on and Overview of Draft Initially Prepared Plan Chapters:
  - i. Chapter 5A: Potentially Feasible WMSs
  - ii. Chapter 5C: Water Conservation
  - iii. Chapter 7: Drought Response
  - iv. Chapter 8: Unique Stream Segments, Unique Reservoir Sites, and Legislative Recommendations
    - 1. Discussion of and Potential Action on Lake Fastrill
- d. Updates on Water Management Strategies (Task 5B)
- e. Updates on Additional Initially Prepared Plan Tasks and Chapters:
  - i. Chapter 5B: Water Management Strategies
  - ii. Chapter 6: Impacts of Plan and Consistency with Protection of Resources
  - iii. Chapter 9: Implementation and Comparison to Previous Plan
- 11. Reports from other state agencies, as necessary:
  - a. Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout
  - b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Stephen Lange
  - c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manuel Martinez
  - d. Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Trey Watson
  - e. Groundwater Management Areas – John Martin/John McFarland
- 12. General Discussion
- 13. Next Meeting Date – February 6, 2025 (IPP ADOPTION); Backup date: February 25, 2025
- 14. Adjourn

Comments from members and the public will be accepted by the Planning Group as listed in the agenda items above. For questions, requests, or additional information outside of the general meeting, please visit the Planning Group website, <https://www.etexwaterplan.org/>, or contact the Planning Group Administrative Contact:

c/o City of Nacogdoches  
PO Box 635030  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75963-3030  
Attn: Cheryl Bartlett  
Region I Administrative Contact  
936-559-2528  
[regioniwater@gmail.com](mailto:regioniwater@gmail.com)



**07 January 2025 • 10:00 AM**

**Nacogdoches Recreation Center  
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AGENDA**

The Region I East Texas Regional Water Planning Group has an Executive Committee and four additional standing committees. These committees function under the direction of the Region I East Texas Regional Water Planning Group as defined in the approved By-Laws. Committee meetings are held as needed. These Committees and their meeting times and agenda items are as follows:

**Executive Committee** – No Meeting

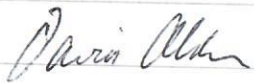
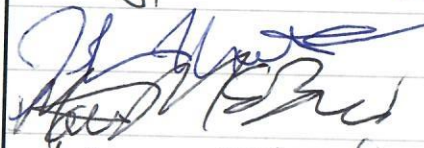
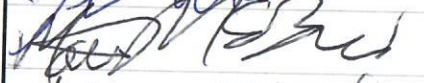
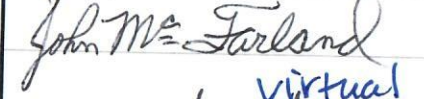
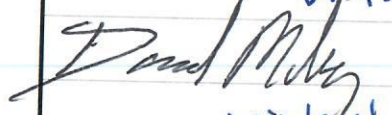
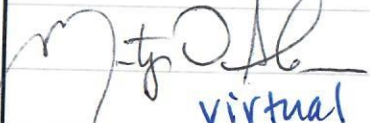
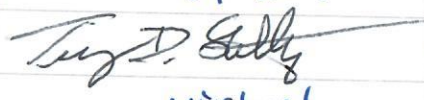
**Nominations Committee** – No Meeting

**By-Laws Committee** – No Meeting

**Finance Committee** – No Meeting

**Technical Committee** – No Meeting

# Region I Water User Group Meeting, January 7, 2025

| Sign-in                                                                             | Name                                                       | Organization      | Phone        | Email                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| VOTING MEMBERS                                                                      |                                                            |                   |              | Please check your contact information                                              |
|    | Alders, David                                              | Agriculture       | 936-569-1284 | <a href="mailto:alders.david@gmail.com">alders.david@gmail.com</a>                 |
| X                                                                                   | Davis, Chris                                               | Counties          | 903-683-2324 | <a href="mailto:cojudge@cocherokee.org">cojudge@cocherokee.org</a>                 |
| virtual                                                                             | Dietz, Kate, PE                                            | Municipalities    | 903-330-1431 | <a href="mailto:kdietz@tylertexas.com">kdietz@tylertexas.com</a>                   |
| virtual                                                                             | Gorsich, David (late)                                      | Industries        | 409-239-4514 | <a href="mailto:david.m.gorsich@exxonmobil.com">david.m.gorsich@exxonmobil.com</a> |
| virtual                                                                             | Hall, Scott (late)<br><del>alternate Yassin Gallardo</del> | River Authorities | 409-892-4011 | <a href="mailto:scott.hall@lnva.org">scott.hall@lnva.org</a>                       |
|    | Holcomb, Kelley                                            | River Authorities | 936-633-7543 | <a href="mailto:kholcomb@anra.org">kholcomb@anra.org</a>                           |
| X                                                                                   | Jackson, Fred L.                                           | Counties          | 409-835-8466 | <a href="mailto:fjackson@co.jefferson.tx.us">fjackson@co.jefferson.tx.us</a>       |
|    | Martin, John                                               | GMA-14            | 409-383-0799 | <a href="mailto:jmartin@setgcd.org">jmartin@setgcd.org</a>                         |
|    | McBroom, Matthew                                           | Environmental     | 936-468-2313 | <a href="mailto:mcbroommatth@sfasu.edu">mcbroommatth@sfasu.edu</a>                 |
|    | McFarland, John                                            | GMA-11            | 936-568-9292 | <a href="mailto:jmcfarland@pgcd.org">jmcfarland@pgcd.org</a>                       |
| virtual                                                                             | Mettauer, Matthew                                          | Agriculture       | 936-598-9400 | <a href="mailto:matthew@mettauerlaw.com">matthew@mettauerlaw.com</a>               |
|   | Miley, David                                               | Water District    | 903-658-7572 | <a href="mailto:david@rcgcd.org">david@rcgcd.org</a>                               |
| virtual                                                                             | Montagne, David                                            | River Authorities | 409-746-2192 | <a href="mailto:dmontagne@sratx.org">dmontagne@sratx.org</a>                       |
| virtual                                                                             | Sanders, Jenny                                             | Public            | 936-225-2175 | <a href="mailto:jennyreneesnaders@gmail.com">jennyreneesnaders@gmail.com</a>       |
|  | Shank, Monty                                               | River Authorities | 903-876-2237 | <a href="mailto:mdsunra@dctexas.net">mdsunra@dctexas.net</a>                       |
| virtual                                                                             | Snyder, Mike                                               | Electric Power    | 409-981-2114 | <a href="mailto:msnyder@entergy.com">msnyder@entergy.com</a>                       |
| virtual                                                                             | Starr, Robb                                                | Water Utilities   | 409-755-1559 | <a href="mailto:robbs@lumbertonmud.com">robbs@lumbertonmud.com</a>                 |
|  | Stelly, Terry                                              | Public            | 409-729-0268 | <a href="mailto:TerrySsmxd@Aol.com">TerrySsmxd@Aol.com</a>                         |
| virtual                                                                             | Wiesinger, Christophe                                      | Small Business    | 214-683-0567 | <a href="mailto:cwiesinger@gmail.com">cwiesinger@gmail.com</a>                     |



| Region I Water User Group Meeting, January 7, 2025                                |                      |                               |              |                                                                                                |
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| Sign-in                                                                           | Name                 | Organization                  | Phone        | Email                                                                                          |
| <b>NON VOTING MEMBERS / GUESTS</b>                                                |                      |                               |              |                                                                                                |
|  | Bookout, Lann        | TWDB                          | 512-936-9439 | <a href="mailto:lann.bookout@twdb.texas.gov">lann.bookout@twdb.texas.gov</a>                   |
|                                                                                   | Martinez, Manuel     | Tx Dept of Agriculture        | 713-677-9814 | <a href="mailto:manuel.martinez@texasagriculture.gov">manuel.martinez@texasagriculture.gov</a> |
|  | Watson, Trey         | Tx State Soil & Water Conserv | 936-652-7063 | <a href="mailto:twatson@tsswcb.texas.gov">twatson@tsswcb.texas.gov</a>                         |
|  | Lange, Stephen       | TPWD                          | 936-569-8547 | <a href="mailto:stephen.lange@tpwd.texas.gov">stephen.lange@tpwd.texas.gov</a>                 |
|  | Buff, Brigit, PE     | Plummer                       | 972-996-5681 | <a href="mailto:bbuff@plummer.com">bbuff@plummer.com</a>                                       |
|  | Zhang, Qiwen, PE     | Plummer                       | 972-996-5707 | <a href="mailto:giwenzhang@plummer.com">giwenzhang@plummer.com</a>                             |
|  | Skipwith, Jordan, PE | Freese & Nichols              |              | <a href="mailto:jordan.skipwith@freese.com">jordan.skipwith@freese.com</a>                     |
|  | Bartlett, Cheryl     | City of Nacogdoches           | 936-554-7839 | <a href="mailto:regioniwater@gmail.com">regioniwater@gmail.com</a>                             |
|  |                      | DWU                           |              | <a href="mailto:chang.lee@dwu.texas.gov">chang.lee@dwu.texas.gov</a>                           |

## Sign -in

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**MINUTES OF THE  
REGION I - EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP MEETING  
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.**

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman John Martin called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.
- 2. Invocation/Pledge** – David Alders led the invocation and the Pledge.
- 3. Notice of Meeting** – Notice was sent to Voting Members and posted as required.
- 4. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum** – The roll was called by Cheryl Bartlett and quorum was determined as follows:

**Voting Members Present: (17 of 22)**

David Alders - Agriculture  
Kate Dietz – Municipality (*Virtual*)  
David Gorsich – Industry (*Virtual*)  
Scott Hall – River Authority (*Virtual*)  
Kelley Holcomb – River Authority  
John Martin – GMA-14  
Matthew McBroom - Environmental  
John McFarland – GMA-11  
Matthew Mettauer – Agriculture (*Virtual*)  
David Miley – Water District  
David Montagne – River Authority (*Virtual*)  
Jenny Sanders – Public (*Virtual*)  
Monty Shank – River Authority  
Mike Snyder – Electric Power (*Virtual*)  
Rob Starr – Water Utilities (*Virtual*)  
Terry D. Stelly – Public  
Christopher Wiesinger – Small Business (*Virtual*)

**Voting Members Absent: (2)**

Chris Davis - Counties  
Fred Jackson – Counties (*Virtual*)

**Voting Member Category Vacancies: (3)**

Municipality  
Small Business  
Industry

**Other Attendees**

**Agencies:**

Lann Bookout – Texas Water Development Board  
Trey Watson – Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board  
Chang Lee – Dallas Water Utilities  
Stephen Lange – Texas Parks & Wildlife

**Staff and Consultants:**

Cheryl Bartlett - City of Nacogdoches  
Brigit Buff, PE – Plummer Asso.  
Qiwen Zhang, PE – Plummer Asso.  
Jordan Skipwith – Freese & Nichols

**5. Public Comments:** None

**6. Consideration and Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting**

*Kelley Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Monty Shank, passed unanimously.*

**7. Report from City of Nacogdoches: Cheryl Bartlett**

No updates to report. Updates on financial status will be presented in Treasurer's report.

**8. Reports of adjoining regions activity:**

- a. Region C – David Montagne; Have had much discussion about lack of water in the DFW metroplex, except for Dallas. Many water providers in the NTx Municipal area are telling large residential developers in the metroplex that they can't get additional water. Central Texas is also talking about a lack of water in the region. Discussions in Austin of getting water through pipelines from east Texas and possibly Arkansas involving proposed multi-billion-dollar projects at the state level.
- b. Region D – John McFarland: met in November, no report.
- c. Region H – Scott Hall: no report.
- d. Interregional Liaison – Kelley Holcomb: Interregional Planning Council has not met since submitting their report in March, 2024.

**9. Report from Standing Committees:**

- a. Executive Committee – John Martin: Did not meet - no report.
- b. Finance Committee – Kelley Holcomb: The Committee met this morning, and we are continuing to make progress on a backlog of Plummer invoices. There has been very little change in the fund balance of the local Administrative account since the last meeting and we do not expect any significant expenses through the end of the fiscal year. We will continue to have updates in future meetings.
- c. Bylaws Committee – David Alders: no report.
- d. Technical Committee – Scott Hall: Committee met in November to review much of the data being presented today. No significant issues were raised. Some points that were brought up will be reviewed in the discussion of various Chapters today.
- e. Nominations Committee – Monty Shank: committee did not meet today. We currently have 3 vacancies. Contact Monty if there are any recommendations for new members.

**10. Report from consultant team with discussion and possible action by RWPG:**

**Brigit Buff (Plummer), Qiwen Zhange (Plummer), Jordan Skipwith (Freese & Nichols)**

- a. Review of 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Water Planning Schedule – We are close to the end of the cycle. Most of the planning and evaluation has been completed and most of the draft chapters are available for review. We will be reviewing updates for the IPP today for the final report that is due in March, 2025. It will be important to have a quorum at the next meeting,

scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>, to vote on adoption of the IPP for the March 3 submission. Next on the schedule will be choosing a spring date in April/May to hold a public comment hearing to gather input on the report. This meeting requires a 30-day notice and hard copies of the IPP provided in locations in each county 30 days before and 60 days after the meeting. Lann noted that the public hearing does not require a quorum of Regional Planning Group members to be present. Another meeting will be held in September/October to vote on approval of the final plan that is due October 25, 2025.

- b. Updates on, and review of, Posted Draft Initially Prepared Plan chapters:  
Chapters 1- 4 have been posted online for quite a while. We will be discussing comments that have been received on these chapters as well as reviewing the remaining chapters.
  - 1. Chapter 1: Description of the Regional Water Planning Area  
Contains the introduction to the report and a basic directory of information. No significant comments on this material have been received.
  - 2. Chapter 2: Projected Population and Water Demands  
Contains data and analysis of population and demand projections.
  - 3. Chapter 3: Evaluation of Current Water Supplies in the Region  
Contains data and analysis of water sources, systems and availability in the region.
  - 4. Chapter 4: Water Needs  
Combines the supply and demands resulting in water needs analysis.
- c. Updates on, and overview of, Draft Initially Prepared Plan Chapters
  - 1. Chapter 5A: Potentially Feasible WMSs  
This chapter contains information on the potential water management strategies that are economically feasible to use in the short-term in Region I. Discussion of possible reuse strategies for two areas (Athens and Center) is included. Assisting supplies strategy in our water-rich region is a discussion of ways to access existing supply. This involves expanding groundwater production, increasing voluntary transfers (sales and contracts), expanding infrastructure and accessing local supplies. Three new potential suppliers and two inter-basin transfers have been identified within our region. Transfers from Region I to other regions will be discussed in the target region reports. Kelley Holcomb raised questions about how this coordination between regions will be documented. Brigit and Jordan responded that the amounts of supply being exported to another region is included in the overall database. Members requested a table showing the numbers involved in those transfers be included and available to review at the February meeting.
  - 2. Chapter 5C: Water Conservation  
This chapter includes a data table containing the conservation efforts currently being used in the region by 42 WUGS. A discussion of water use reduction and water loss mitigation as recommended future conservation strategies is included. Members requested that threshold numbers be added back for smaller WUGS to encourage water conservation efforts. After much discussion between Members and Consultants, the conclusion was to add a generic statement to encourage conservation along with a list of methods and resources available to assist all WUGS in these efforts.



3. Chapter 7: Drought Response

This chapter contains a summary of the data concerning the drought(s) of record for the region and methods to respond to these emergency conditions. Discussion involved updates to the drought information from the previous cycle plan. Chapter has been posted online and member review is requested.

4. Chapter 8: Unique Stream Segments, Unique Reservoir Sites, and Legislative Recommendations

This chapter contains much less numerical data and analysis and is an opportunity for the group to add individual input and recommendations to TWDB and state legislature. Brigit briefly reviewed information contained in the previous cycle report, as well as known updates and revisions that have been made to those recommendations. She also reviewed responses from a survey that was sent out and ideas that were incorporated as a result. The main new recommendation that has been added is to provide funding mechanisms to enable groundwater management areas to support the development of desired future conditions.

Ecologically significant/unique water segments identified in the region are listed in this chapter per Texas Water Code requirements. State agencies and political subdivisions are not allowed to finance construction of a reservoir in those designated areas. Previous plans for Region I did not include any water segments designated as ecologically significant/unique and members supported continuing that view in this 2026 report.

Legislatively-designated potential unique reservoir sites listed in the previous plan (Lake Columbia and Lake Fastrill) were discussed. Lake Fastrill has been dropped by Region C as a possible water management strategy due to a Supreme Court designation as a Fish & Wildlife Preserve. After much discussion, members requested that it remain on the list of potential sites in Region I but note the current status. Other legislative recommendations in the previous plan and updates were reviewed, discussed and minor modifications were made.

d. Updates on Water Management Strategies – Task 5B: Water Management Strategies

Data tables showing water supply and water needs, by county, that are used to analyze Water Management Strategies for this cycle have been posted. Preliminary analysis shows that the water management strategies in our region will meet the needs of all WUGS in the area. There is still some coordination going on in areas that overlap other regions. Qiewn presented an overview of the process used to work with each WUG to evaluate the strategies and the information to be included in the IPP. Members are encouraged to review the updated draft to be posted soon.

e. Updates on Additionally Prepared Plan Tasks and Chapters:

1. Chapter 6: Impacts of Plan and Consistency with Protection of Resources  
Under development; draft will be available after completion of Chapter 5B.
2. Chapter 9: Implementation and Comparison to Previous Plan

Under development; draft will be available, after Chapter 5B is completed.

3. Chapter 10: Public Participation: Narrative will contain a summary table documenting public meetings and other public and technical outreach that has occurred during this cycle.

**11. Reports from other state agencies, as necessary:**

- a. Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout, present, no report.
- b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Stephen Lange, present, no report.
- c. Texas Department of Agriculture – not present; no report.
- d. Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Trey Watson present virtually; no report.
- e. Groundwater Management Areas –  
John McFarland (GMA 11) – present, no report.  
John Martin (GMA 14) – GMA 14 is working to get the DFCs developed in the next year or so. No meetings scheduled at this time.

**12. General Discussion – None**

**13. Set Next Meeting Dates –February 6, 2025 (IPP Adoption)**

**14. Adjourned at 12:35 pm**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Martin, Chair  
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Stelly, Secretary



## **REGION I WATER PLANNING GROUP**

**06 February 2025 • 10:00 AM**  
**Nacogdoches Recreation Center**  
**1112 North Street**  
**Nacogdoches, TX 75961**  
**AGENDA**

**Meeting Details and Documents can be found at:** <https://www.etexwaterplan.org/meetings/>

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1. Call to Order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Notice of Meeting
4. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
5. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
6. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Meeting
7. Report from City of Nacogdoches – Cheryl Bartlett
8. Reports of Adjoining Regions' Activity:
  - a. Region C – David Montagne
  - b. Region D – John McFarland
  - c. Region H – Scott Hall
  - d. Interregional Liaison – Kelley Holcomb
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  - a. Executive Committee – John Martin
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10. Report from Consultant Team with Discussion by Regional Water Planning Group:
  - a. Review of 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Water Planning Schedule & IPP Adoption Process – Brigit Buff
  - b. Review of chapters and appendices in the draft 2026 Region I East Texas Regional Water Planning Area Initially Prepared Plan – Brigit Buff and Jordan Skipwith
11. Consideration and Adoption of the 2026 Region I East Texas Regional Water Planning Area Initially Prepared Plan
  - a. Consideration and Approval for the Adopted Initially Prepared Plan to be Submitted to the Texas Water Development Board



- b. Consideration and Approval for the Political Subdivision to Prepare and Send Appropriate Notice(s) for Public Hearings Related to the Initially Prepared Plan
- 12. Reports from other state agencies, as necessary:
  - a. Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout
  - b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Stephen Lange
  - c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manuel Martinez
  - d. Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Trey Watson
  - e. Groundwater Management Areas – John Martin/John McFarland
- 13. General Discussion
- 14. Next Meeting Date(s) – IPP Public Hearing (May 2025), Regular RWPG Meeting (Summer 2025)
- 15. Adjourn

Comments from members and the public will be accepted by the Planning Group as listed in the agenda items above. For questions, requests, or additional information outside of the general meeting, please visit the Planning Group website, <https://www.etexwaterplan.org/>, or contact the Planning Group Administrative Contact:

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The Region I East Texas Regional Water Planning Group has an Executive Committee and four additional standing committees. These committees function under the direction of the Region I East Texas Regional Water Planning Group as defined in the approved By-Laws. Committee meetings are held as needed. These Committees and their meeting times and agenda items are as follows:

**Executive Committee** – No Meeting

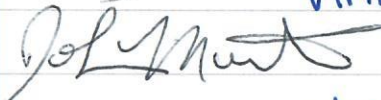
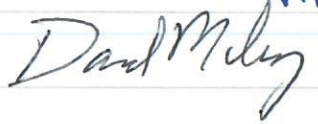
**Nominations Committee** – No Meeting

**By-Laws Committee** – No Meeting

**Finance Committee** – No Meeting

**Technical Committee** – No Meeting

## Region I Water User Group Meeting, February 6, 2025

| <i>Sign -in</i>                                                                     | Name                   | Organization      | Phone                                        | Email                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>                                                               |                        |                   | <i>Please check your contact information</i> |                                                                                    |
|    | Alders, David          | Agriculture       | 936-569-1284                                 | <a href="mailto:alders.david@gmail.com">alders.david@gmail.com</a>                 |
|                                                                                     | Davis, Chris           | Counties          | 903-683-2324                                 | <a href="mailto:cojudge@cocherokee.org">cojudge@cocherokee.org</a>                 |
| virtual                                                                             | Dietz, Kate, PE        | Municipalities    | 903-330-1431                                 | <a href="mailto:kdietz@tylertexas.com">kdietz@tylertexas.com</a>                   |
|                                                                                     | Gorsich, David         | Industries        | 409-239-4514                                 | <a href="mailto:david.m.gorsich@exxonmobil.com">david.m.gorsich@exxonmobil.com</a> |
| virtual                                                                             | Hall, Scott            | River Authorities | 409-892-4011                                 | <a href="mailto:scott.hall@lnva.org">scott.hall@lnva.org</a>                       |
|    | Holcomb, Kelley        | River Authorities | 936-633-7543                                 | <a href="mailto:kholcomb@anra.org">kholcomb@anra.org</a>                           |
| virtual                                                                             | Jackson, Fred L.       | Counties          | 409-835-8466                                 | <a href="mailto:fjackson@co.jefferson.tx.us">fjackson@co.jefferson.tx.us</a>       |
|    | Martin, John           | GMA-14            | 409-383-0799                                 | <a href="mailto:jmartin@setgcd.org">jmartin@setgcd.org</a>                         |
| virtual                                                                             | McBroom, Matthew       | Environmental     | 936-468-2313                                 | <a href="mailto:mcbroommatth@sfasu.edu">mcbroommatth@sfasu.edu</a>                 |
|    | McFarland, John        | GMA-11            | 936-568-9292                                 | <a href="mailto:jmcfarland@pgcd.org">jmcfarland@pgcd.org</a>                       |
| virtual                                                                             | Mettauer, Matthew      | Agriculture       | 936-598-9400                                 | <a href="mailto:matthew@mettauerlaw.com">matthew@mettauerlaw.com</a>               |
|   | Miley, David           | Water District    | 903-658-7572                                 | <a href="mailto:david@rcgcd.org">david@rcgcd.org</a>                               |
|                                                                                     | Jaime East, alternate  | (virtual)         |                                              |                                                                                    |
|                                                                                     | Montagne, David        | River Authorities | 409-746-2192                                 | <a href="mailto:dmontagne@sratx.org">dmontagne@sratx.org</a>                       |
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|                                                                                     | Shank, Monty           | River Authorities | 903-876-2237                                 | <a href="mailto:mdsunra@dctexas.net">mdsunra@dctexas.net</a>                       |
|                                                                                     | Snyder, Mike           | Electric Power    | 409-981-2114                                 | <a href="mailto:msnyder@entergy.com">msnyder@entergy.com</a>                       |
|                                                                                     | Starr, Robb            | Water Utilities   | 409-755-1559                                 | <a href="mailto:robbs@lumbertonmud.com">robbs@lumbertonmud.com</a>                 |
| virtual                                                                             | Stelly, Terry          | Public            | 409-729-0268                                 | <a href="mailto:TerrySsmxd@Aol.com">TerrySsmxd@Aol.com</a>                         |
|  | Wiesinger, Christopher | Small Business    | 214-683-0567                                 | <a href="mailto:cwiesinger@gmail.com">cwiesinger@gmail.com</a>                     |

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| NON VOTING MEMBERS / GUESTS                                                        |                      |                               |              |                                                                                                |
|   | Bookout, Lann        | TWDB                          | 512-936-9439 | <a href="mailto:lann.bookout@twdb.texas.gov">lann.bookout@twdb.texas.gov</a>                   |
| (attended, arrived late)                                                           | Martinez, Manuel     | Tx Dept of Agriculture        | 713-677-9814 | <a href="mailto:manuel.martinez@texasagriculture.gov">manuel.martinez@texasagriculture.gov</a> |
|                                                                                    | Watson, Trey         | Tx State Soil & Water Conserv |              | <a href="mailto:twatson@tsswcb.texas.gov">twatson@tsswcb.texas.gov</a>                         |
|                                                                                    | Lange, Stephen       | TPWD                          | 936-569-8547 | <a href="mailto:stephen.lange@tpwd.texas.gov">stephen.lange@tpwd.texas.gov</a>                 |
|   | Buff, Brigit, PE     | Plummer                       | 972-996-5681 | <a href="mailto:bbuff@plummer.com">bbuff@plummer.com</a>                                       |
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|   | Skipwith, Jordan, PE | Freese & Nichols              |              | <a href="mailto:jordan.skipwith@freese.com">jordan.skipwith@freese.com</a>                     |
|                                                                                    | Bartlett, Cheryl     | City of Nacogdoches           | 936-554-7839 | <a href="mailto:regioniwater@gmail.com">regioniwater@gmail.com</a>                             |
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|  | Nelson, Mike         | City of Nac                   |              | <a href="mailto:mike.nelson@nactx.us">mike.nelson@nactx.us</a>                                 |
| Mike Nelson                                                                        | Nelson, Mike         |                               | 214-531-8024 | <a href="mailto:mjn25@msn.com">mjn25@msn.com</a>                                               |
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Mike Nelson  
Becky Nelson  
Chang Lee

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGION I - EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP MEETING  
Thursday, February 6, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.**

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman John Martin called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.
- 2. Invocation/Pledge** – David Alders led the invocation and the Pledge.
- 3. Notice of Meeting** – Notice was sent to Voting Members and posted as required.
- 4. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum** – The roll was called by Cheryl Bartlett and quorum was determined as follows:

**Voting Members Present: (16 of 22)**

David Alders - Agriculture  
Kate Dietz – Municipality (*Virtual*)  
Scott Hall – River Authority (*Virtual*)  
Kelley Holcomb – River Authority  
Fred Jackson – Counties (*Virtual*)  
John Martin – GMA-14  
Matthew McBroom - Environmental (*Virtual*)  
John McFarland – GMA-11  
Matthew Mettauer – Agriculture (*Virtual*)  
David Miley - Water Districts  
David Montagne (Alternate Jamie East) – River Authority (*Virtual*)  
Jenny Sanders – Public  
Monty Shank – River Authority  
Terry D. Stelly – Public (*Virtual*)  
Christopher Wiesinger – Small Business

**Voting Members Absent: (3)**

Chris Davis – Counties  
David Gorsich – Industry  
Mike Snyder – Electric Power  
Rob Starr – Water Utilities

**Voting Member Category Vacancies: (3)**

Municipality  
Small Business  
Industry

**Other Attendees**

**Agencies:**

Lann Bookout – Texas Water Development Board  
Scott Galloway – Texas Water Development Board (*Virtual*)  
Daniel Price – Texas Parks & Wildlife  
Manuel Martinez – Texas Department of Agriculture  
Trey Watson – Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board



**Staff and Consultants:**

Cheryl Bartlett - City of Nacogdoches  
Brigit Buff, PE – Plummer Asso.  
Jordan Skipwith – Freese & Nichols

**5. Public Comments:** None

**6. Consideration and Approval of the minutes of the January 7, 2025 meeting**

*Kelley Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 meeting as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Monty Shank, passed unanimously.*

**7. Report from City of Nacogdoches: Cheryl Bartlett**

No updates to report.

**8. Reports of adjoining regions activity:**

- a. Region C – Jamie East: no report
- b. Region D – John McFarland: no report
- c. Region H – Scott Hall: met yesterday, no report
- d. Interregional Liaison – Kelley Holcomb: no report

**9. Report from Standing Committees:** No committees met this month

**10. Report from consultant team with discussion by RWPG:**

**Brigit Buff (Plummer), Jordan Skipwith (Freese & Nichols)**

- a. Review of 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Water Planning Schedule & IPP Adoption Process – Brigit Buff  
The IPP is due March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need to establish a date for a Public Comment Hearing for the IPP – probably in late April or early May. This hearing will not require attendance by the entire regional planning group. Either the Planning Group or the Technical Committee will need to meet in August or September to review any comments made by the public and discuss if changes need to be made in the IPP to address them. The entire Planning Group will then meet in September or October to adopt the Final Plan that is due October 20<sup>th</sup> to the TWDB. This meeting requires a two-week notice.
- b. Review of chapters and appendices in the draft 2026 Region I East Texas Regional Water Planning Area Initially Prepared Plan – Brigit Buff and Jordan Skipwith  
All of these chapters have been posted to the website and many comments received from planning members have already been incorporated. The consulting team is soliciting any additional comments today from the planning group.
- c. Review of Initially Prepared Plan Chapters
  - 1. Executive Summary – A summary of the 19 reports required in the Plan, including key findings for each county and detailed instructions for accessing data from the TWDB used for our analysis.
  - 2. Chapter 1: Description of the Regional Water Planning Area
  - 3. Chapter 2: Projected Population and Water Demands
  - 4. Chapter 3: Evaluation of Current Water
  - 5. Chapter 4: Water Needs

6. Chapter 5: Water Management Strategies (5a) Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies and Projects (5b) Evaluation of Recommended Water Strategies and Projects (5c) Conservation Recommendations
7. Chapter 6: Impacts of the Regional Water Plan and Consistency With Protection of Resources (includes a placeholder for a report on the socio-economic impacts of any unmet water needs - this report will be forthcoming from TWDB in August)
8. Chapter 7: Drought Response Information Activities and Recommendations
9. Chapter 8: Unique Stream Segments, Unique Reservoir Sites, and Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations
10. Chapter 9: Implementation and Comparison to the Previous (2021) Regional Water Plan
11. Chapter 10: Public Participation in Adoption of the Plan

**11. Consideration and Adoption of the 2026 Region I East Texas Regional Water Planning Area Initially Prepared Plan**

- a. **Consideration and approval for the Adopted Initially Prepared Plan to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board**

Motion for approval was amended to add “Technical Consulting Team has the ability to make minor adjustments for consistency” and made by David Alders, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Monty Shanks; passed unanimously

- b. **Consideration and approval for the political subdivision to prepare and send appropriate notice(s) for Public Hearings related to the Initially Prepared Plan**

Motion by Kelley Holcomb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Jackson; passed unanimously

**12. Reports from other state agencies, as necessary:**

- a. Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout, no report.
- b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Daniel Price, no report.
- c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manuel Martinez; TDA recently completed CDBG reviews with 22 awarded in the Region I area including 15-17 water well or wastewater treatment improvement projects. Applications for the 25-26 projects are available now.
- d. Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Trey Watson, no report.
- e. Groundwater Management Areas –  
John McFarland (GMA 11) – no report.  
John Martin (GMA 14) – GMA 14 met earlier this week and will be meeting several times in the next few months to meet deadlines for report submittals

**13. General Discussion – None**

**14. Set Next Meeting Dates**

IPP Public Hearing May 1, 2025, 10:00 am (date established immediately after meeting)  
Regular RWPG Meeting – late summer or early fall (TBD)

**15. Adjourned at 11:10 pm**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_

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John Martin, Chair  
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Stelly, Secretary



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1. Introductions
2. Meeting Goals
3. Overview of Regional Water Planning Process
4. Review of Chapters
5. Next Steps in the Regional Water Planning Process
6. ETRWPA 2026 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Comments
7. Questions and Answers

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## Region I Water User Group Public Hearing, May 1, 2025

| <i>Sign -in</i>       | Name                   | Organization      | Phone                                        | Email                                                                                            |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>VOTING MEMBERS</b> |                        |                   | <i>Please check your contact information</i> |                                                                                                  |
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|                       | Davis, Chris           | Counties          | 903-683-2324                                 | <a href="mailto:cojudge@cocherokee.org">cojudge@cocherokee.org</a>                               |
|                       | Dietz, Kate, PE        | Municipalities    | 903-330-1431                                 | <a href="mailto:kdietz@tylertexas.com">kdietz@tylertexas.com</a>                                 |
|                       | Gorsich, David         | Industries        | 409-239-4514                                 | <a href="mailto:david.m.gorsich@exxonmobil.com">david.m.gorsich@exxonmobil.com</a>               |
|                       | Hall, Scott            | River Authorities | 409-892-4011                                 | <a href="mailto:scott.hall@lnva.org">scott.hall@lnva.org</a>                                     |
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# Region I Water User Group Public Hearing, May 1, 2025

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| Manuel Montoya              |                      | TDA                              |              |                                                                                                |

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGION I - EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday May 1, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.**

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman John Martin called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 A.M.

John Martin introduced officials present at the hearing:

Tonya Miller, Texas Water Development Board Member

Ron Ellis, TWDB

Region I Voting Members: John Martin, John McFarland, Kelley Holcomb and Terry Stelly

Brigit Buff, Plummer & Associates (Engineering Consultant)

Cheryl Bartlett, City of Nacogdoches (Region I Admin)

- 2. Meeting Goals:** Overview of the regional water planning process, high level review of the chapters for the 2026 initially prepared plan (IPP) for Region I, receive comments from the public on the IPP.

- 3. Overview of Regional water planning process**

Region I is comprised of 20 different counties in East Texas and utilizes data from 285 primary water users and 16 wholesale providers. The report produced by Region I will be combined with plans from other regions to create a state-wide plan for water management for 2027. This plan will be used by the State to verify that projects proposed by water users are consistent with the overall state water plan for future development and assist them in obtaining funding from the Texas Water Development Board for their projects.

- 4. Review of Chapters**

Chapters in each regional plan basically follow the steps outlined in the water planning process. These steps include describing the region geographical boundaries, assessing the projected population and water demands of the area, reviewing the current water supply available, analyzing the difference in the projected demands and supply to determine the needs for the region and developing future strategies to meet those needs. Brigit continued with a brief review of the contents of each of the ten chapters in the IPP.

- 5. Next steps**

Public comment period started 30 days ago and will continue for another 60 days through July 1, 2025. All comments received will be documented in the final Region I plan which will then be presented and submitted to the Members for approval in the fall (date to be determined).

- 6. ETRWP 2026 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Comments**

John Martin requested comments from both online participants and in-person attendees. No comments were offered.

- 7. Questions and Answers** – No questions were asked.

- 8.** Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:31 pm

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_

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John Martin, Chair  
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Stelly, Secretary



# Region I Water User Group Public Hearing, May 1, 2025

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## **REGION I WATER PLANNING GROUP**

**September 9 2025 • 10:00 AM**  
**Nacogdoches Recreation Center**  
**1112 North Street**  
**Nacogdoches, TX 75961**  
**AGENDA**

**Meeting Details and Documents can be found at: <https://www.etexwaterplan.org/meetings/>**  
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1. Call to Order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introduction
4. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
5. Public Comments
6. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting
7. Reports of Adjoining Regions' Activity:
  - a. Region C – David Montagne
  - b. Region D – N/A
  - c. Region H – Scott Hall
  - d. Interregional Liaison – Kelley Holcomb
8. Reports from Standing Committees:
  - a. Executive Committee – John Martin
  - b. Finance Committee – Kelley Holcomb
  - c. Bylaws Committee – David Alders
  - d. Technical Committee – Scott Hall
  - e. Nominations Committee – Monty Shank
9. Reports from Other State Agencies, as necessary:
  - a. Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout
  - b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Stephen Lange
  - c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manuel Martinez
  - d. Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Trey Watson
  - e. Groundwater Management Areas – John Martin
10. Reports from Consultant Team
  - a. Summary of Public Comments and Responses on the 2026 Region I Initially Prepared Plan (IPP)
  - b. Overview of Major Updates Incorporated into the Final 2026 Regional Water Plan



11. Consideration and Approval for the adoption of the Final 2026 Region I East Texas Regional Water Plan, authorize the submittal of the Plan to the Texas Water Development Board, and authorize the Consultant to review and make any non-substantive changes prior to submittal
12. Discuss and consider taking action to authorize the City of Nacogdoches to serve as the Region I Political Subdivision for the 7th cycle of regional water planning.
13. Consideration and Approval to authorize the Region I Political Subdivision to provide public notice, submit a grant application to the TWDB, and execute a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the Region I RWPG for initial funding of the 7<sup>th</sup> cycle of Regional Water Planning
14. Questions and Answers
15. Set Next Meeting Date
16. Adjourn

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**Executive Committee** – 9:00 am

**Nominations Committee** – No Meeting

**By-Laws Committee** – No Meeting

**Finance Committee** – 9:30 am

**Technical Committee** – No Meeting



## **REGION I WATER PLANNING GROUP**

**September 9 2025 • 11:00 AM or  
Immediately following the 10:00 AM Region I WPG Meeting  
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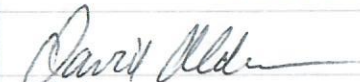
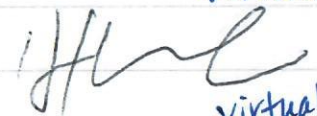
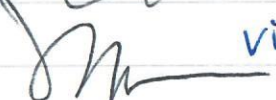
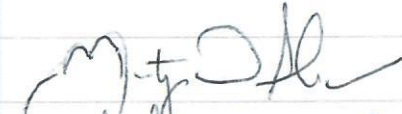
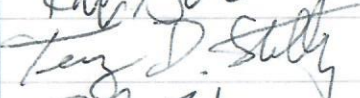
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
3. Public Comments
4. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the February 6, 2025 Meeting
5. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2025 Public Hearing
6. Adjourn

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**MINUTES OF THE  
REGION I - EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP MEETING  
Tuesday, September 9, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.**

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman John Martin called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.
- 2. Invocation/Pledge** – David Alders led the invocation and the Pledge.
- 3. Welcome & Introduction**
- 4. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum** – The roll was called by Cheryl Bartlett and quorum was determined as follows:

**Voting Members Present: (17 of 22)**

David Alders - Agriculture  
Chris Davis – Counties  
Kate Dietz – Municipality  
David Gorsich – Industry (*Virtual*)  
Scott Hall – River Authority (*Virtual*)  
Kelley Holcomb – River Authority  
Fred Jackson – Counties (*Virtual*)  
John Martin – GMA-14  
Matthew McBroom - Environmental (*Virtual*)  
Matthew Mettauer – Agriculture  
David Miley - Water Districts  
David Montagne – River Authority (*Virtual*)  
Monty Shank – River Authority  
Mike Snyder – Electric Power (*Virtual*)  
Rob Starr – Water Utilities  
Terry D. Stelly – Public  
Christopher Wiesinger – Small Business

**Voting Members Absent: (1)**

Jenny Sanders – Public

**Voting Member Category Vacancies: (4)**

Municipality  
Small Business  
Industry  
GMA-11 (*John McFarland retired*)

**Other Attendees**

**Agencies:**

Lann Bookout – Texas Water Development Board  
Stephen Lange – Texas Parks & Wildlife (*virtual*)  
Manuel Martinez – Texas Department of Agriculture  
Trey Watson – Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board

**Staff and Consultants:**

Cheryl Bartlett - City of Nacogdoches  
Brigit Buff, PE – Plummer Asso.  
Jordan Skipwith – Freese & Nichols

**5. Public Comments:** None

**6. Consideration and Approval of the minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting**

This item was not addressed at this time.

**7. Reports of adjoining regions activity:**

- a. Region C – David Montagne:  
Region C & D are in discussions about how the proposed Marvin Nichols reservoir and Toledo Bend reservoir will be presented in their final plan to the State.
- b. Region D – John McFarland retired: no representative to Region D at this time
- c. Region H – Scott Hall: Planning group will be meeting Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to adopt their final plan
- d. Interregional Liaison – Kelley Holcomb: Interregional Planning Council has not met since original adoption of its report about 18 months ago.

**8. Report from Standing Committees:**

- a. Executive Committee met this morning to discuss planning for next cycle. No action items at this time.
- b. Finance Committee did not meet; no report.
- c. Bylaws Committee did not meet; no report.
- d. Technical Committee did not meet; no report.
- e. Nominations Committee did not meet. Monty Shank reminded group members that we have 3 vacancies – Municipal, Small Business and Industry. John asked group members to forward possible names to him or Monty so we can try to get new members by the time the next planning cycle begins.

**9. Reports from other state agencies:**

- a. Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout  
TWDB is busy reviewing regional water plan data and draft reports. Staff also took public comment on and is in the process of reviewing planning region boundaries. The Board will officially vote on the areas in October but no changes are anticipated. Distributed final fund amounts in contracts with the City of Nacogdoches for this cycle. Agency is in the process of developing a schedule for the 7<sup>th</sup> planning cycle (2031 report).
- b. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Stephen Lange (virtual), submitted water use reports for various Regions throughout the state
- c. Texas Department of Agriculture – Manuel Martinez, not present, no report.
- d. Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Trey Watson (virtual), no report.
- e. Groundwater Management Areas –  
GMA 11 – John Martin announced that John McFarland has retired and GMA 11 will be meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> to appoint a replacement.  
GMA 14 – John Martin reported that GMA 14 will meet next week and encouraged everyone to attend. There will be a legal panel present to discuss private property rights and how they affect water rights in Texas. Meeting will be held at the Lone Star Conservation District in Conroe, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm and will also be available online.

**10. Report from consultant team with discussion by RWPG:**

**Brigit Buff (Plummer), Jordan Skipwith (Freese & Nichols)**

- a. Summary of Public Comments and Responses on the 2026 Region I Initially Prepared Plan  
The IPP was submitted to TWDB in March. It has been available for approximately 6 months on the website and was sent out to various agencies and public locations such as libraries and county offices.
- b. Overview of Major Updates Incorporated into the Final 2026 Regional Water Plan  
There were no official comments received directly from the public. A spreadsheet listing the comments received from TWDB, along with the proposed revisions, were posted and sent out to the group. Brigit briefly reviewed these comments and the resulting updates to the Region I Plan. The revisions were submitted to TWDB for review and have been approved. They are included in the plan that will be voted on for adoption today. The data in the tables referenced in the report will be finalized by TWDB on September 22nd and available to regions by September 24<sup>th</sup> for possible minor changes needed for coordination between regions. David Alders and Kate Dietz mentioned a few additional minor revisions that were noted for updates.

**11. Consideration and Approval for adoption of the Final 2026 Region I East Texas Regional Water Plan, authorize the submittal of the Plan to the Texas Water Development Board, and authorize the Consultant to review and make any non-substantive changes prior to submittal, included approved revisions discussed in this meeting.**

Motion by David Alders, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelley Holcomb; passed unanimously

**12. Discuss and consider taking action to authorize the City of Nacogdoches to serve as the Region I Political Subdivision for the 7th cycle of regional water planning.**

John reported that the Executive Committee met today and recommended that the group hold off on this discussion and decision until the committee is able to meet with the City Manager to discuss the City's relationship as the political subdivision for Region I.

**13. Consideration and Approval to authorize the Region I Political Subdivision to provide public notice, submit a grant application to the TWDB, and execute a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the Region I RWPG for initial funding of the 7<sup>th</sup> cycle of Regional Water Planning**

John also recommended tabling discussion for this item.

**14. Questions and Answers** No questions asked.

**15. Set Next Meeting Dates**

Next meeting is set for February 5, 2026, 10:00am.

This meeting will primarily be addressing items 12 and 13 above and items necessary to close out the 6<sup>th</sup> planning cycle.

**16. Adjourned at 10:50 am**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_

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John Martin, Chair  
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:

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Terry Stelly, Secretary  
ETRWPG – Region I

**REGION I - EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 2025 – Second Meeting 10:50 A.M.**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman John Martin called the meeting to order at 10:51 A.M.
2. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum** – Cheryl Bartlett confirmed that attendance and quorum had not changed from the 10:00 am meeting.
3. **Public Comments:** None
4. **Consideration and Approval of the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting**  
*Rob Starr made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Miley, passed unanimously.*
5. **Consideration and Approval of the minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Public Hearing**  
*Robb Starr made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Public Hearing as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judge Chris Davis, passed unanimously.*
6. Adjourned at 10:53 am

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_

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John Martin, Chair  
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST:

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Terry Stelly, Secretary  
ETRWPG – Region I



# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

1. Call to order;
2. Confirmation of receipt of posted notices;
3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the November 19, 2024 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Update from Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District regarding progress on the district's coring project;
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Gulf2023 Model update;
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the development of the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) including, but not limited to, the schedule for development of the DFCs;
10. Discussion and possible action regarding non-voting advisory stakeholder committee(s);
11. Discussion and possible action regarding positions of chairman, secretary, and Region H representative for the fourth round of joint planning;

Meeting will be convened as a meeting of the GMA 14 Joint Planning Interlocal Agreement Participants.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding the Interlocal Agreement For Governmental Functions And Services Related to Joint Planning In GMA 14;

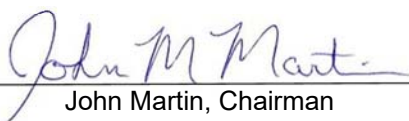
GMA 14 Interlocal Agreement Participants meeting will be adjourned, and the meeting of the GMA 14 District Representatives will reconvene.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items; and,
14. Meeting Adjourned;

Comments concerning any aspect of this meeting should be directed to Mr. John Martin of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 1407, Jasper, TX 75951; [jmartin@setgcd.org](mailto:jmartin@setgcd.org), or (409) 383-1577.

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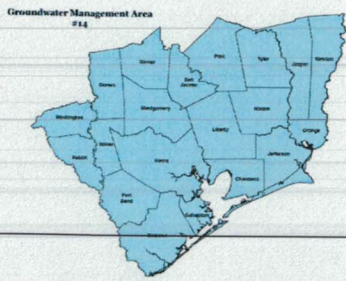
  
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GMA 14 Planning Group

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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA 14) JOINT PLANNING MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

February 03, 2025  
10:00 am

| Member District                         | District Representative | Date     | Signature         |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD                          | Zach Holland            |          |                   |
| Brazoria County GCD                     | Beverly Hopkins         | 2/3/25   | BH                |
| Lone Star GCD                           | Sarah Kouba             | 2/3/25   | Sarah Kouba       |
| Lower Trinity GCD                       | Gary Ashmore            | 2/3/2025 | Gary Ashmore      |
| Southeast Texas GCD                     | John Martin             | 2/3/25   | John Martin       |
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| Interlocal Participant                  | Representative          | Date     | Signature         |
| Harris Galveston<br>Subsidence District | Mike Turco              | 2/3/25   | Mike Turco        |
| Fort Bend Subsidence<br>District        | Ashley Greuter          | 2/3/2025 | Ashley Greuter    |
| Washington County                       | Veronica Osegueda       |          | Veronica Osegueda |
|                                         | KIRK HANATH             | 2.3.25   | Kirk Hanath       |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

1. Call to order;
2. Confirmation of receipt of posted notices;
3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the February 3, 2025 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Update from Lone Star Groundwater GCD regarding progress on the district's coring project;
8. Update (from Lone Star GCD), Discussion and possible action regarding the Gulf2023 Model update;
9. Discussion and possible action regarding GMA 14 representative and alternate to the Region H Regional Water Planning Group;
10. Discussion and possible action regarding DFC management priorities/approaches;
11. Discussion and consideration of aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(1));
12. Discussion and consideration of the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(2));
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
14. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items; and,
15. Meeting Adjourned;

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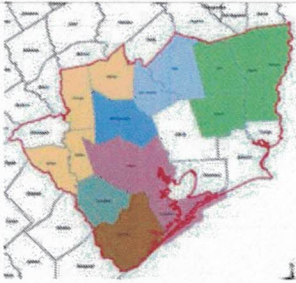
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GMA 14 Planning Group

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## GMA 14 MEMBER AND INTERLOCAL SIGN IN SHEET

March 26, 2025  
10:00 AM

| Member District     | District Representative | Date      | Signature           |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |           | <i>Zach Holland</i> |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 3-26-25   | <i>BH</i>           |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 3/26/25   | <i>Sarah Kouba</i>  |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            | 3/26/2025 | <i>Gary Ashmore</i> |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 3-26-25   | <i>John Martin</i>  |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

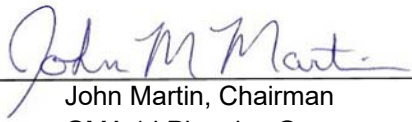
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3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the March 26, 2025 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Discussion and possible action regarding DFC management priorities/approaches including review of current DFCs/MAG via the updated GMA 14 GAM;
8. Discussion and consideration of "hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the executive administrator, and the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(3));
9. Discussion and consideration of "other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(4));
10. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
11. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items; and,
12. Meeting Adjourned;

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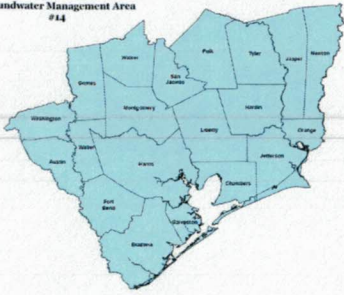
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA 14) JOINT PLANNING MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

April 30, 2025  
10:00 am

| Member District     | District Representative | Date    | Signature          |
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| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |         |                    |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 4/30/25 | <i>BH</i>          |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 4/30/25 | <i>SKouba</i>      |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            |         |                    |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 4/30/25 | <i>John Martin</i> |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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The items of business to be considered and transacted during the meeting are as follows:

1. Call to order;
2. Confirmation of receipt of posted notices;
3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the April 30, 2025 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Discussion and consideration of "the impact on subsidence" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(5));
8. Discussion and consideration of "socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(6));
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
10. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items; and,
11. Meeting Adjourned;

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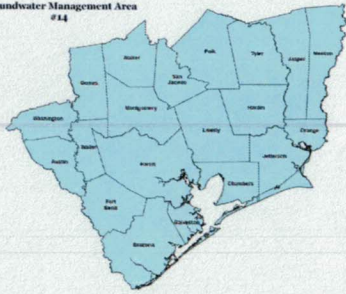
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA 14) JOINT PLANNING MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

May 28, 2025  
10:00 am

| Member District     | District Representative | Date      | Signature                        |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |           |                                  |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 5/28/25   | <i>Zach Holland</i><br><i>BH</i> |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 5/28/25   | <i>Sarah Kouba</i>               |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            | 5/28/2025 | <i>Gary Ashmore</i>              |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 5/28/25   | <i>John Martin</i>               |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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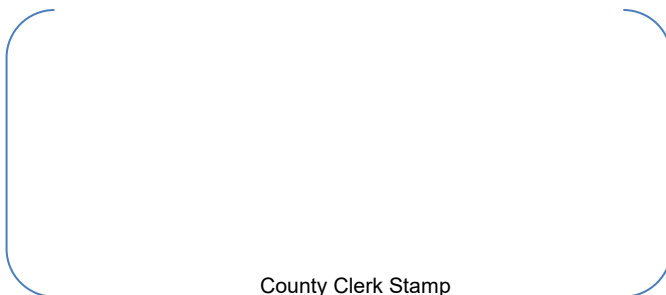
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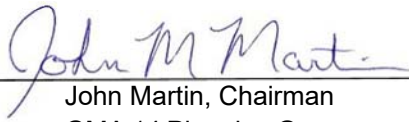
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4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the May 28, 2025 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Discussion and consideration of "the impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of management area landowners and their lessees and assigns in groundwater as recognized under Section 36.002;" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(7));
8. Discussion and consideration of "the feasibility of achieving the desired future condition" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(8));
9. Discussion and consideration of "any other information relevant to the specific desired future conditions" (as required by Texas Water Code 36.108 (d)(9));
10. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
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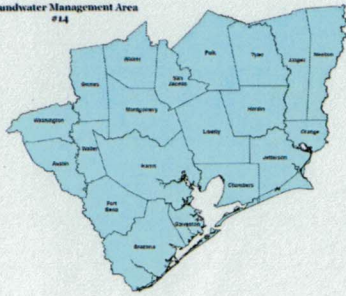


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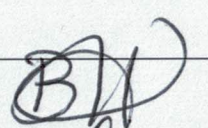
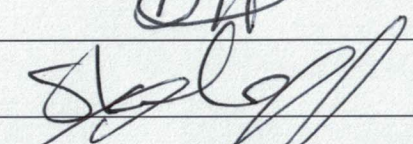
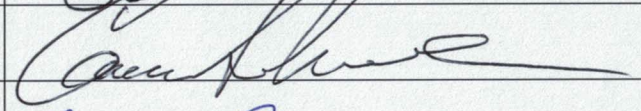
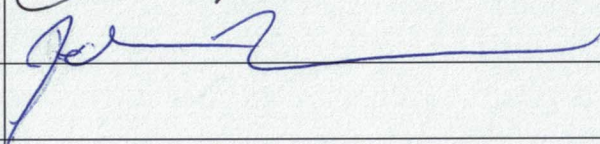
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA 14) JOINT PLANNING MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

September 17, 2025  
1:00 pm

| Member District     | District Representative | Date    | Signature                                                                                        |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |         |                                                                                                  |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 9/17/25 |  Zach Holland |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 9/17/25 |               |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            | 9/17/25 |               |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 9-17-25 |              |
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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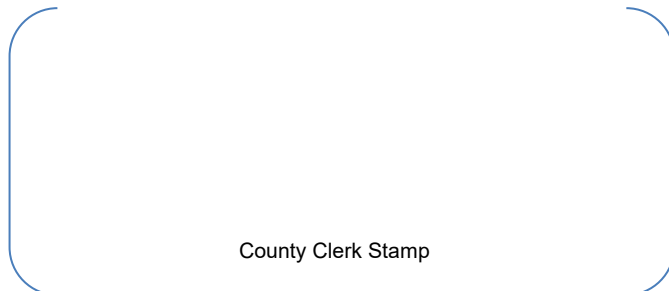
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1. Call to order;
2. Confirmation of receipt of posted notices;
3. Welcome and introductions;
4. Public comment;
5. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes of the September 17, 2025 GMA 14 Joint Planning Meeting;
6. Update from Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and discussion of any related items of interest to GMA 14;
7. Presentation by Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on recently passed legislation related to Joint Planning, the Desired Future Conditions, and district Management Plans;
8. Review, discussion and consideration of member district management plans as required by Chapter 36.108(c);
9. Review and discussion of the draft report comparison of measured drawdown with simulated drawdown from the DFCs.", by William Hutchison, Ph.D., P.E., P.G.
10. Presentation and discussion of GMA 14 model run;
11. Discussion and possible action regarding the DFCs and the path forward for GMA 14 to accomplish statutory mandates for Round 4 Joint Planning;
12. Discussion and possible action regarding next meeting date, location, and agenda items;
13. Meeting Adjourned.

Comments concerning any aspect of this meeting should be directed to Mr. John Martin of the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 1407, Jasper, TX 75951; [jmartin@setgcd.org](mailto:jmartin@setgcd.org), or (409) 383-1577.

Come to hand and posted on a Bulletin Board in the Courthouse, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas, on this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.



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GMA 14 Planning Group

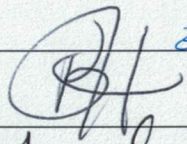
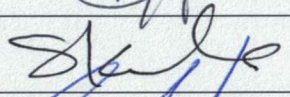
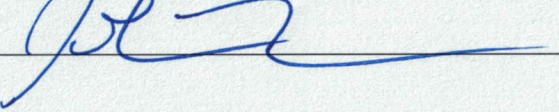
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA 14) JOINT PLANNING MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

November 19, 2025  
10:00 am

| Member District     | District Representative | Date     | Signature                                                                                        |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bluebonnet GCD      | Zach Holland            |          |                                                                                                  |
| Brazoria County GCD | Beverly Hopkins         | 11/19/25 |  Zach Holland |
| Lone Star GCD       | Sarah Kouba             | 11/19/25 |               |
| Lower Trinity GCD   | Gary Ashmore            | 11-19-25 |               |
| Southeast Texas GCD | John Martin             | 11-19-25 |               |
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# GOAL 4.5

## NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES AFFECTING THE USE AND AVAILABILITY OF GROUNDWATER OR AFFECTED BY THE USE OF GROUNDWATER

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### **Objectives**

- 1 *The District requires that all water wells used in conjunction with the exploration of hydrocarbons be registered with the District.*

### **Performance Standard**

- 1 *Each month the Board will be provided information pertaining to any new water well registered and drilled for the purpose of hydrocarbon exploration and a summary of all these wells will be included in the District's Annual Report.*
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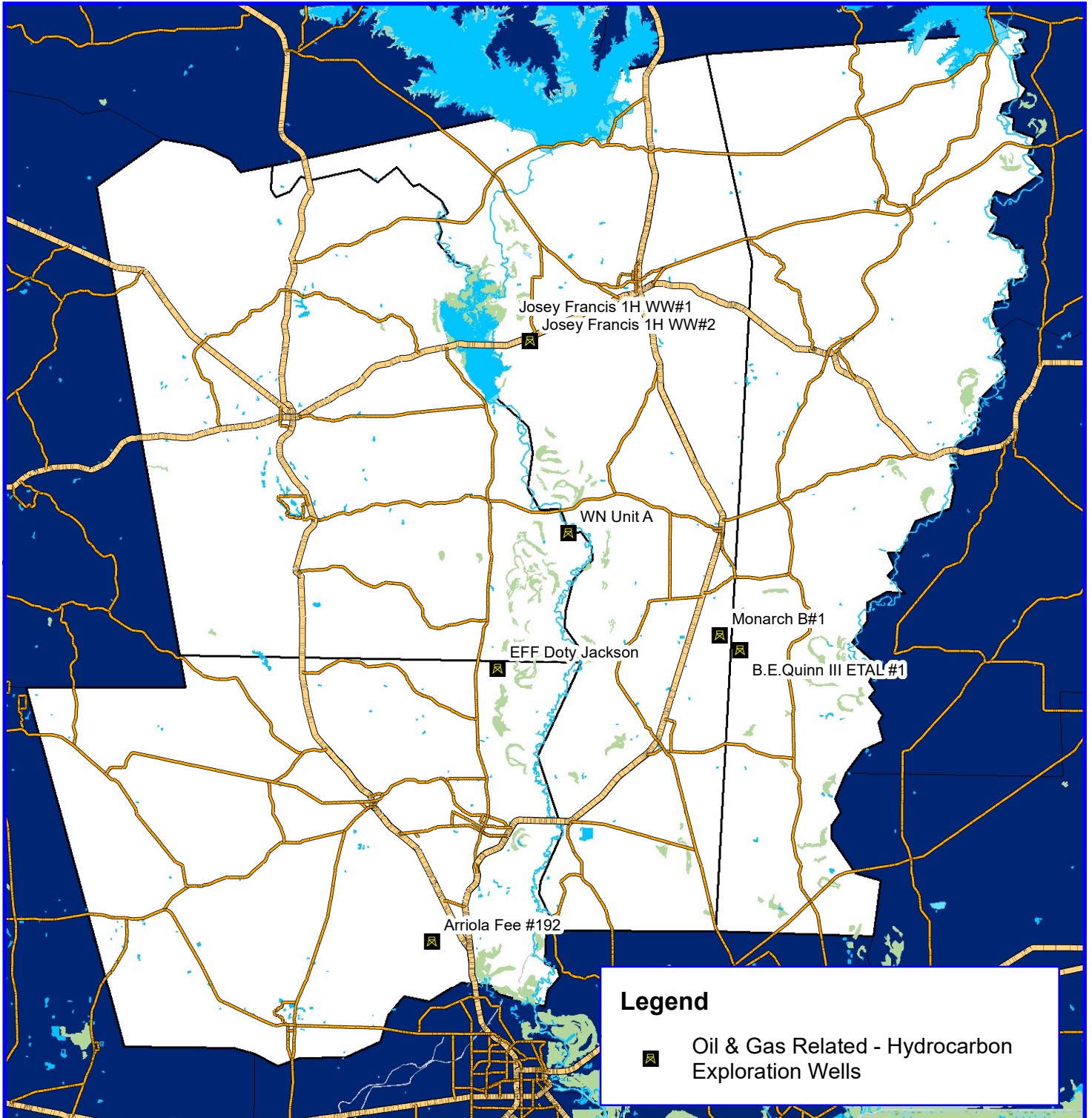
### **OBJECTIVE 1**

Each month (whether a board meeting is held or not) the Directors are provided with information regarding the water wells registered within the District for the purpose of hydrocarbon exploration (oil and gas well drilling and fracking). Newly registered water wells drilled for the purpose of hydrocarbon exploration are entered into the District's Geographic Information Software (GIS) database, which is ESRI – ArcMap. Each month the Directors are provided with a map showing the locations of the newly registered wells along with a data sheet that includes the well site/lease name, the well owner, the date the well was entered into the District's database, as well as the name of the well driller/water well company. Copies of the monthly maps are included along with a summary map and data for the entire year.

The District received 7 registrations in 2025 for new water wells that were to be used in conjunction with the exploration of hydrocarbons: 2 in Hardin County, 1 in Tyler County, 3 in Jasper County, and 1 in Newton County.

Note: the total number of water wells registered for use in conjunction with exploration of hydrocarbons is not indicative of the total number of new oil/gas wells within the District.

# Hydrocarbon Exploration Related Water Wells - 2025



0 4.75 9.5 Miles

Drafted By:  
John Martin, Southeast Texas GCD

Date  
March 26, 2026

Data Source  
ESRI Street Map USA 2006  
SETGCD ArcView GIS Database

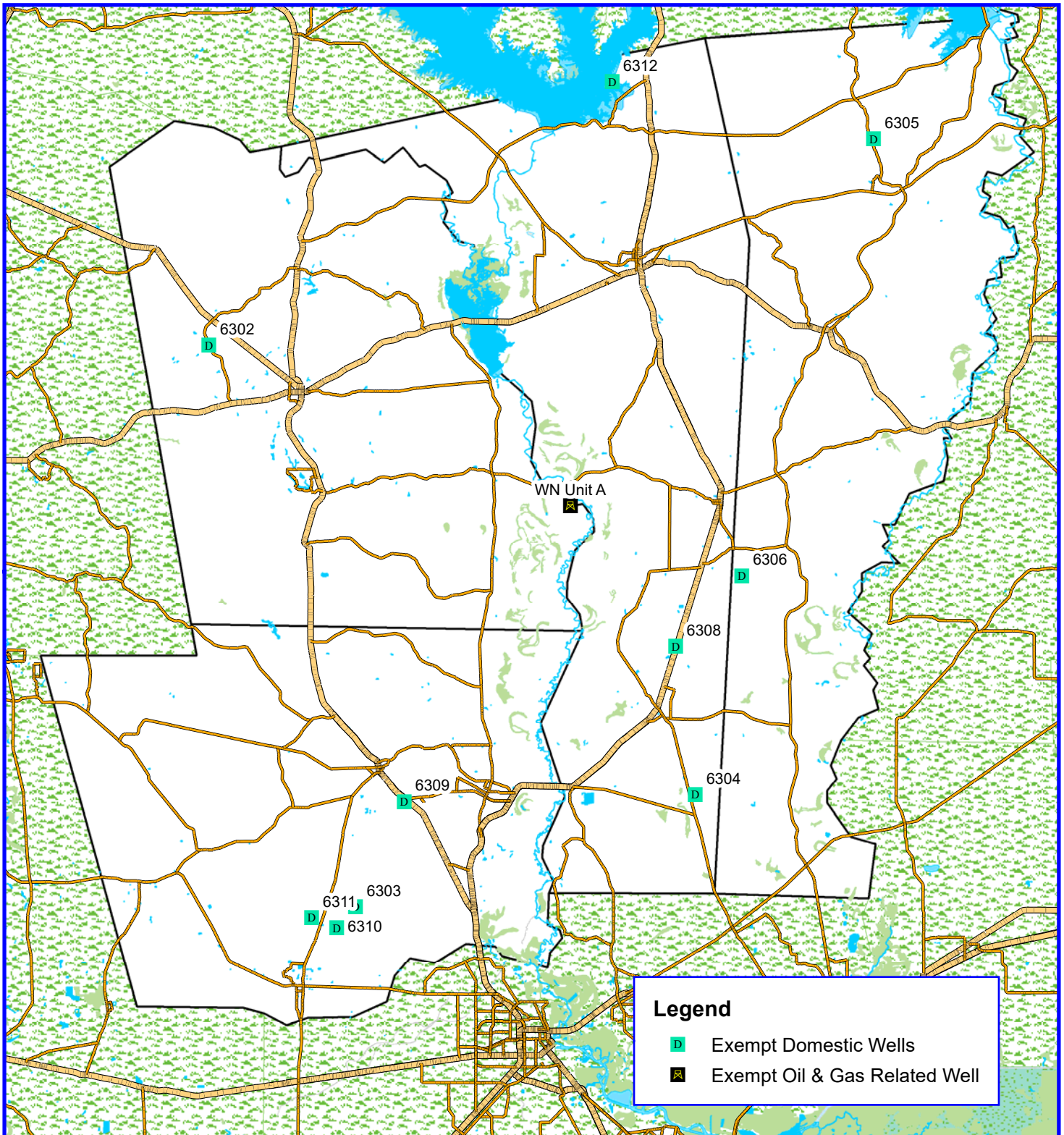


# District Wide - Exempt Oil/Gas Hydrocarbon Exploration Related Wells - 2025

| WELL OWNER                | WELL NAME             | DRILLING CO.      | DATE DRILLED | PLUGGED? | FRACKED? | AQUIFER | GEO. LAYER |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Zarvona Energy, LLC       | Josey Francis 1H WW#2 | J&S Water Wells   |              | N        | N        | <null>  | <null>     |
| Sandalwood Exploration    | WN Unit A             | George Bellenger  | 03/01/2025   | Y        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| Paleo Oil Company         | Monarch B#1           | Pinnergy LTD      | 03/28/2025   | N        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| Zarvona Energy, LLC       | Josey Francis 1H WW#1 | J&S Water Wells   | 04/09/2025   | N        | N        | Jasper  | Oakville   |
| Whitehead Resources, LTD  | Arriola Fee #192      | George Bellenger  | 06/08/2025   | Y        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| Geo Terre Operating       | B.E.Quinn III ETAL #1 | Fas Line Services | 06/25/2025   | N        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |
| TX Operating Partners LLC | EFF Doty Jackson      | Dales Water Wells | 09/19/2025   | N        | N        | Chicot  | Lissie     |



# Registered Wells - February 2025



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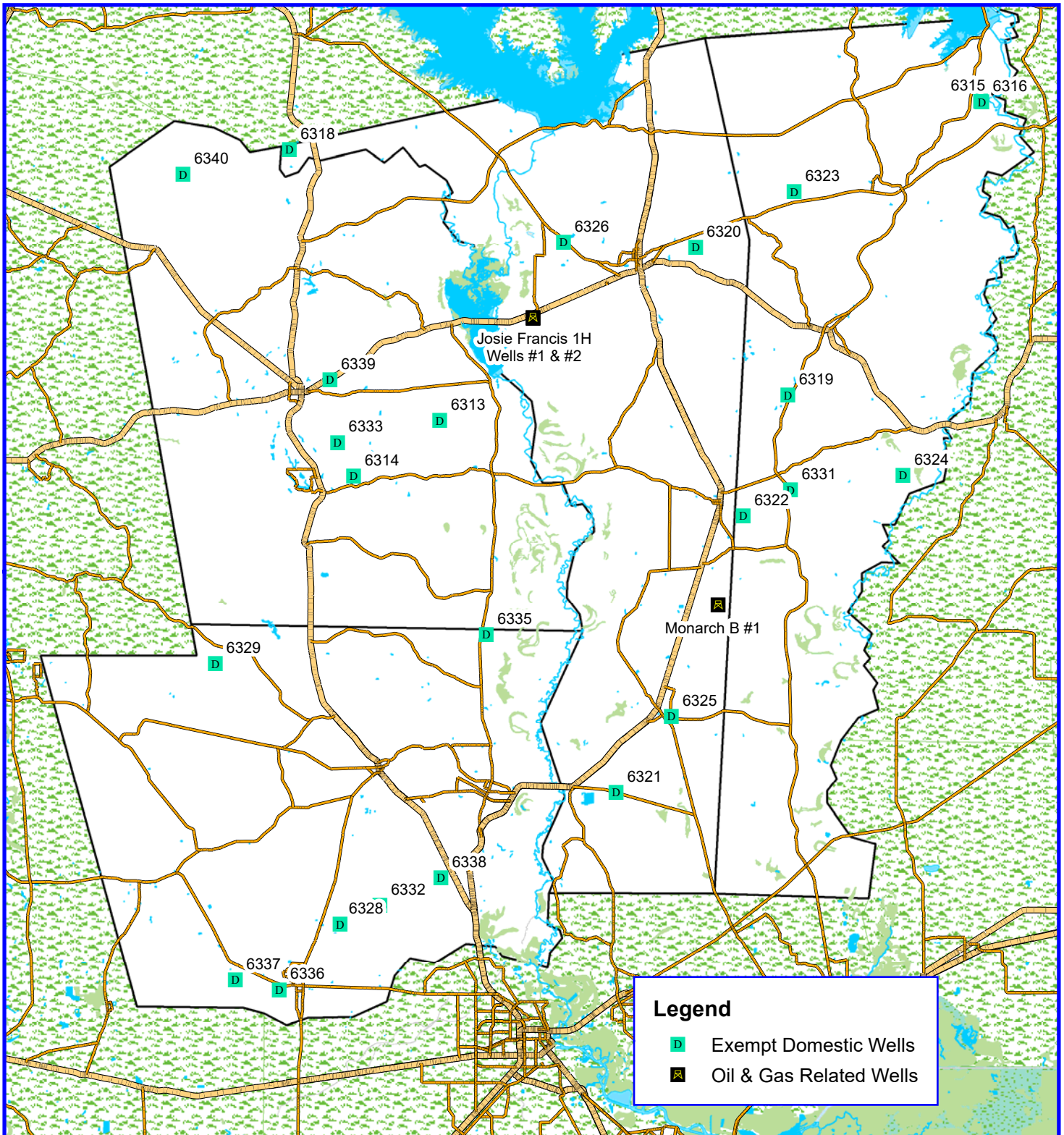
## Exempt Domestic Wells - February 2025

| OBJECTID_ | COMMENT          | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST   | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REGISTERED |
|-----------|------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 6302      | New Well         | Gampher    | Eddie         | Gore         | Dale          | 02/03/2025      |
| 6303      | New Well         | Crank      | Chad          | Turk         | Mitch         | 02/05/2025      |
| 6304      | Replacement Well | Bland      | Robynn        | Paskell      | Keith         | 02/06/2025      |
| 6305      | New Well         | West       | Sarah         | Jones        | Bobby         | 02/07/2025      |
| 6306      | New Well         | Wilson     | Stephanie     | Paskell      | Keith         | 02/17/2025      |
| 6308      | Replacement Well | Hollis     | John and Mary | Jones        | Whit          | 02/20/2025      |
| 6311      | New Well         | Newsome    | Michael       | Turk         | Mitch         | 02/26/2025      |
| 6312      | New Well         | Cruse      | Randy         | Jones        | Bobby         | 02/26/2025      |
| 6309      | New Well         | Whitmire   | Joseph        | Paskell      | Keith         | 02/27/2025      |
| 6310      | New Well         | Tune       | Amanada       | Paskell      | Keith         | 02/28/2025      |

## Exempt Oil & Gas Related Wells - February 2025

| WELL NAME | COMMENTS   | WELL OWNER                | DRILLING CO.     | DRILLER NAME | DATE REGISTERED |
|-----------|------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| WN Unit A | Rig Supply | Sandalwood<br>Exploration | George Bellenger | Mitch Turk   | 02/20/2025      |

# Registered Wells - March 2025



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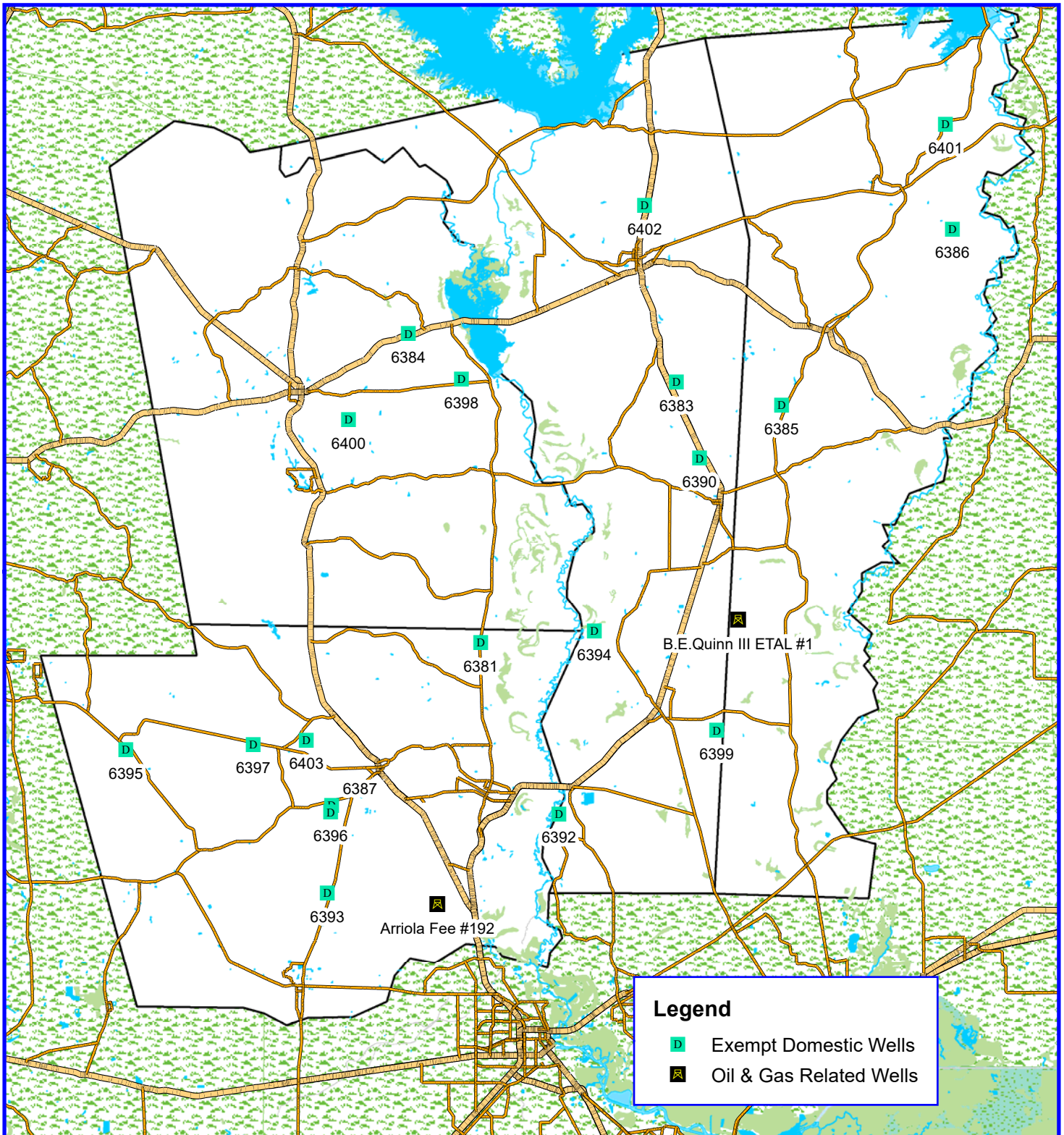
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|-----------|----------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 6313      | Replacement Well     | Dowden     | Toby        | Gore         | Dale          | 03/03/2025      |
| 6314      | New Well             | Bailey     | Brittany    | Bell         | Evan          | 03/03/2025      |
| 6315      | New Well / Pond Well | Smith      | Mystery     | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/05/2025      |
| 6316      | New Well / Shop      | Smith      | Mystery     | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/05/2025      |
| 6319      | New Well             | Trahan     | Casey       | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/10/2025      |
| 6318      | New Well             | Williamson | Alexis      | Jones        | Bobby         | 03/11/2025      |
| 6320      | New Well             | Brown      | Robert      | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/13/2025      |
| 6321      | New Well             | Lenard     | Joshua      | Paskell      | Keith         | 03/13/2025      |
| 6322      | New Well             | Burch      | Emily       | Paskell      | Keith         | 03/14/2025      |
| 6323      | New Well             | Pope       | Clay        | Gore         | Dale          | 03/14/2025      |
| 6325      | New Well             | Biscamp    | Michael     | Turk         | Mitch         | 03/14/2025      |
| 6324      | New Well             | Harrison   | Robert      | Jones        | Bobby         | 03/17/2025      |
| 6326      | New Well             | Cotten     | Nathan      | Bishop       | Nathan        | 03/18/2025      |
| 6328      | New Well             | Uptigrove  | Ryan        | Paskell      | Keith         | 03/19/2025      |
| 6329      | New Well             | Lule       | Willie      | Gore         | Dale          | 03/19/2025      |
| 6331      | New Well             | Alfred     | Mikey       | Jones        | Bobby         | 03/19/2025      |
| 6332      | New Well             | Duplissey  | Patrick     | Jones        | Whit          | 03/20/2025      |
| 6335      | New Well             | Eason      | Thomas      | Turk         | Mitch         | 03/21/2025      |
| 6336      | New Well             | Bocquet    | John        | Greak, III   | James         | 03/24/2025      |
| 6333      | New Well             | Lauff      | Steve       | Ballard      | Sammuel       | 03/25/2025      |
| 6337      | New Well             | McCain     | Stuart      | West         | Randy         | 03/25/2025      |
| 6338      | New Well             | Zygula     | Timothy     | Jones        | Whit          | 03/26/2025      |
| 6339      | New Well             | Pineda     | Regina      | Gore         | Dale          | 03/26/2025      |
| 6340      | New Well             | Ammons     | James       | Bell         | Evan          | 03/26/2025      |

## Exempt Oil & Gas Related Wells - March 2025

| WELL NAME                | COMMENTS   | WELL OWNER          | DRILLING CO.    | DRILLER NAME   | DATE REGISTERED |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Josey Francis 1H<br>WW#1 | Rig Supply | Zarvona Energy, LLC | J&S Water Wells | Primo Trejo    | 03/18/2025      |
| Josey Francis 1H<br>WW#2 | Rig Supply | Zarvona Energy, LLC | J&S Water Wells | Primo Trejo    | 03/18/2025      |
| Monarch B#1              | New Well   | Paleo Oil Company   | Pinnergy LTD    | Skipper Hagler | 03/28/2025      |



# Registered Wells - June 2025



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|  | <b>Date</b><br>July 1, 2025                            |                                                                               |

## Exempt Domestic Wells - June 2025

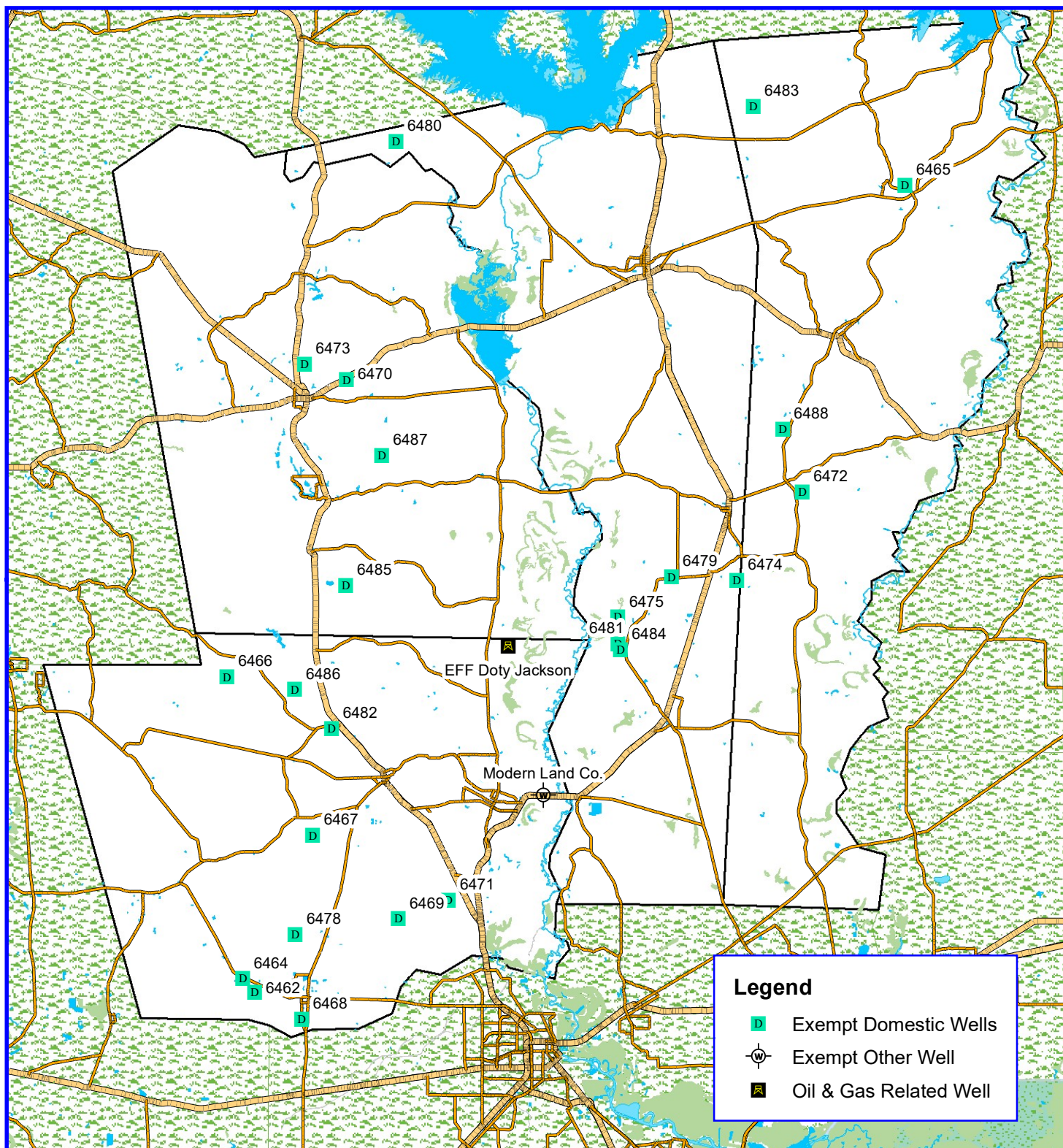
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|-----------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 6381      | New Well                  | Stephens   | Kenneth            | Gore         | Dale          | 06/02/2025      |
| 6386      | New Well                  | Smith      | Buddy              | Bishop       | Nathan        | 06/03/2025      |
| 6383      | New Well                  | Williams   | Becky              | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/03/2025      |
| 6384      | New Well                  | Parker     | Johnny             | Gore         | Dale          | 06/03/2025      |
| 6385      | New Well                  | Weeks      | Jimmy              | Bishop       | Nathan        | 06/03/2025      |
| 6387      | New Well                  | Barnes     | Roger              | Turk         | Mitch         | 06/05/2025      |
| 6390      | New Well                  | McCauley   | Shelby and Lindsey | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/06/2025      |
| 6392      | New Well                  | Rice       | Clayton            | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/06/2025      |
| 6393      | New Well                  | Whitman    | Gary               | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/16/2025      |
| 6394      | New Well                  | Cherry     | Lane               | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/17/2025      |
| 6395      | New Well                  | Marcontel  | Billy              | Turk         | Mitch         | 06/18/2025      |
| 6396      | New Well                  | Holton     | Jay                | Turk         | Mitch         | 06/20/2025      |
| 6398      | Replacement Well          | LeJune     | Jerry              | Paskell      | Keith         | 06/20/2025      |
| 6397      | New Well                  | Alarcon    | Fernando           | Bell         | Evan          | 06/23/2025      |
| 6401      | New Well                  | Statham    | Michael            | Bishop       | Nathan        | 06/24/2025      |
| 6402      | New Well                  | Vierra     | Andrew             | Bishop       | David         | 06/24/2025      |
| 6400      | New Well - Developer      | Joslin     | Curt               | Jones        | Bobby         | 06/25/2025      |
| 6403      | New Well                  | Smith      | Michael            | Turk         | Mitch         | 06/27/2025      |
| 6399      | Likely Drilled by Flowers | Stephenson | Kurt               | U/K          | U/K           | Unlic. Drill    |

## Exempt Oil & Gas Related Wells - June 2025

| WELL NAME             | COMMENTS | WELL OWNER               | DRILLING CO.      | DRILLER NAME | DATE REGISTERED |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Arriola Fee #192      | New Well | Whitehead Resources, LTD | George Bellenger  | Mitch Turk   | 06/06/2025      |
| B.E.Quinn III ETAL #1 | New Well | Geo Terre Operating      | Fas Line Services | Clint Scuddy | 06/16/2025      |



# Registered Wells - September 2025



0 4.75 9.5 Miles

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John Martin, Southeast Texas GCD

Date  
October 1, 2025

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ESRI Street Map USA 2006  
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# Exempt Domestic Wells - September 2025

| OBJECTID_ | COMMENT          | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST            | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE REGISTERED |
|-----------|------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 6465      | New Well         | Brooks     | James                  | Jones        | Bobby         | 09/03/2025      |
| 6462      | New Well         | Allison    | Shannon and<br>Matthew | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/04/2025      |
| 6464      | New Well         | Blaylock   | Mitchell               | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/05/2025      |
| 6468      | New Well         | Johnson    | Mike                   | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/06/2025      |
| 6466      | New Well         | Larkin     | Jason                  | Bell         | Evan          | 09/09/2025      |
| 6467      | Replacement Well | Coe        | B. A.                  | Turk         | Mitch         | 09/09/2025      |
| 6469      | New Well         | Oblanc     | Steven                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/09/2025      |
| 6470      | New Well         | Hennigan   | Thomas                 | Bell         | Evan          | 09/10/2025      |
| 6471      | New Well         | Allen      | Athan                  | Jones        | Whit          | 09/10/2025      |
| 6472      | New Well         | Nash       | Johnny                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/10/2025      |
| 6473      | New Well         | Thompson   | Frederical             | Bell         | Evan          | 09/11/2025      |
| 6475      | New Well         | Graham     | Aymee                  | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/12/2025      |
| 6474      | New Well         | Gill       | Jerrold                | Jones        | Whit          | 09/15/2025      |
| 6478      | New Well         | Williams   | Sonny                  | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/17/2025      |
| 6479      | New Well         | Mordant    | David                  | Gore         | Dale          | 09/18/2025      |
| 6482      | Replacement Well | Godwin     | Jerry                  | Turk         | Mitch         | 09/22/2025      |
| 6483      | New Well         | Hopson     | James                  | Bishop       | David         | 09/22/2025      |
| 6484      | New Well         | Jones      | Dylan                  | Jones        | Whit          | 09/22/2025      |
| 6480      | New Well         | Sudduth    | Aaron                  | Jones        | Bobby         | 09/25/2025      |
| 6481      | New Well         | Caillier   | David                  | Jones        | Whit          | 09/25/2025      |
| 6485      | New Well         | Newman     | Brandon                | Turk         | Mitch         | 09/26/2025      |
| 6486      | New Well         | Smart      | Terry                  | Turk         | Mitch         | 09/26/2025      |
| 6487      | New Well         | Key        | Mike                   | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 09/29/2025      |
| 6488      | New Well         | Visinescu  | Mirela                 | Paskell      | Keith         | 09/30/2025      |



## Exempt Other Well - September 2025

| IDENT           | COMMENT                     | OWNER LAST | OWNER FIRST | DRILLER LAST | DRILLER FIRST | DATE DRILLED |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Modern Land Co. | New Well / Less Than 25,000 | Almond     | Trent       | Holmes       | Kenneth       | 09/09/2025   |

## Exempt Oil & Gas Related Wells - September 2025

| WELL NAME        | COMMENTS | WELL OWNER                | DRILLING CO.      | DRILLER NAME | DATE REGISTERED |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| EFF Doty Jackson | New Well | TX Operating Partners LLC | Dales Water Wells | Dale Gore    | 09/19/2025      |

# GOAL 4.6

## ADDRESSING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

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*(Conservation is the only practice which is practicable in the District.)*

### **Objectives**

1. *The District will post an article and/or drought index maps, regarding drought conditions in the District at least annually on the District's website.*

### **Performance Standard**

1. *A copy of the article or and/or drought index maps posted on the District's website regarding drought conditions will be included in the District's Annual Report.*
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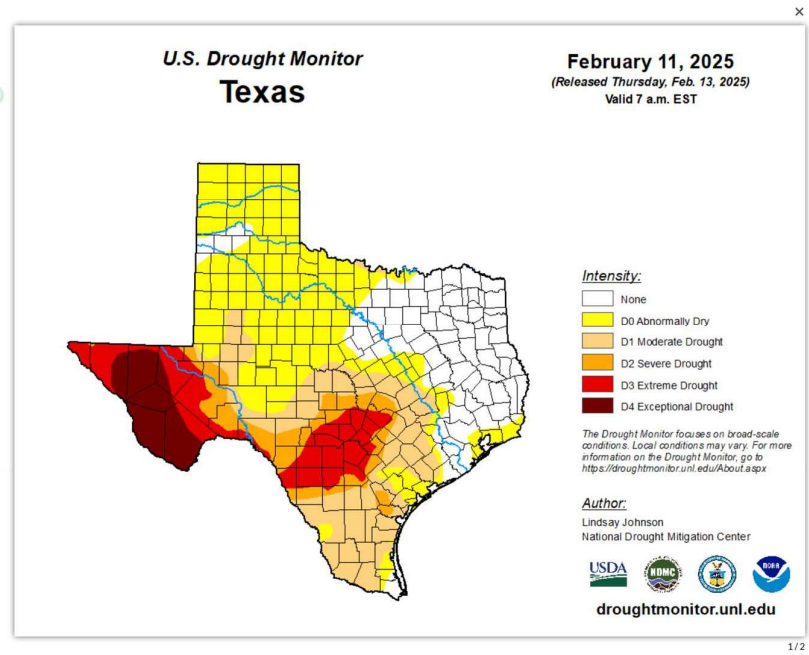
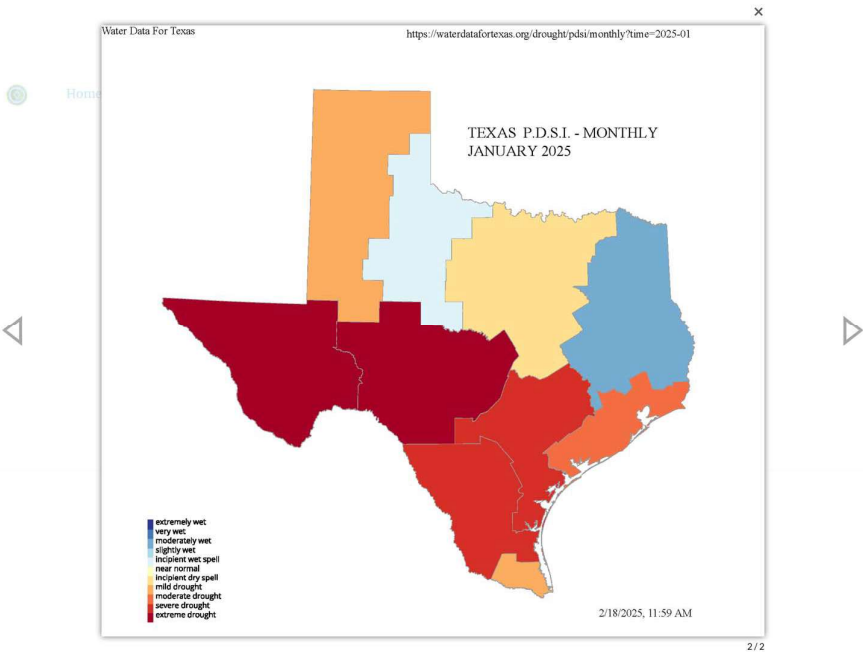
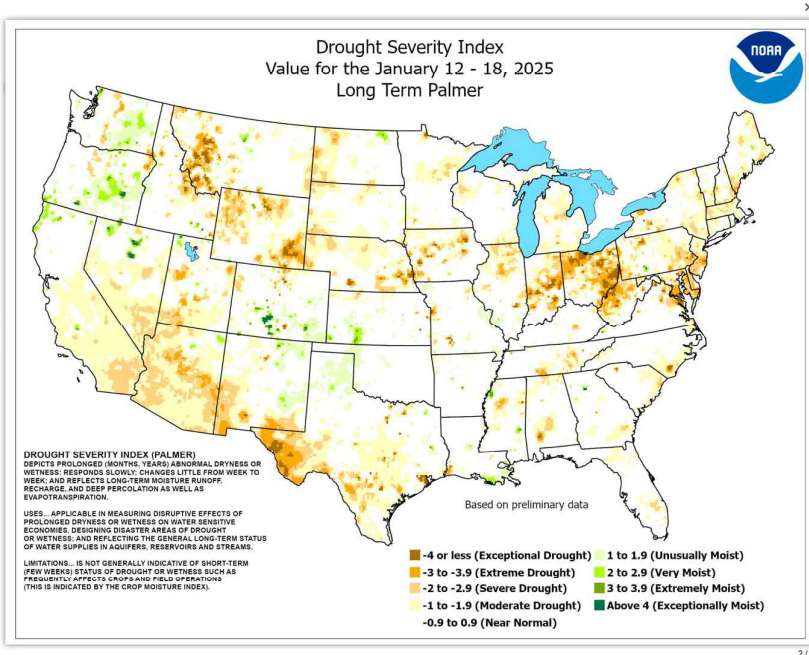
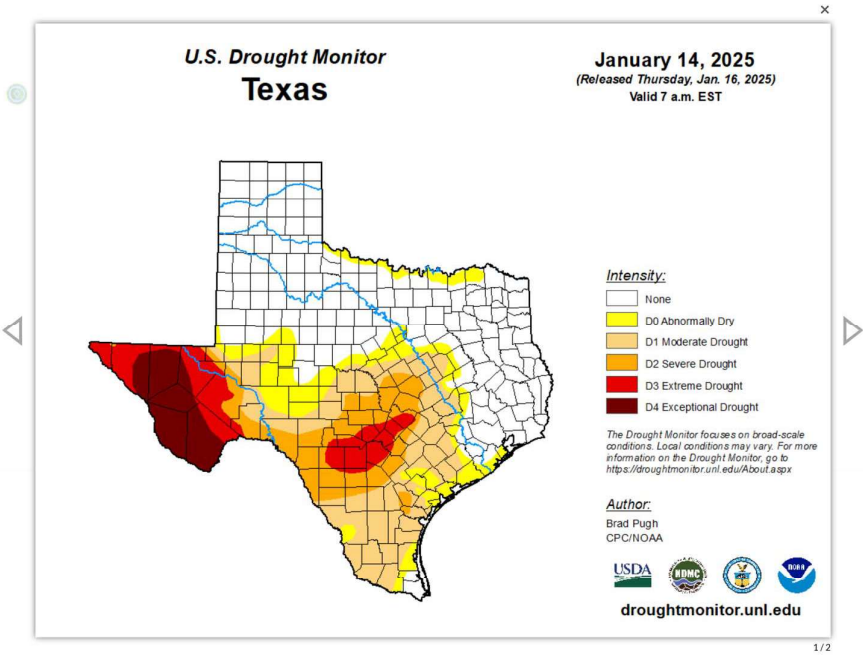
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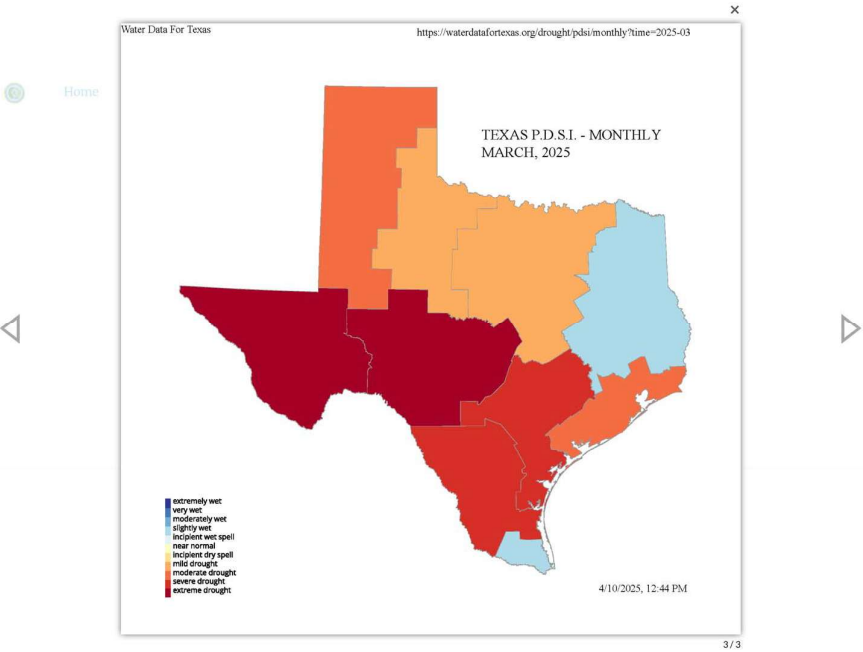
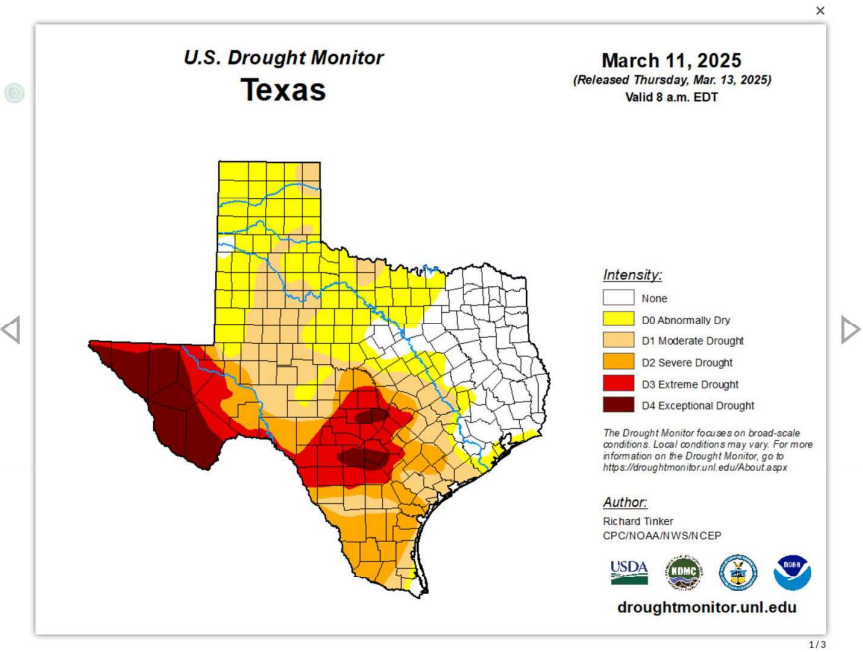
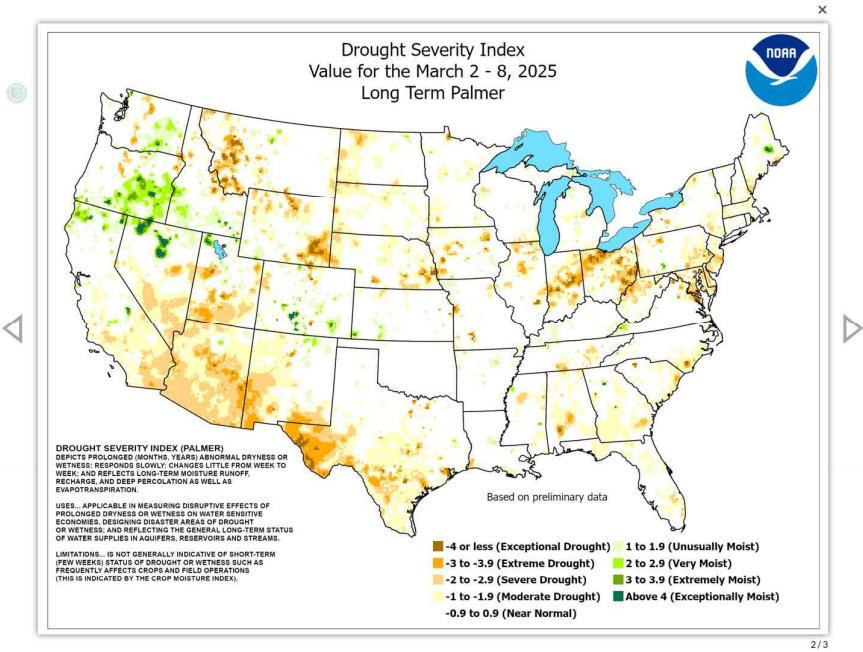
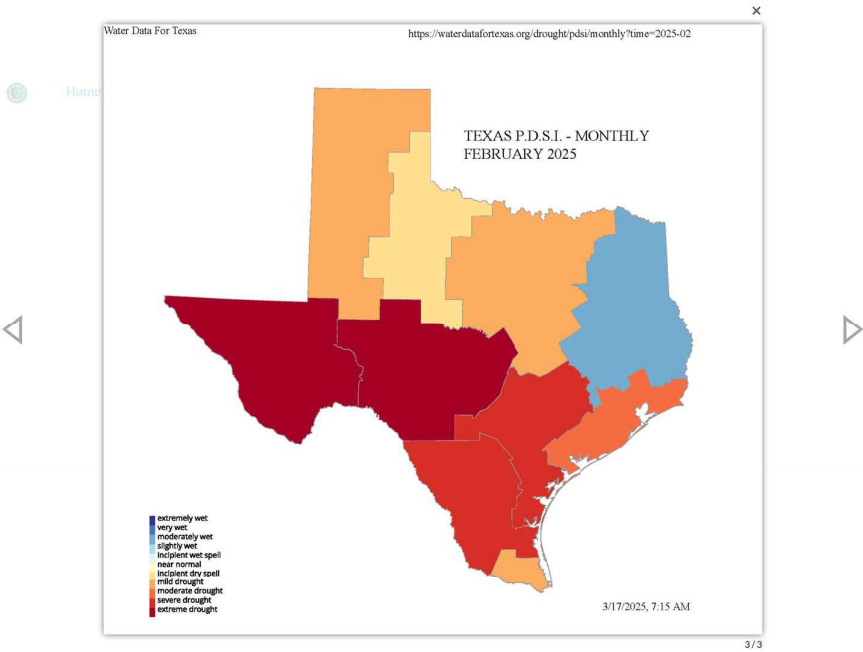
An article addressing drought conditions within the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District was published in the Fall 2025 issue of the SETGCD Well Monitor Newsletter and posted on the District's website on October 1, 2025 (see Appendix A – Tab 12).

Each month the District posts relevant drought conditions maps on the District's website and at the District office (copies attached). The maps are typically the monthly Texas Palmer Drought Severity Index map, the monthly U.S. Palmer Drought Severity Index map, and/or the latest U.S. Drought Monitor map. These maps, as well as the NOAA Precipitation Probability maps and the U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook maps, are included in the Manager's Report and are provided to the Board of Directors every month. These maps give the public easy access to current drought conditions within the District and keep the District's Directors apprised of the current drought situation.

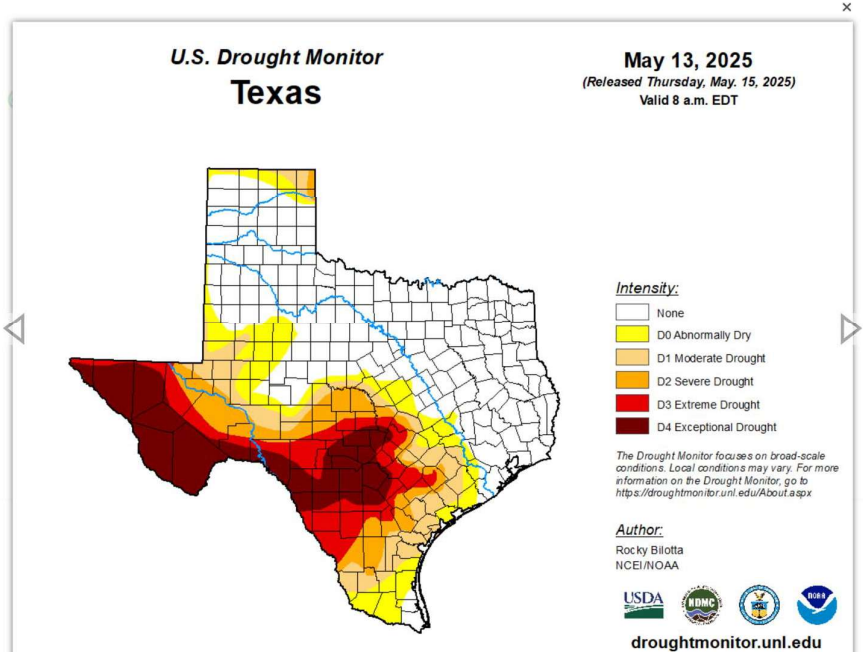
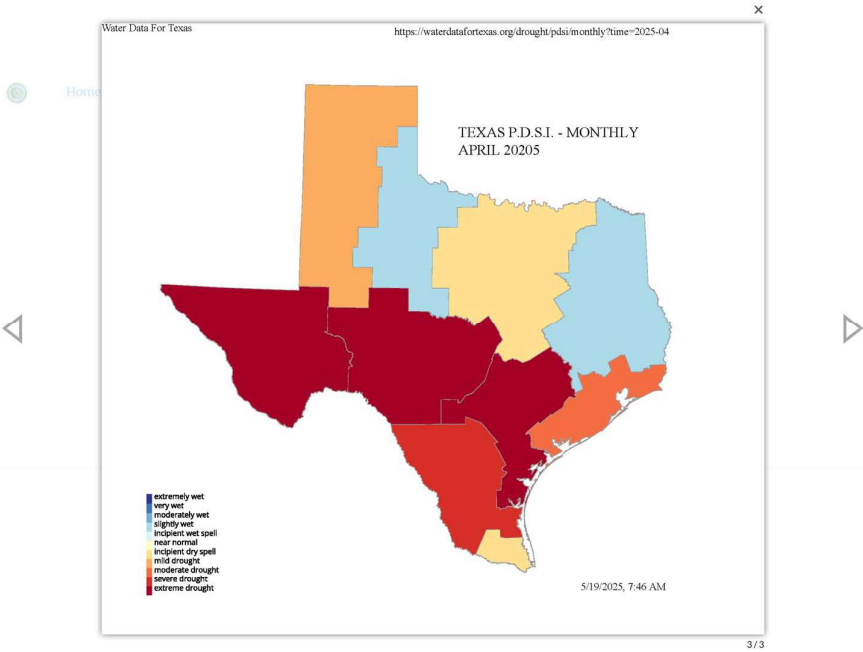
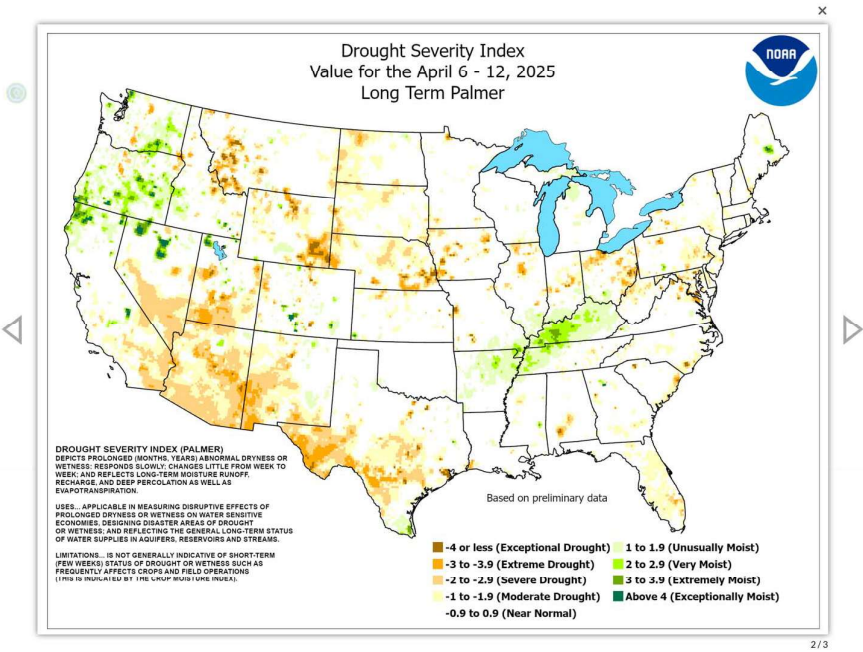
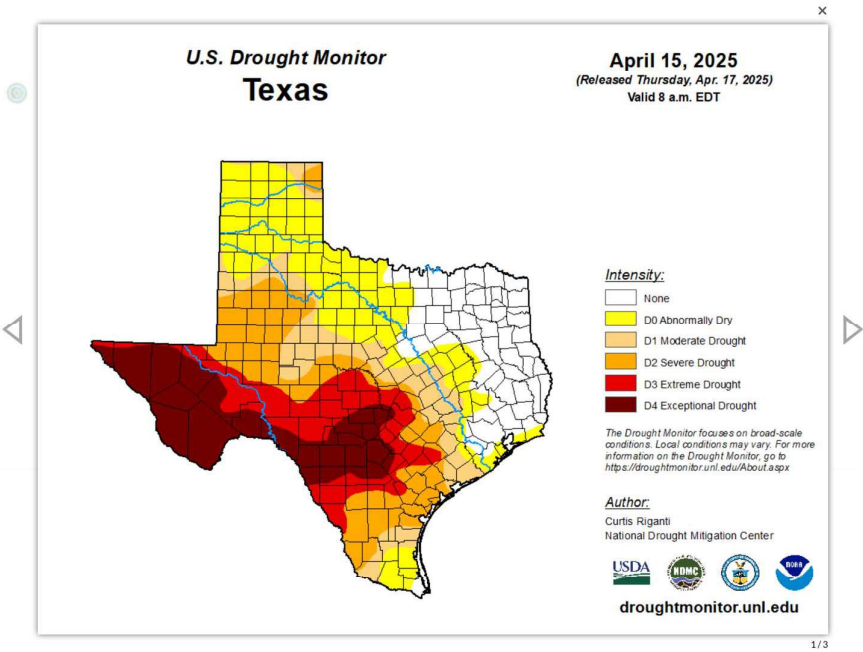
The District maintains a webpage dedicated to drought information and drought conditions. Included on this page are links to the Texas Drought Preparedness Council's website with the most up-to-date Statewide Drought Situation Reports. These reports give a concise overview of current drought conditions regionally as well as statewide.

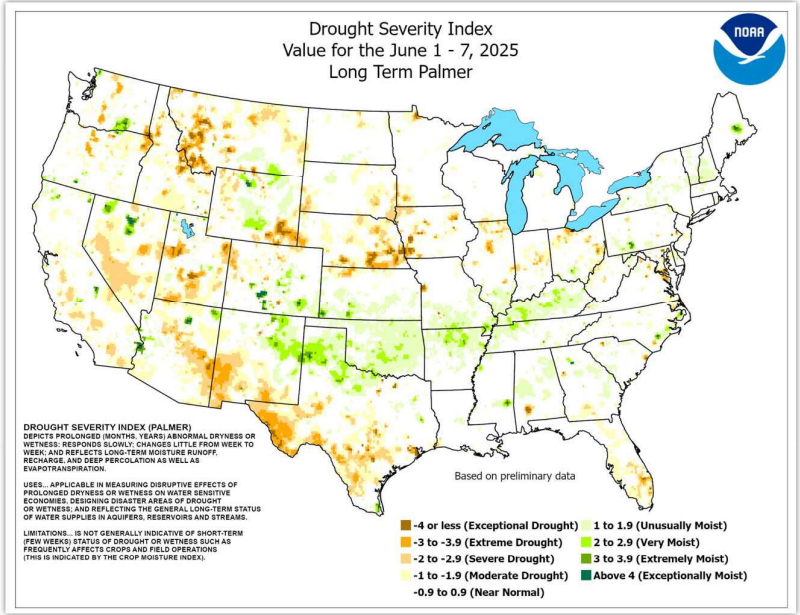
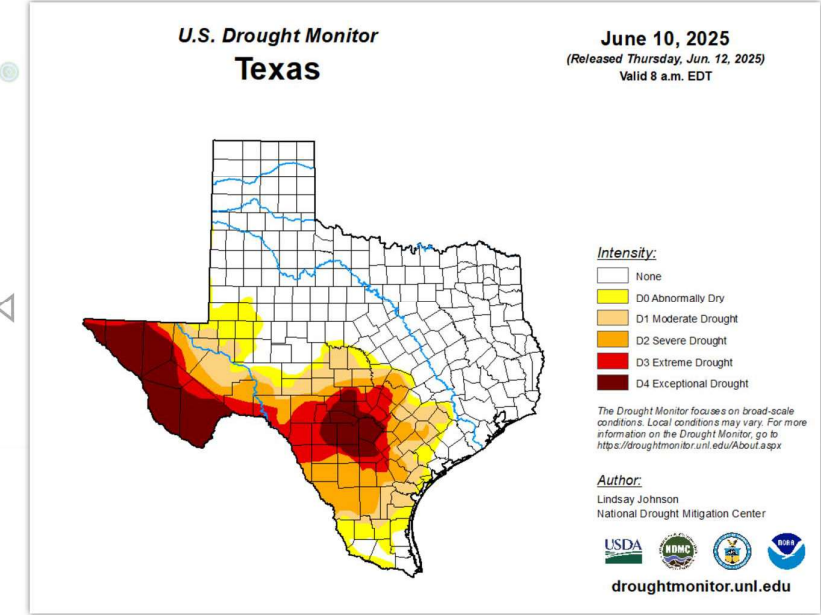
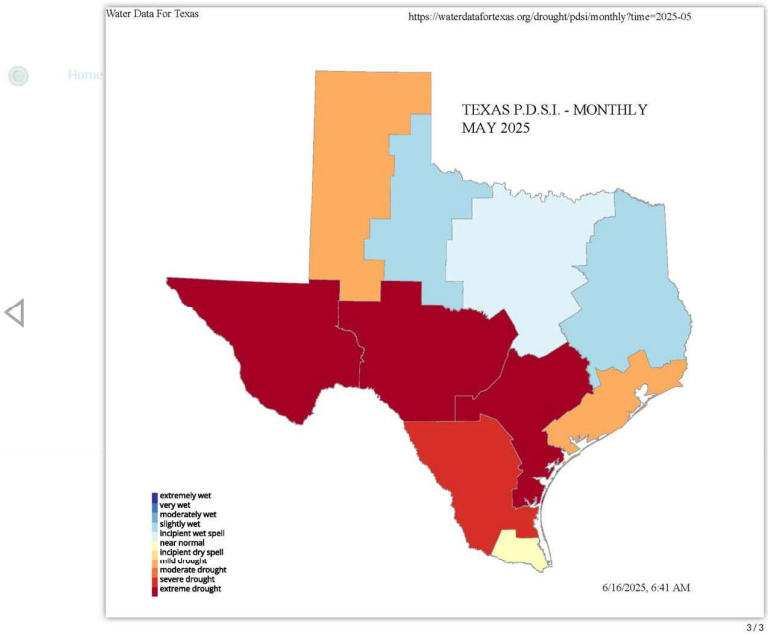
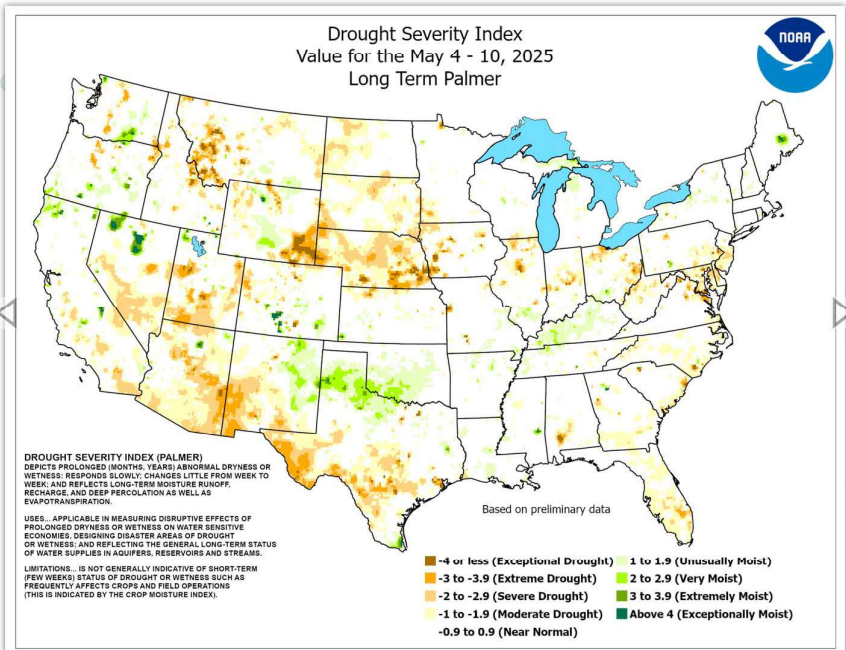
The drought information webpage also includes a link to the Texas Water Development Board's drought information webpage which has up-to-date drought monitoring and outlook information. It includes numerous drought condition maps, real-time remote static water level monitoring for hundreds of water wells across the state (4 of which are located within the District), reservoir levels that are updated daily, and many other useful tools and datasets.



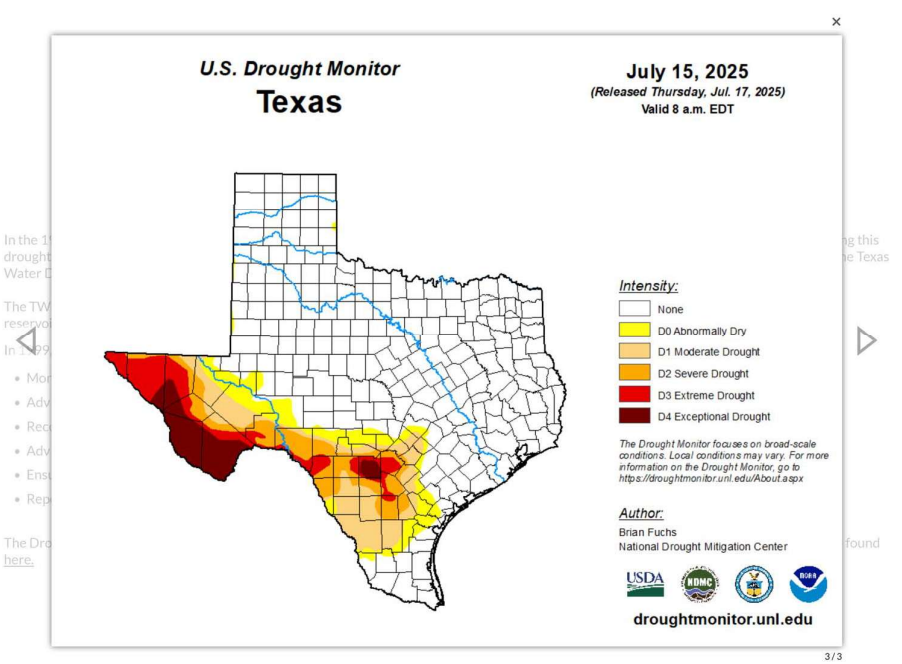
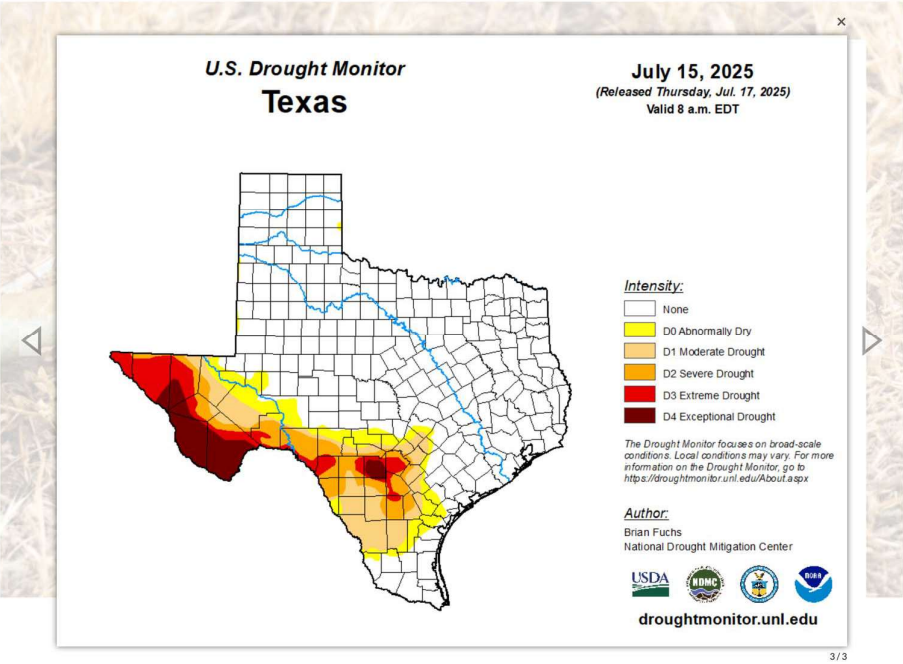
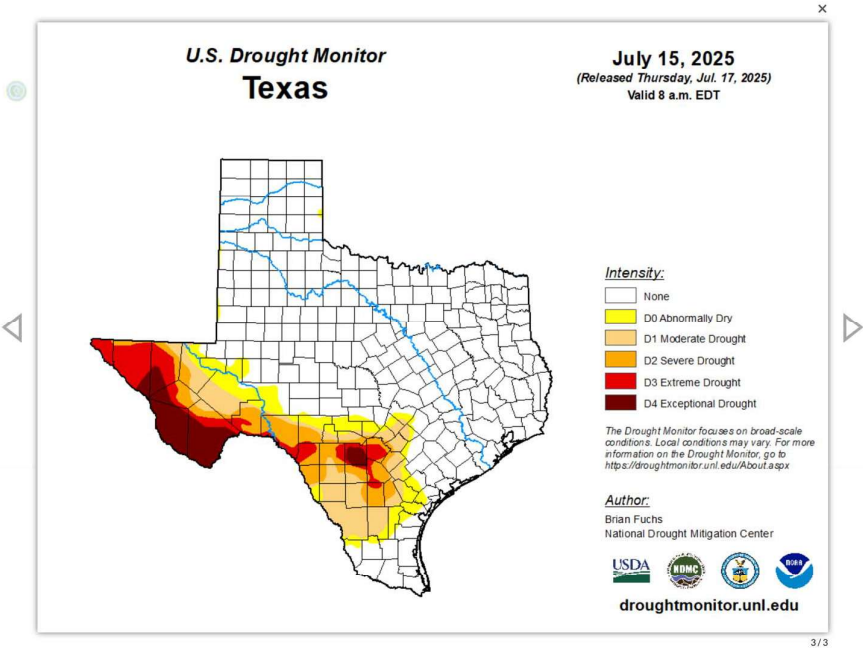
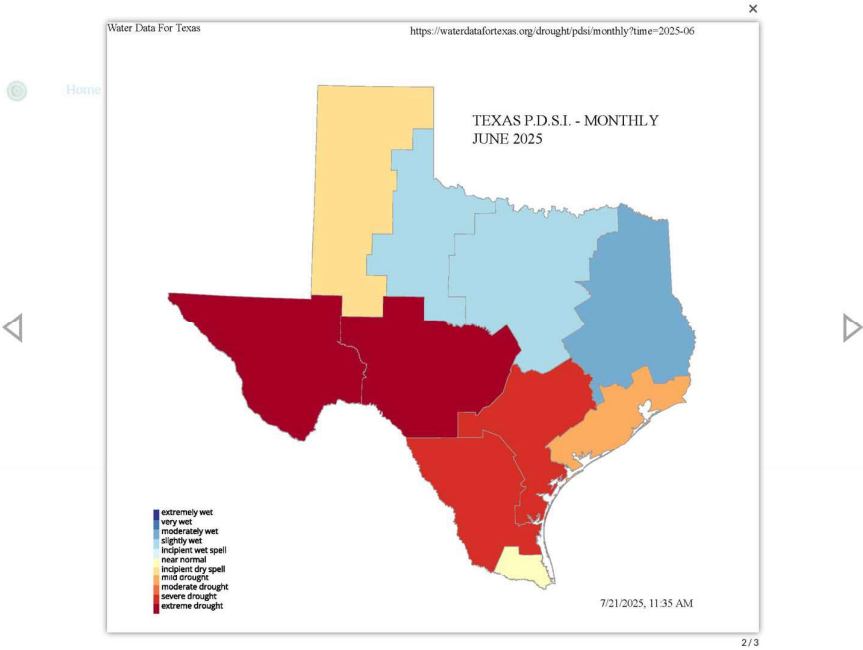


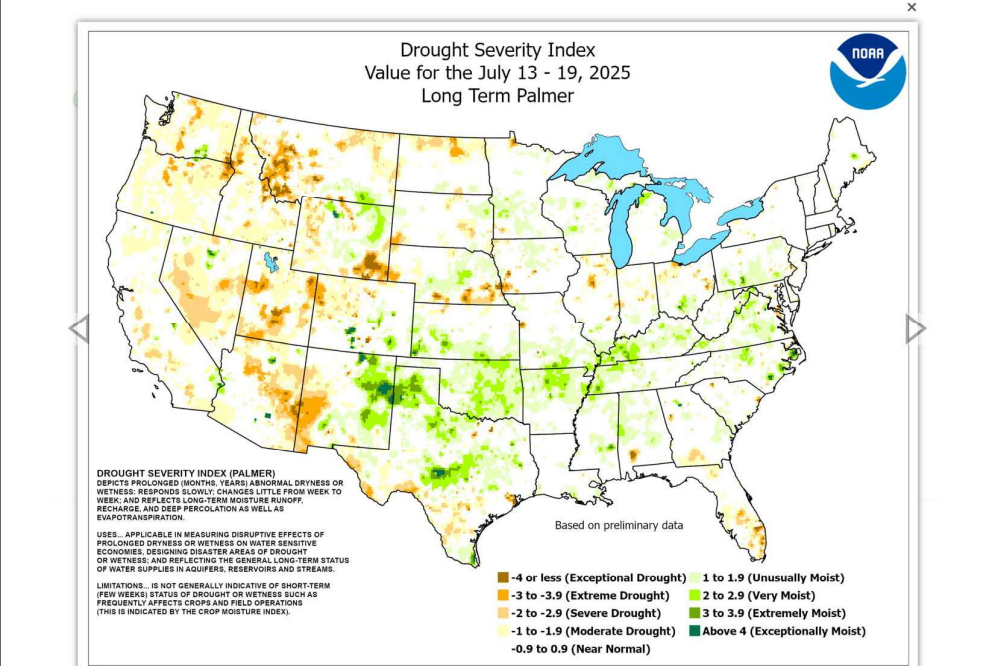
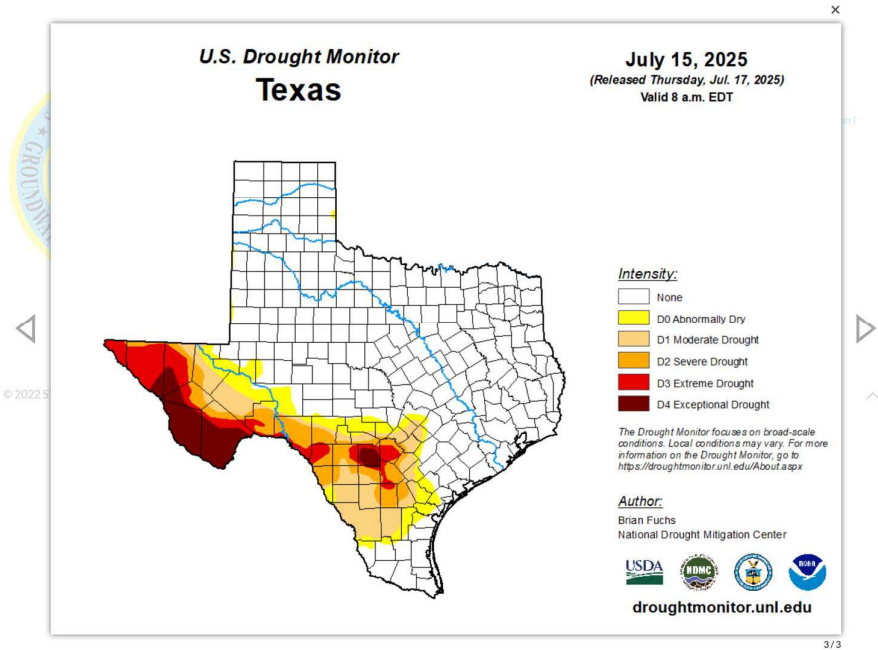
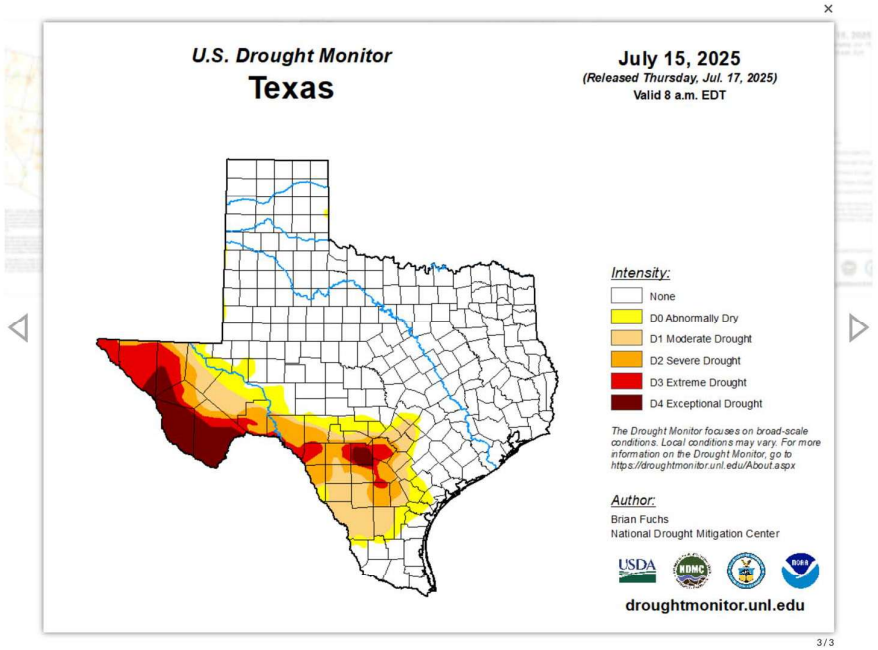
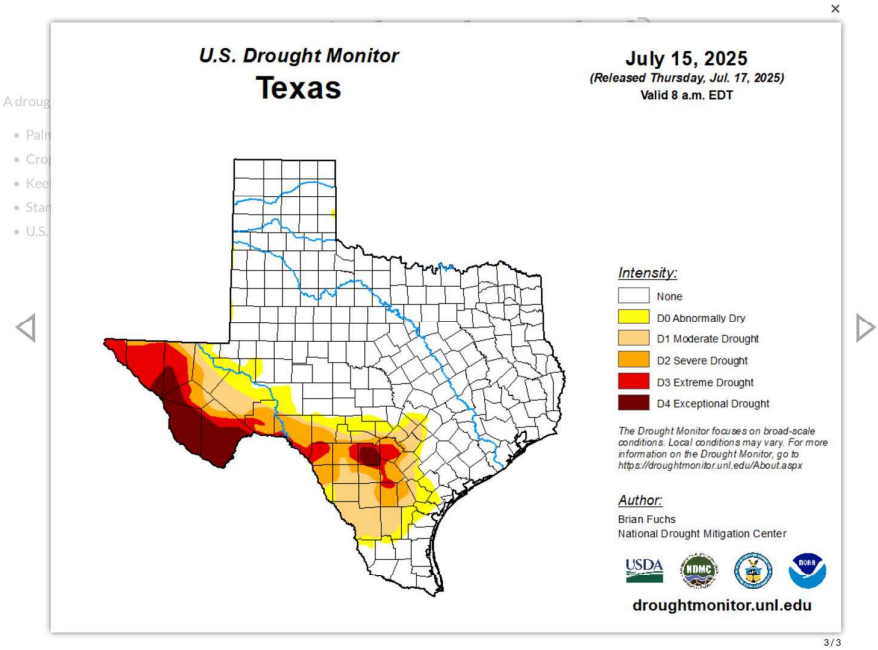




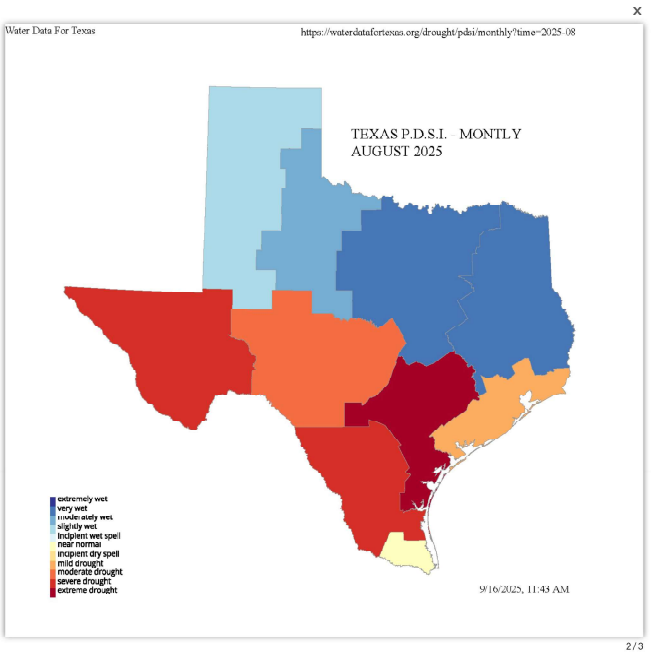
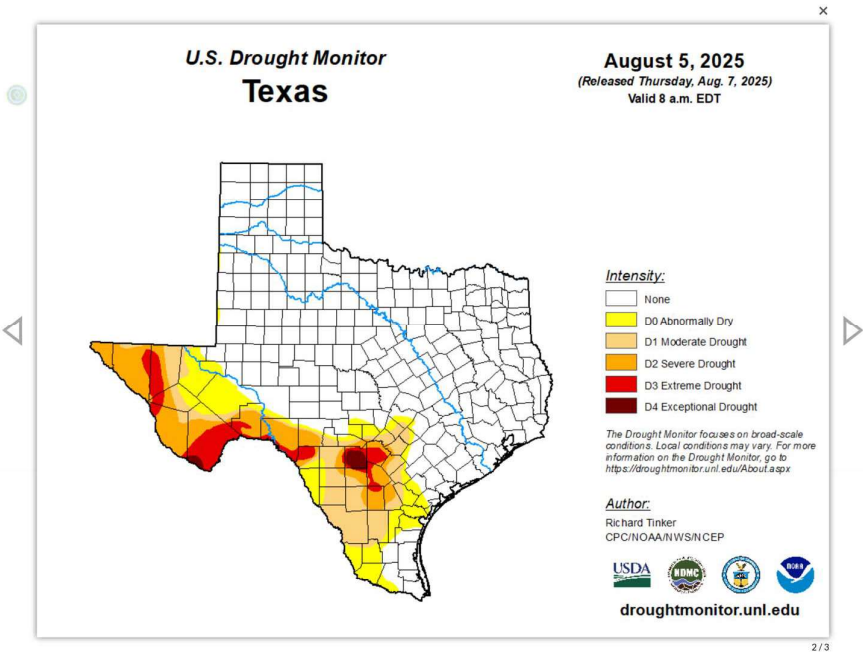
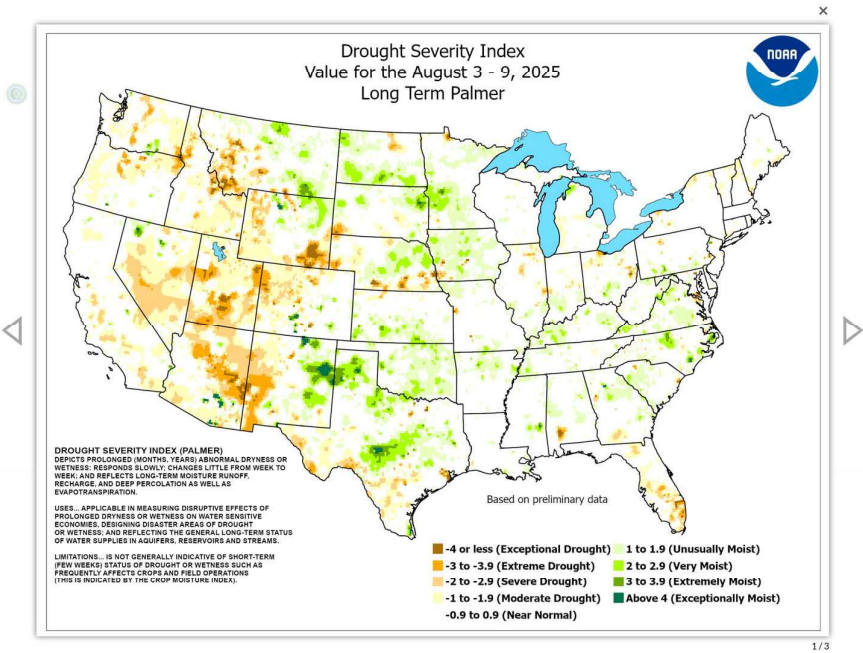
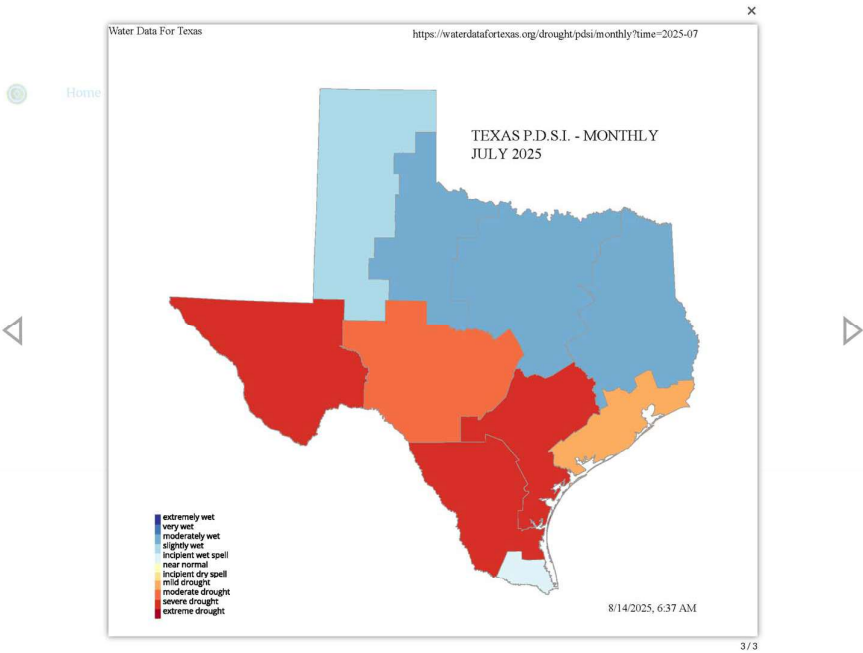


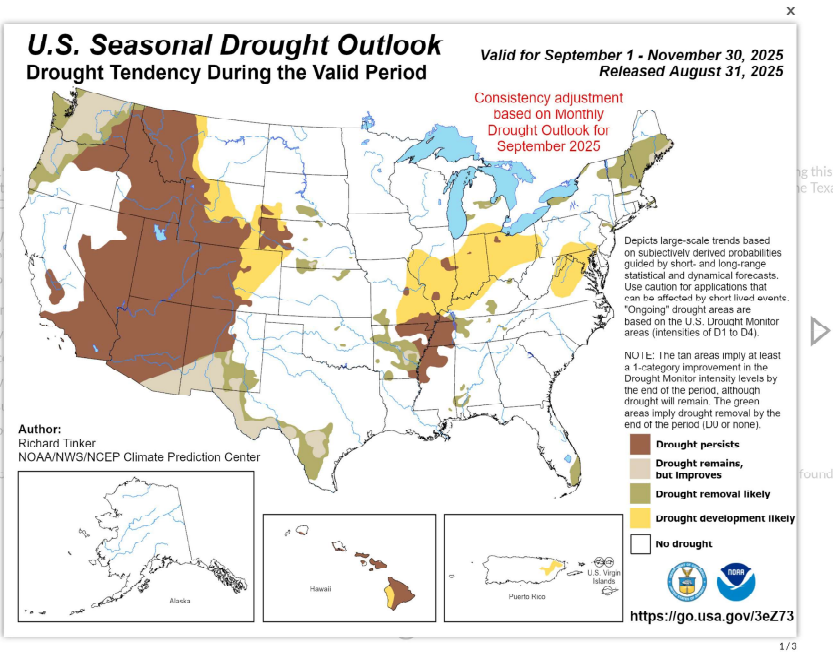
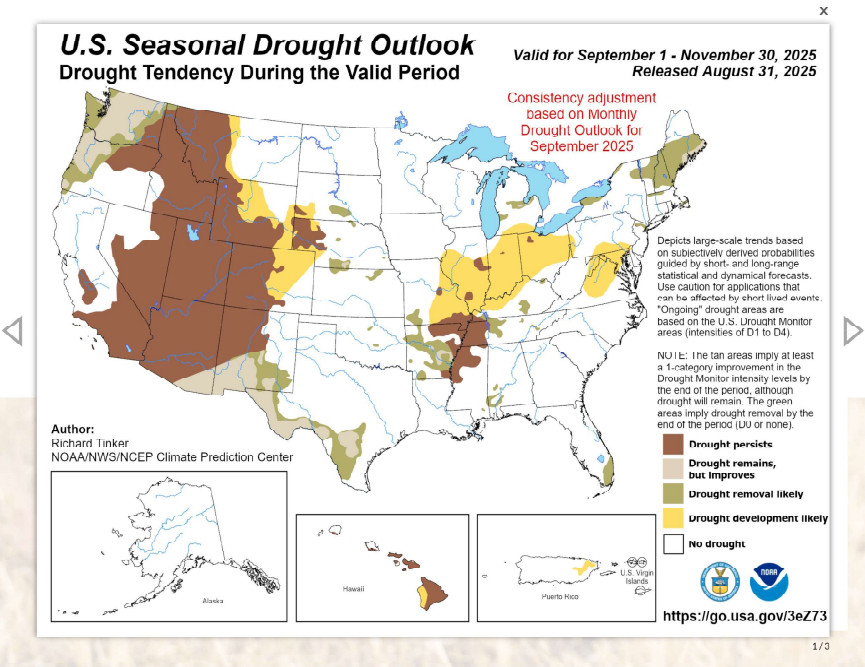
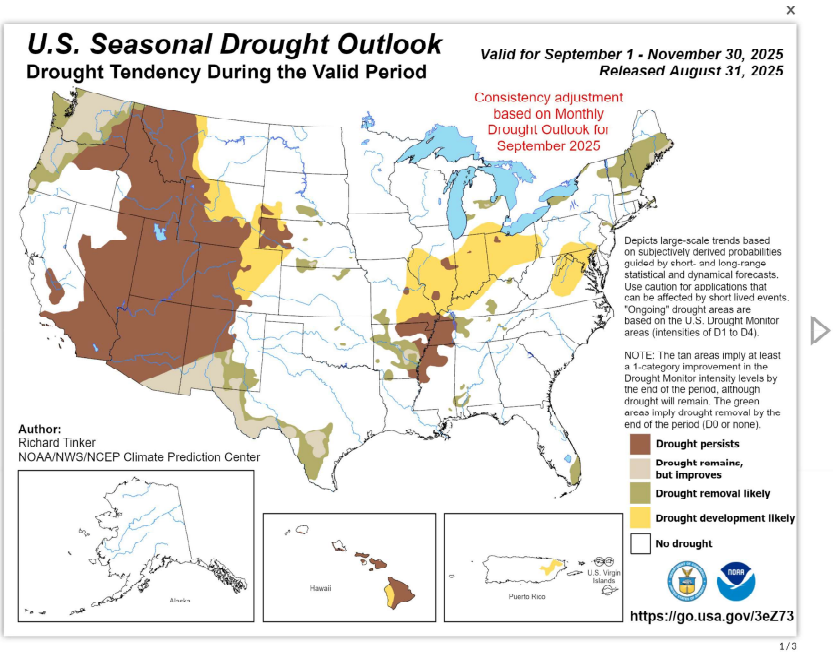
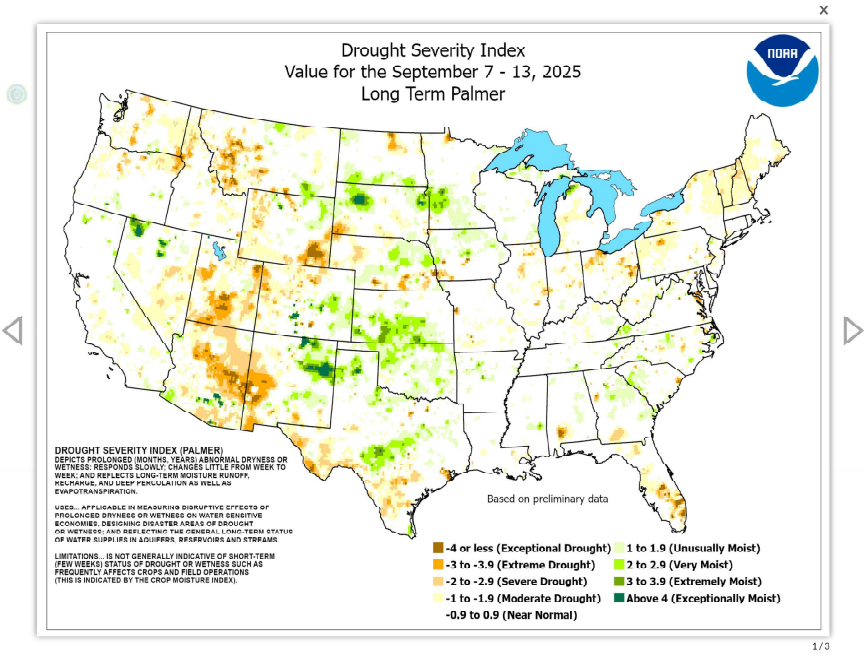




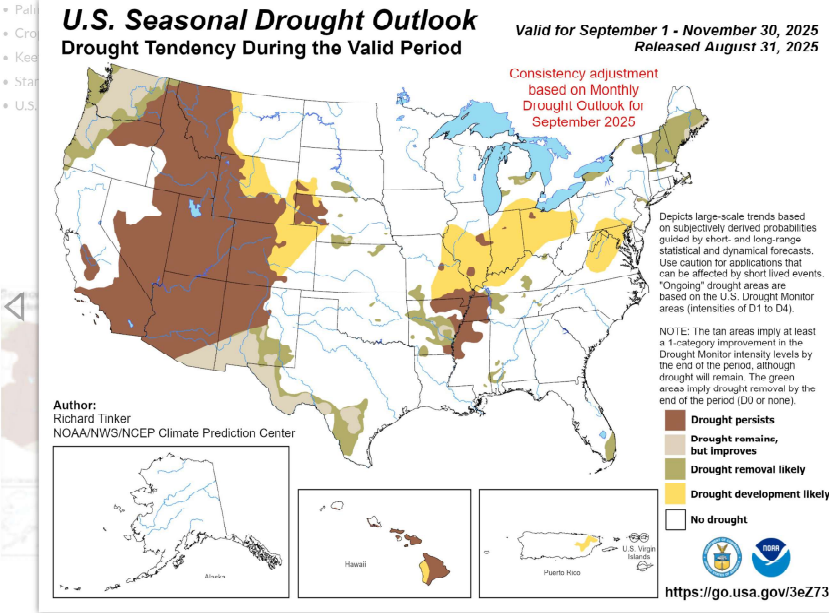




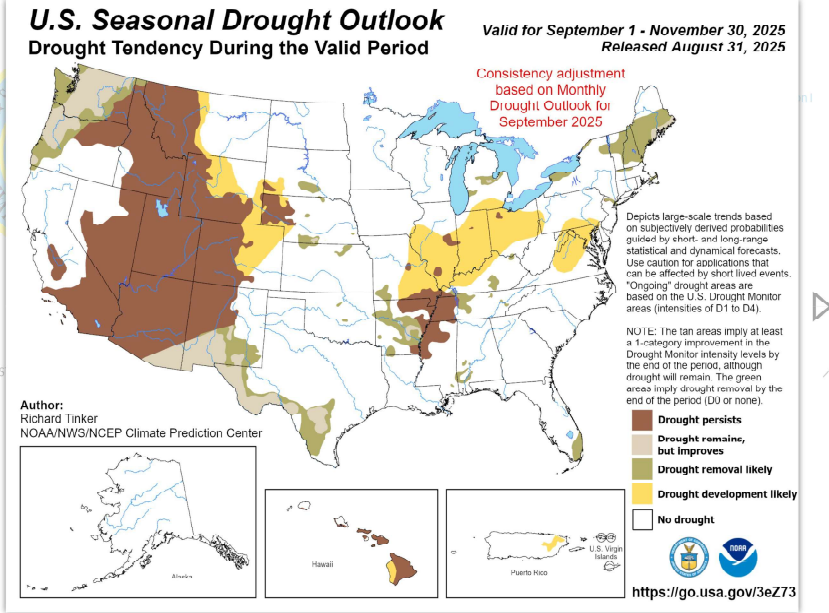




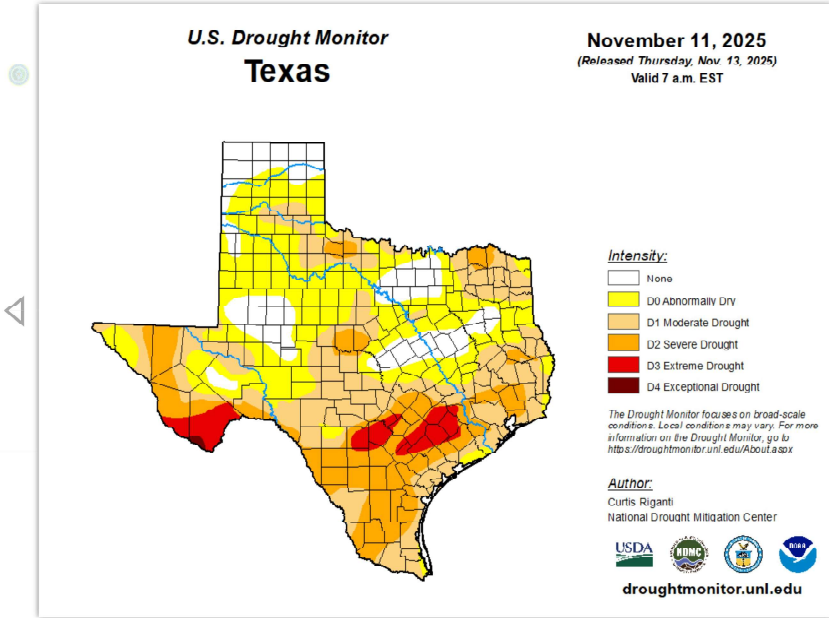
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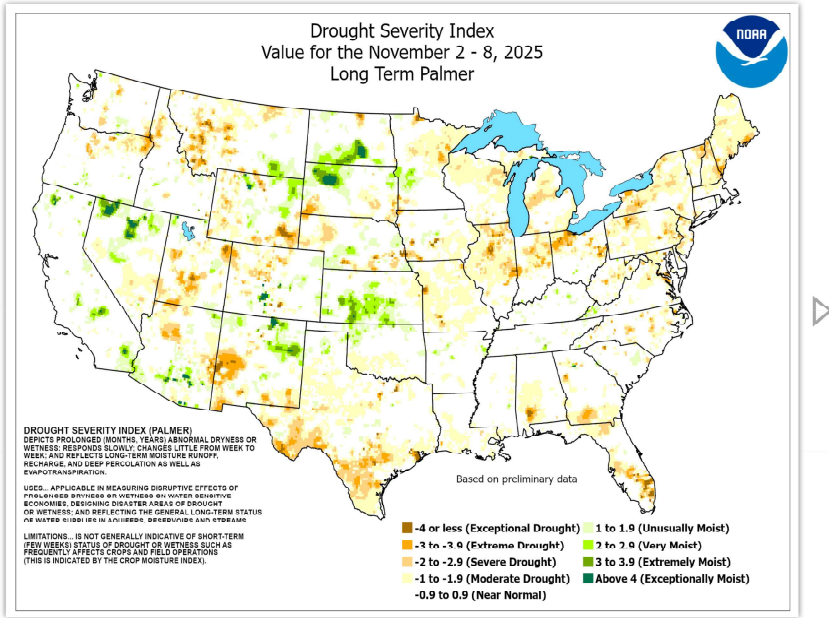
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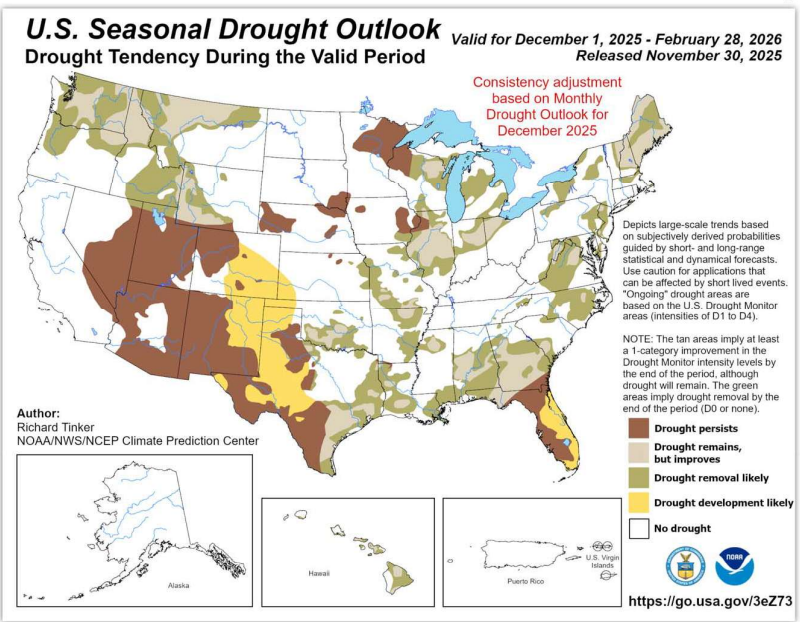
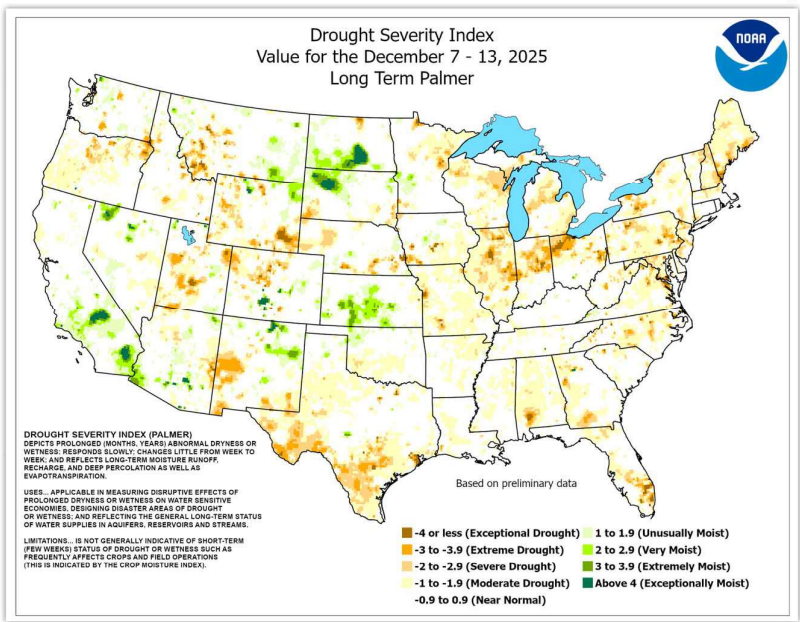
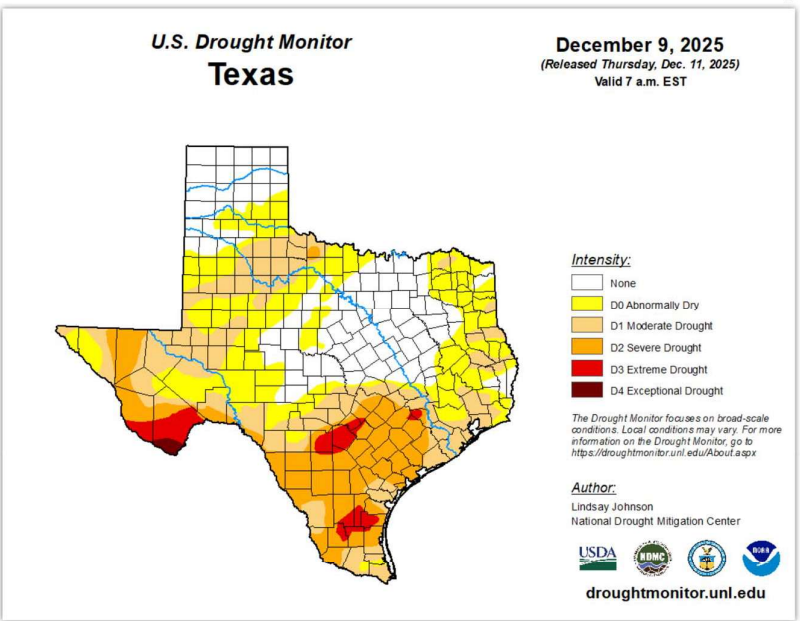
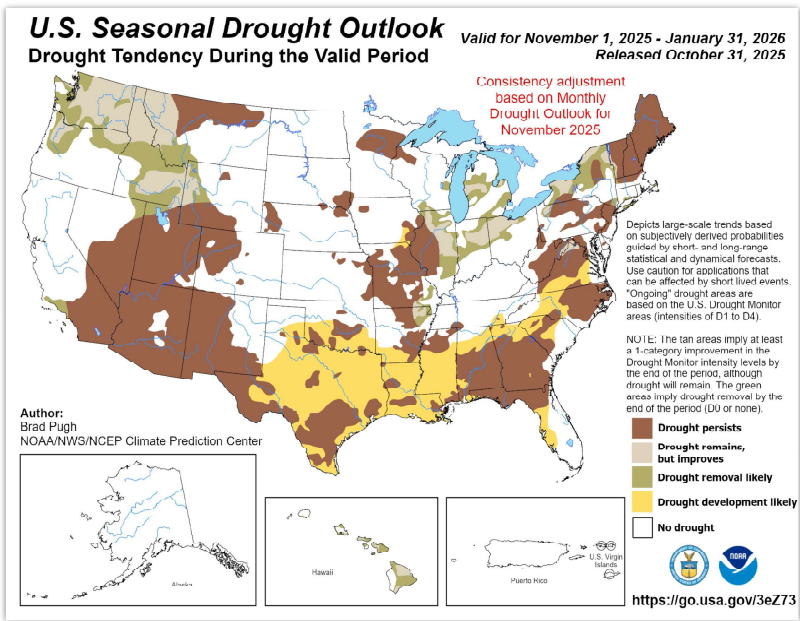


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# GOAL 4.7

## ADDRESSING CONSERVATION, RECHARGE ENHANCEMENT, RAINWATER HARVESTING, PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT, OR BRUSH CONTROL

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### **Objectives**

1. *The District will annually submit an article regarding water conservation for publication to at least one newspaper of general circulation in Jasper, Newton, Hardin, and Tyler Counties.*
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### **Performance Standard**

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### **OBJECTIVE 1**

*An article titled "Summertime Water Conservation and Waste Reduction Tips" was sent to 4 area newspapers on March 6, 2025. The article was also provided to the East Texas Banner, the Newton County News, and Tyler County Daily News which are online only publications. The article was published in the following print publications: Silsbee Bee (March 26, 2026), Jasper Newsboy (March 12, 2025), The Beaumont Enterprise (March 9, 2025), and posted to East Texas Banner website (March 7, 2025), the Newton County News website (March 8, 2025), and the Tyler County Daily News website (March 7, 2025).*

# GOAL 4.7

## **OBJECTIVE 2**

This objective was met by the publication of the Fall 2025 SETGCD Well Monitor Newsletter (see Appendix A). The newsletter was emailed or mailed to permit holders on September 29, 2025. The newsletter was also emailed or mailed to public officials throughout the District on September 29, 2025 as well as mailed to all water well drillers within the District and surrounding counties. Copies of the mailing address databases are included in Appendix A. The Fall 2025 SETGCD Well Monitor Newsletter was also posted on the District website on October 1, 2025 for easy access by the general public.



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Dear Editor:

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I have attached the article in PDF format as well as a Microsoft Word file, for your convenience. If you do publish the article, I ask that you please notify me so that I may obtain a copy of the published article for our file.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

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By **John Martin**, *Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District*

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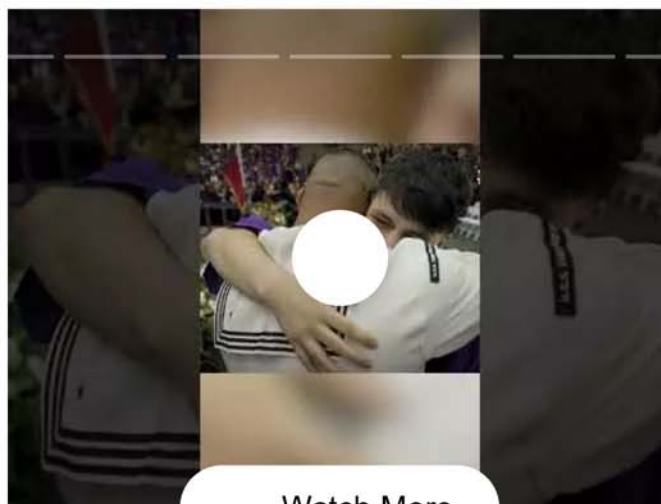


A freeze is expected to hit Houston this week, and with it, the question of what to do about dripping your faucets.

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# Bruins outlast Birdville, bring title back to Beaumont

By Matt Faye  
SPORTS EDITOR

SAN ANTONIO — With the state championship slipping away, West Brook's boys basketball team went back to the basics.

Coach Michael Thomas and his players didn't panic when the Bruins' 18-point lead was erased by Birdville in the second half. Instead, the Bruins simply got back to their winning formula of swarming defense and a heavy dose of Elijah Garrett on offense.

“We've prepared all season for this,” Thomas told his team during a late timeout.

Birdville's sudden comeback forced overtime, but the Bruins responded during the extra period for a 63-57 victory Saturday in the Class 5A-I state title game at the Alamodome. It marks the first basketball championship for West Brook in school history.

Garrett was at his best

during the pressure moments of West Brook's win. He scored the team's last five points of regulation, then made the first basket of overtime to give the Bruins a lead they never relinquished.

Garrett finished with 26 points, six rebounds, five assists and five steals as the game's Most Valuable Player. Birdville only scored one point in the overtime period.

West Brook made a habit of coming up clutch when it mattered most during the postseason run. Garrett said the Bruins were built for big moments.

“Everyone was calm,” he said after the win. “We were living in the moment and we had to get it done.”

Early in the game, it looked like the Bruins might cruise to victory. They held a nine-point lead at halftime using a great shooting performance from Dillan Dodson.

The senior guard scored



Kim Brent

West Brook celebrates after winning the 3A-II championship against Birdville 63-57 in overtime on Saturday.

15 points in the first half on 5-of-6 shooting. As the second half began, the Bruins kept extending their lead.

West Brook's advantage ballooned up to 18 points just two minutes into the third quarter. However, Thomas knew Birdville wouldn't go down easily.

By coincidence, the two teams stayed at the same hotel the night before the game. Thomas and Bird-

ville coach Anthony Holman ran into each other Saturday morning. They shared a table during breakfast and discussed the big game that would take place between their teams just a few hours later.

“No matter what, we're going to thank God and be grateful,” Thomas said. “But I knew his team had grit and determination.”

However, Garrett got

caught up in traffic and lost the ball driving to the rim. Time ran out, and the game went to overtime tied at 56.

The Bruins' defense turned up the pressure in overtime, and Birdville didn't handle it well. Turnovers and missed free throws plagued the Hawks as West Brook built some separation and survived the overtime period.

West Brook's state championship puts Beaumont back among the basketball powers in Texas. The city's last title came when Beaumont United won back-to-back championships in 2021 and 2022.

For Bruins players, representing West Brook's side of the city was a driving force behind the state title.

“Coming from a different side of the town has never been done...it means so much to us,” senior guard Terry Satcher said. “It's a city of love, and that's why I love Beaumont so much, because we support each other.”



Kim Brent/Beaumont Enterprise

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Catholic School children and others observe the start of Lent during the Ash Wednesday morning mass at the cathedral.

## Ash Wednesday launches Lent

By Kim Brent  
STAFF WRITER

School children and parishioners observed the start of the somber Lenten season with the Ash Wednesday mass at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica early Wednesday morning, the congregation emerging from the cathedral with ashy crosses marking their foreheads.

The distribution of ashes and recitation of the phrase “remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” serves as a reminder of humankind's mortality and the need to reconcile with God.

The 40-day season is marked with fasting,



Deacon Flint Barbosa and Rev. Shane Baxter distribute ashes during the morning Ash Wednesday service at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica.

prayer and reflection, giving of alms and service to others and often forgoing favorite foods or activities.

“The things you give up can bring about spiritual

change in your life,” Rev. Shane Baxter told the congregation. “It can impact you not only during the Lenten season but throughout the course of your life.”

# Lamar will improve research, recruit faculty with new designation

By Bianca Thomas  
STAFF WRITER

Lamar University has joined Texas A&M and the University of Houston — national universities recognized for the number of doctorate degrees awarded and total research funding.

The R2 designation from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education puts Lamar in a select group of universities that are at the forefront of research, a top priority since Lamar University President Jaime Taylor started in the role.

“R2 status isn't just a pat on the back for what we've done. It opens up huge opportunities for the future,” Taylor said.

Taylor said the designation enables the University to spend money attracting more talented faculty and giving students more hands-on research experiences. It also will allow the university to expand its work locally through research centers focusing on port management and community resilience.

“All this in turn elevates the quality of education we provide to Lamar University, and this is just the beginning,” Taylor



Bianca Thomas/Beaumont Enterprise

Dr. Brett Welch, Dr. Gene Theodori and Dr. Jaime Taylor at Lamar University Press Release.

said. “We're committed to growing our research, tackling the challenges facing Southeast Texas and making an even greater impact on the state and beyond.”

Lamar University Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Brett Welch said three factors contributed to this milestone: academic excellence, faculty driven research growth and strategic location for research and industry collaboration.

“Texas provides a unique environment for applied research and industry partnerships situated at the heart of the oil and gas industry, home to the fourth busiest port in the United States and frequently impacted by, unfortunately, natural disasters, but this region

presents rich opportunities for collaboration with industry leaders and government agencies due to these opportunities,” Welch said.

Lamar University Associate Provost for Academic & Research Administration Gene Theodori, said the research conducted by students and staff play a vital role in developing long-term solutions to real world problems. Theodori also believes that the university will eventually reach R1 status if it continues the work it's been doing.

“The dedication of LU faculty and student researchers to both academic rigor and societal progress is invaluable in driving continued progress and fostering a culture of discovery,” Theodori said.





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Kountze town hall meeting called to explain tax proposal on ballot

A town hall meeting to explain a special election sales tax measure proposal is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at Kountze City Hall.

Tim Drake, city administrator, said Proposition A, will be on the ballot at a special election scheduled for May 3. Early voting begins April 22.

He emphasized that the proposal will not increase the sales tax rate, but would allow for the reallocation of the revenue that the taxes produce.

The proposition reads as follows:

“The reduction of the additional sales and use tax within Kountze, Texas at a rate of one quarter percent, and the adoption of a local sales and use tax in Kountze, Texas at the rate of one and one quarter percent.”

The town hall meeting for the City of Kountze will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6 p.m.

All registered voters of the City of Kountze may cast a vote on the ballot measure. Voters can vote FOR or AGAINST the ballot measure. The proposed measure will be adopted if approved by a majority of the qualified voters at the election held for that purpose.

Drake said, “The City of Kountze provides this explanation for voters as educational material only. While the City Council voted in favor of calling the Special Election to place the proposition before the voters, the City of Kountze as an entity does not advocate for or against passage of any proposition.”

For information regarding voter registration and polling times and locations, contact the city secretary at 409-246-3463 or Hardin County Elections at 409-246-5185.

Drake also provided the following explanations:

Proposition A asks voter to vote FOR or AGAINST changes to the City’s local sales and use tax rates which would at the same time:

Reduce the current sales tax rate dedicated for additional sales and use tax (sales tax for property tax relief) from 0.50 % to 0.25%, and Increase the current

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Workmen were seen earlier this week demolishing the former Hardin County hospital building, located near the courthouse on Monroe Street. The area will provide space for a new parking lot, at least for the present, with possible use for another project in the future. The demolishing of the old hospital building is one of several projects now underway in and around the courthouse.

Three travel trailers, car, ATV burn in fire

An early morning fire last Sunday west of Silsbee destroyed three travel trailers, a car and an ATV.

Silsbee Fire Chief Rob Jones said the fire department received a call at 5:26 a.m. Sunday that a travel trailer was on fire at 1041 S. Mill Creek Road in Silsbee.

He said high winds caused the fire to spread to two other travel trailers and to the car and ATV.

He said no one was at home in the travel trailer house, but one man in another one sustained second degree burns.

He said the cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Kountze firefighters came and assisted Silsbee firefighters in fighting the fire.

Last Thursday, Silsbee firefighters aided Kountze firefighters in a fire that burned several acres in the 8700 block of Carter Road.

Jones said the fire began as a control burn which got out of control. He said no structures were destroyed, but several trees and several acres of grass were burned. He said the fire started during the noon hour and firefighters spent the rest of the day bringing it under control.

He said Silsbee firefighters also extinguished several small fires last week.

He continued to warn people not to burn outdoors unless absolutely necessary, and if they do to stay with the fire until it is out.

He also said state and county officials have issued warnings about outdoor burning during windy weather which has been frequent this month.

Hardin County Courthouse improvement projects underway

There are plenty of activities at the Hardin County Courthouse these days, with workmen seen on the roof and in the parking lots, and demolishing the former county hospital across from the courthouse.

All projects are being managed by County Judge Wayne McDaniel, with assistance from the Purchasing Agent, Emergency Management Coordinator, Building Maintenance Supervisor, and Grant Coordinator.”

McDaniel provided the following information:

There are a number of projects ongoing at the Hardin County Courthouse to improve the facilities for its visitors and staff.

The courthouse is getting a brand new roof. The old roof was damaged by hail during the Spring Storms in 2024. After inspections by the County’s insurance provider, Texas Association of Counties, of all county buildings last summer, the roof of the courthouse and the floodplain buildings were both deemed to be damaged substantially and needed to be replaced. The floodplain roof was replaced in February and construction personnel are nearing completion of the new roof on all levels of the courthouse. This work is being funded by insurance proceeds.

The Hardin County Commissioners Court authorized the county judge to get improvements for some of the parking lots around the courthouse, which will provide more spacing between parking spaces in the Employee Parking Lot on the corner of SH-326 and Dogwood Street, provide additional parking for law enforcement vehicles, add sidewalks where needed, and improve drainage in parking areas as well as the Courthouse Public Entrance. This project began two weeks ago and completion is anticipated by the end of May. This work is being funded by the general fund.

Another project authorized by commissioners court is the demolition of the old Hardin County Hospital building which included a large amount of asbestos abatement. The abatement work commenced in November, 2024, and demolition began once that was completed a few weeks ago. Once this project is completed, the parking lot will remain for use as needed, and the ground where the building once stood will be restored to green space for future use.

This project is being completed through funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

All restrooms throughout the courthouse and corrections facilities are being updated to include modern fixtures which will improve sanitation, utility costs, and accessibility. This includes all new showers in the

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Alpha and Omega to be performed April 17-18 at First Pentecostal Church

A dramatic play about the life of Jesus, written and directed by a local author and with a cast of about 50, will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 17-18 at the First Pentecostal Church, located at 1420 N. Fifth in Silsbee.

The play was written by and is being directed by Toni Looper, 20 year old daughter of the church’s pastor and wife, Homer and Jodi Looper.

Toni Looper, who grew up in Silsbee, said, “Alpha and Omega tells the story of Jesus’ life here on earth. It tells not only his story, but the story of those around him, the lives he changed, the miracles he performed, and the pain he suffered so we could all be free. We see those that hated him. Judas, one of his own disciples, betrayed him. Caiaphas, the high priest, constantly tried to trick him so he could arrest him and have him put to death.”

She added, “But that is not all there is to the story. We feel the power of redemption in Peter’s life, the mercy in Mary Magdalene’s life, the breaking of chains in Legion’s life, the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead, the blood that was shed for all of us, the pain he suffered, and his resurrection power.” She concluded, “My goal is to help people understand that these were ordinary people living ordinary lives, but they walked with Jesus, and he was not an ordinary man. Mary was his mother and watched him be beaten and die on the cross. Peter was just a fisherman that had a family. James and John had a mother that thought they were the greatest. Mary Magdalene was supposed to be stoned to death, but Jesus saved her from death not only physically, but spiritually as well and her life was forever changed. She also said, “In this production you get to see the different personalities and lives of

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Jesus, being played by Aaron Summer, appears before Caiaphas, played by David Glover, in the production of Alpha and Omega, scheduled for April 17-18 at First Pentecostal Church of Silsbee.





# ALPHA AND OMEGA

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those closest to Jesus and see how he not only changed those around him, but he changed the world.”

Aaron Sumner will play the role of Jesus, Candice McKinney will play the role of Mary Mother of Jesus, Dillan Glover will play the role of Peter, Chloe Sumner will play the role of Mary Magdalene, David Glover will play the role of Caiaphas, Lane McDaniel will play the role of John, and Joe Singleterry will play the role of Judas.

Tickets may be purchased through the link on the FPC Silsbee - First Pentecostal Church Facebook page.

**Ticket prices are**  
**Gold seating:** \$25 adults  
**Gold Seating:** \$20 under 12  
**General admission:** \$20 adult  
**General admission:** \$15 under 12  
**Lap child (3 and under):** Free



Courtesy photo

This scene from Alpha and Omega portrays Jesus, played by Aaron Sumner, praying at a rock in the Garden of Gethsemane just prior to his arrest.



Courtesy photo

Precious pre-schoolers celebrated St. Patrick’s Day at Kountze Public Library with story time, ukulele music, games and crafts. The event was guided by Aubri Worsley and hosted by the Friends of Kountze Public Library. —Submitted by Mary Catherine Johnston, Friends of Kountze Public Library president

# HARDIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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Dan Eakin photo

Workmen are making improvements to the parking lots at the Hardin County Courthouse. The project will create additional parking spaces and provide space for additional sidewalks as needed. Also it will improve drainage on the parking lots.

County Jail which will be controlled by Corrections Officers to ensure minimal use of water. Inmates will not be able to turn on the water in their showers and leave it running. This project is also made possible with American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding.

McDaniel also said, “We are awaiting authorization of a budget amendment from Texas Division of Emer-

gency Management (TDEM) to proceed with construction of the new Hardin County Hurricane Safe Room, and hope to begin this project this spring. The building will be a 12,939 square foot facility which will house Emergency Management personnel during daily operations and all responders 24/7 during future disaster response.”

He explained, “In the

threat of a tornado, the facility will be used as an emergency shelter for county personnel, Kountze ISD students and staff, and nearby citizens seeking refuge. This is a project funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hurricane Harvey Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding, which includes a local match that is being funded by the general fund.”

# Former FBI Agent will speak April 10 at Beaumont museum

One of the most famous art detectives in the world, former FBI Special Agent Robert Wittman is returning to Southeast Texas with an all-new lecture, “The Three F’s of Art Crime: Frauds, Forgeries and Fakes,” presented by the McFaddin-Ward House Museum at 6:30 p.m.. Thursday, April 10, in the museum’s Visitor Center Lecture Hall (located at 1906 Calder Avenue in Beaumont).

Wittman, a renowned art crime expert and bestselling author, will share thrilling stories and behind-the-scenes videos from his FBI investigations into some of the largest and most captivating fraud cases in the art and collectible world. His new lecture will provide insider details into several cases, including a 2011 case at the Knoedler Gallery in New York City, which involved the selling of forged art worth approximately \$60 million and a fraud case involving dealers with the “Antiques Roadshow”

television series.

“It’s going to be exciting—they’re going to see undercover videos, they’re going to hear about cases they have not heard about before and they’re going to get background from the man in the room,” Wittman said. “They’ll be learning about things that are not public knowledge but are interesting facts of these cases.”

With around 75 percent of today’s art crime market involving fakes, frauds and forgeries, Wittman said it’s important for the public to learn how to protect themselves against becoming a victim of this type of crime. His lecture will include invaluable insights and practical tips on sophisticated fraudster protection.

“People are constantly on the lookout for good deals,” Wittman said. “Most of the time in these cases, when you find a ‘good deal’ on art-work, it’s probably not real.”

After joining the FBI as a Special Agent in 1988, Wittman received specialized training in art, antiques, jewelry and gem identification, enabling him to serve as the FBI’s investigative expert involving cultural property crime. During his 20-year FBI career, Wittman recovered more than \$300 million worth of stolen art and cultural property. He has represented the United States throughout the world, conducting investigations and instructing international police and museums in recovery and use of high asset value security techniques.

In 2010, Wittman penned his “New York Times” bestselling memoir “PRICELESS: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World’s Stolen Treasures.”

Wittman says returning to Beaumont to speak in the McFaddin-Ward House Museum Lecture Series will be the “highlight of [his] year.”

McFaddin-Ward House Museum lectures are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Doors open at 6 p.m., and lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. For those unable to attend, the full lecture will be available for viewing on the museum’s YouTube Channel (youtube.com/@mcfaddinwardhouse) and website (mcfaddinward.org/about/videos) after the event.

Built in 1905-1906 in the distinctive Beaux-Arts Colonial style, the McFaddin-Ward House reflects the lifestyle of the prominent family that lived in the house for 75 years. The museum features admission-free tours, educational programming, year-round events, a Carriage House exhibit and gardens.

This program is supported by Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this lecture do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, call 409-832-2134 or visit mcfaddinward.org.

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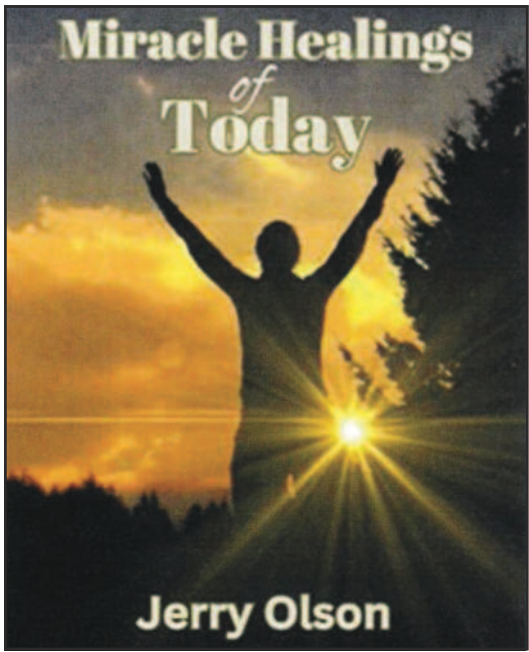
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# Hardin County Sheriff's Report

*The Hardin County Sheriff's Department has released the following information. Each individual in this report is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**March 14**  
Joseph Eaglin, Beaumont, was arrested on four counts possession of dangerous drugs. Bonds totaled \$12,500.

**March 17**  
Mitchell Buttler, Kountze, was arrested on charges of violation of a protective order. Bond was set at \$4,000.  
**March 18**  
Stacy Baker, Silsbee, was arrested on two counts of injury to a child/elderly/disabled person. Bond was set at \$10,000 on each count.

# Lumberton Police Report

*The Lumberton Police Department has released the following information. Each individual in this report is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**March 21**  
Mitchell Leigh Jeane, 36, was arrested by Officer Bailey S. Holt on charges of aggravated assault of a child and indecency with a child.

**March 19**  
Crystal Jean-Daigle Hanson, 47, was arrested by Officer Chris Robichaux on charges of possession of a controlled substance and public intoxication.  
**March 21**  
Kevin Louis Tate, 32, was arrested by another agency on charges of hindering apprehension or prosecution.  
Trevor Randal Hemphill, 28, was arrested by Sgt. Blake Rice in charges of possession of a controlled substance and a warrant.

**March 22**  
William David Miller, 53, was arrested by Officer Bailey S. Holt on a warrant.  
**March 23**  
Desire Dawne Simons, 39, was arrested by Officer Wade Hendrix on charges of assault causing bodily injury.  
**March 24**  
Benjamin Issac Petty, 26, was arrested by Officer Andrew Lange on charges of burglary of a building.  
Jeremia David Petty, 26, was arrested by Officer Andrew Lange on charges of burglary of a building.  
Jasmine Shannelle McMahon, 43, was arrested by Officer Samuel Jones on two counts of possession of a controlled substance and a warrant.  
**March 25**  
Lissell Kathleen Jones, 57, was arrested by Officer Andrew Lange on a warrant.

# Silsbee Police Report

*The Silsbee Police Department has released the following information. Each individual in this report is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**March 10**  
Jody Christopher Buckley, 32, was arrested on two charges of possession of a controlled substance and one charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Sarina Lea Hudgins, 35, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Deavandtre Deonte Holoman, 32, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.  
Haley Michelle Crow, 35, was arrested on a local warrant.  
Michael Allen Sposato, 52, was arrested on a local warrant.  
**March 12**  
James Ellis Laird, 45, was arrested on charges of credit card or debit card abuse.  
Kenneth Ray Sullivan, 29, was arrested on a local warrant.

Scott Eugene Bolden, 50, was arrested on a local warrant.  
Daniah Paige Cecil, 23, was arrested on charges of assault causing physical contact to a family member.  
Debora Laquisha Lanae Moffett, 32, was arrested on a local warrant.  
**March 13**  
Haley Diane Carver, 35, was arrested on a local warrant.  
**March 14**  
Meghan Marie Novak, 37, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.  
Jodi Lynn Griswold, 43, was arrested on a local warrant.  
**March 15**  
Jack Franklin Kirkendall, 44, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.  
Nicolas Waco Papin, 26, was arrested on a local warrant.  
**March 16**  
Ranada Shutra Porter, 44, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.  
Sandra Lynette Cartwright, 55, was arrested on a local warrant.

# Watson Singers due Sunday at Woodrow Baptist Church

The Watson Family Singers, quickly becoming one of the best known family gospel singing groups in East Texas, will perform at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. this Sunday, March 30, at Woodrow Baptist Church, located at 1325 Woodrow Road in Silsbee.

Lunch will be served at noon. Visitors are invited to come at 11 a.m. and stay for lunch and if they can and like, also stay for the 1 p.m. singing. Or, visitors may come for lunch and stay for the 1 p.m. singing, or just come for the 1 p.m. singing.

There is no admission charge and the lunch is free. An offering will be taken.

The Watson family, from Hemphill, Texas, is composed of Charles and Erin Watson and their four children, Charles, 12, Matthew, 10, James, 8 and Elizabeth, 7.

They particularly love



Courtesy photo

**The Watson Family Singers will perform at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Woodrow Baptist Church, located at 1325 Woodrow Road in Silsbee. A free lunch will be served at noon. The public is invited.**

to sing some of the old songs, such as "Jesus, Hold My Hand," "Man-son Over the Hilltop," "Where the Soul Never Dies," "Send the Light" and many more.

The Watson Family Singers come highly recommended by others who have heard

them sing.

For information, directions or transporta-

tion, call Pastor Dan on his cell phone at 214-543-6256.

# South Texas State Fair gets started Thursday

The South Texas State Fair, one of the biggest events in the area each year, is scheduled to be Thursday, March 27 through Sunday, April 6, at the Doggett Ford Park in Beaumont.

This Thursday, entry gates will be open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., with the carnival closing at 11 p.m. Those attending the 6 p.m. ribbon cutting Thursday will be admitted free.

Rodeos this week are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, and at 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30.

Tickets for children over 3 through adults are \$10 each. Provost Umphrey Law Firm, LLP is sponsoring a night of free admission to the Young Men's Business League's

(YMBL) South Texas State Fair on Monday, March 31. Gates open at 5 p.m.

The big annual South Texas State Fair has too many events to be listed, but they include exhibits at the Doggett Ford Exhibit Hall, carnival rides, a Gator Country Reptile Show and a food court.

The Miller Beer Garden also provides music and entertainment from the Plaza stage.

The event will also include a youth animal show and auction.

The fair is sponsored by the Young Man's Business League of Beaumont (YMBL).

For a complete list of events, pricing and gate opening times, google YMBL.South Texas State Fair.

# Vietnam vets to be honored Saturday

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is Saturday, and a special service to honor those veterans is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Ben J. Robers Regional Visitors Center, located at 5055 I-10, just past Doggett Ford Park.

David Snapp, a U.S. Army veteran will be

guest speaker. He served as a combat medic in Vietnam from May 1968 to June 1969.

There will be patriotic music and colors posted by the Vietnam Veterans of America SETX 292 Chapter members.

For information, call Tom Hall at 409-791-7757.

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# Opinions

## Silsbee Bee owner, staff thank readers, advertisers

The Silsbee Bee owner and staff would like to thank the readers and advertisers for their continued support of this newspaper.

The Silsbee Bee is owned by Hicks Media (Mark Hicks of Lufkin) and the corporate office is located in Diboll. The staff is composed of Christy Roach, publisher; Dan Eakin, editor; Debbie Gordon, business manager; Amy Gonzales, advertising manager; and Danny Reneau, part-time sports writer.

A report issued last month said an average of two newspapers per week, or more than 100 each year are closing throughout America. This is because so many people are going to other sources for their news, such as to the in-



ternet or to social media such as Facebook, Instagram, etc.

However, our readers and advertisers know that the Silsbee Bee provides a lot of information and many services which are not available on the internet or social media.

A man came into the Silsbee News office last week to get a newspaper. He said he didn't mind paying \$1 for it, but said he was disappointed that the newspaper no longer has as many stories in it as it once did.

This is true. However, each issue of the Silsbee Bee offers news that cannot be found on the in-

ternet, on social media or anywhere else.

The Silsbee Bee has detailed news stories on page one and inside each week that are not printed anywhere else or reported on television. In last week's issue, for example, there was a detailed report on page one of what took place at the Silsbee City Council meeting the previous Monday, and this week there is a front page report of the Kountze City Council meeting last Thursday.

Also, the Silsbee Bee is the only publication anywhere which provides readers with a weekly list of arrests made by the Silsbee and Lumberton police departments and the Hardin County Sheriff's Department.

Also each issue of the Silsbee Bee has detailed

obituaries of those recently deceased. Yes, the Silsbee Bee has joined most other newspapers in requiring a payment for them, but funeral homes and loved ones are given the freedom to write about any good things they want about the deceased. No other publication or social media or TV or radio station in this area offers that service.

As to sports, the Silsbee Bee also offers the most detailed and comprehensive reporting of any publication or social media in the area, especially of Silsbee, Lumberton and Kountze sports. Danny Reneau wrote in great detail results of Silsbee football and basketball games, and more than adequately covered the Kountze Lions and Lionettes playoff games right up through

their winning the state championships. TV and maybe a couple of other newspapers had brief reports, but none as were in as much detail as in the Silsbee Bee.

As for Lumberton sports, Brent Guidry, one of the best if not the best, sports photographers in Southeast Texas, does a great job photographing Raiders sports. The Silsbee Bee is the only newspaper in the area publishing his outstanding sports photographs.

And Julie Isbell sends us some great sports photos from Evadale.

Also the Silsbee Bee is the only newspaper or social media which prints detailed school news, like when the Silsbee High School robotics team, floral team, choir or other organizations do well in

regional or state competition.

Also, the Silsbee Bee is the only publication in Hardin County offering the public the opportunity to participate by writing letters to the editor. The Bee staff wishes more would submit letters, especially with city council and school board elections in the near future, and taxes and possible tax abatements being a major topic of discussion these days. Letters may be emailed to editor@silsbeebee.com.

Our readers and advertisers already know these things, and this is a reminder to all of what the Silsbee Bee offers.

With everyone's continued support, the Silsbee Bee can be alive and well for many years to come.

Again, thank you.

## Remembering when: The Way Life Was Intended

We did not have access to modern technological conveniences. Hardly anyone had cars for transportation, computers, smartphones, microwaves, televisions in every room, or fast-food restaurants. Although these may seem essential today, their absence was, in fact, a benefit.

We drank cow milk, goat milk, ate homemade butter, ate eggs, and sugar in homemade ice cream, but most were not overweight because we were outside. Life was slow, simple, and balanced. Wellness was not a buzzword in the 1940s and 1950s, but it did not need to be. It was a way of life and "the way life was intended."

There was an inherent sense of pride in daily



routines that extended beyond mere tasks of completion. Individuals dedicated time to cooking, gardening, engaging with others, family, and exercising. This lifestyle contributed to the physical as well as the mental well-being of our lives.

In the past, when personal cars were not as prevalent and public transportation was less accessible, walking was a common part of daily life. Individuals would walk or ride bicycles to local stores, schools, and churches within their communities. However, today there is a

noticeable decline in walking, which correlates with an increase in societal issues such as obesity and poor health.

In the 1950s, processed foods were rare, and fast food had not yet become widespread. Our food was free from potentially harmful chemicals and artificial dyes. A typical family dinner included home-cooked meals featuring red meat, pork, and chicken raised in backyard pens, alongside vegetables from home gardens, homemade desserts, and seasonal fruits. Our household did not consume processed food. This tradition of simple family meals fostered strong family connections and emphasized the importance of mutual love and support.

In my youth, I owned a Red Ryder BB gun, which represented a significant milestone. Its possession conveyed that my parents had placed their trust in me and entrusted me with serious responsibilities. This event held deeper significance beyond mere enjoyment.

As I evolved in this journey, I was given a 22-caliber rifle, and I hunted rabbits and squirrels after school. I would bring them home, where Poppa, my father, would prepare them, and my mother would cook them for supper. Fishing was also a notable activity, as I caught palm-sized catfish in ponds, which Poppa also prepared. These experiences taught me about respect for animals,

the cycle of life, and the harmonious functioning of nature. I took on the role of helping to provide for the family. Such lessons may not be as commonly taught to children today.

My parents greatly influenced my views on marriage and family. My father shared how he was his own boss for only three days before marrying my mother just after turning 21. They were married until her passing at age 85 and his at age 89. I married a wonderful lady on my return from serving in the United States Marine Corps, in the jungles of Vietnam, in 1969, which lasted 54 years before she passed.

Today we observe the presence of resistance to

morality, family values, and love for one other, resulting in hostility and disorder, exhibited in front of our children in their homes, schools, on the streets, and on technological platforms, which is affecting our children's behavior.

Our past experiences are valuable as they shape our identity, influence behavior, and guide decisions. We have the opportunity to restore the principles and values that made "America Great" but it starts with us. Freedom and Liberty are ideas worth striving for. I yearn for a society that aligns with our foundational intentions, reflecting "the way life was intended." Do you share this vision?

## Legislators said working on a universe of of topics

After the flurry of bills filed on the deadline, we have the final number of bills filed and an accurate picture of the universe of topics we will work on. In total, both the House and Senate together filed 8,898 bill – almost 800 more bills than last session.

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. Senate passes parental rights in education bill

This week the Senate passed Senate Bill 12 by Senator Brandon Creighton. This bill seeks to strengthen parental rights, eliminate DEI in public schools,



reform the transfer process, and increase transparency and accountability of schools. The bill dictates that parents have a clear right to direct the moral, religious, and educational upbringing of their children. It also directs TEA to develop a process for districts to notify parents of changes in their child's mental or physical health status and encourage parent-child communication.

The bill also address-

es diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) practices in public schools. It prohibits race- or gender-based hiring preferences, compelled diversity statements by staff, and other ideological influence. One other major change is in the process for public school students to transfer to another public school. It standardizes open-enrollment and inter-district transfers and creates a lottery process for open seats with more applications than openings. Priority would be given to returning students, dependents of district employees, military or law enforcement dependents, and siblings of current students.

2. Nasdaq announces opening of new head-

quarters in Texas

Nasdaq is the latest company announcing expansion in Texas. The stock exchange operator said it would open a new regional headquarters in Dallas. This comes on the heels of the creation of the Texas Stock Exchange, which will launch early next year, and the announcement that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is moving its Chicago operation to Texas. The Lone Star State accounts for the largest number of listings on the NYSE and is home to over 200 companies listed on the Nasdaq. In recent years, many of these companies have moved operations to Texas due to our favorable tax policies, lower cost of living, and low-

er energy costs. Texas is open for business and will continue supporting business-friendly policies.

3. THC ban passes Senate

Last week, the Senate passed Senate Bill 3 by Senator Charles Perry. This bill would ban all forms of THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive ingredient in cannabis. Several sessions ago, the Legislature passed a bill allowing the sale of hemp products with less than 0.3% of THC. However, consumable products with THC levels that exceed the state's limitations are being sold in retail stores statewide. Over 7,000 retailers have opened in the six years since the state legal-

ized consumable hemp products. Though intended to help the Texas agricultural industry, the result was the proliferation of gummies, candies, drinks, vapes and other products with more than 0.3% concentration of THC, which the state classifies as marijuana. The bill now moves to the House, which has its own proposal for imposing much stricter regulation of the products rather than an all-out ban.

4. Broadband Development Office awards grants, opens pre-registration

The Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) announced it has made \$9.8 million worth of awards to 8

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# Senior LIVING

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## Paradigm at the Pines welcomes new social worker Bertha Antwine

BY AMY MILLER GONZALES

Bertha Antwine comes to Silsbee with 33 years of health care experience.

As a 1976 graduate of Lincoln High School in Port Arthur, she then attended Paul Quinn College, in Austin Texas - oldest black college west of the Mississippi, graduating with her Bachelors degree in 1982.

She began her career in Waco, but moved back to Southeast Texas after the birth of her children to be close to family. She then opened several group homes in Beaumont.

Bertha brings various fields of experience to Paradigm at the Pines that includes in psychiatric, MHMR, and geriatrics.

She has a strong belief in working as a team to provide the best care for residents and their families.

Bertha plays an active role at both Macedonia



BERTHA ANTWINE

Baptist Church, and Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church, where her families attend. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, children, listening to gospel music and gardening.

Five or six years years from now, she is looking forward to her retirement. Bertha is a believer

and a receiver that life is a journey, and is meant to provide growth and understanding in each phase.

When the time comes she will be gardening, and enjoying sitting on her porch living quietly - reflecting on the journey that she has been blessed with.

## How to discuss vaccination with family and friends

Family Features

During the fall and winter months, respiratory infections such as flu, COVID-19 and RSV can surge. People who are vaccinated lower their risk of getting seriously ill and needing medical care if they get infected. About 70% of adults in the United States said they probably or definitely will get a flu shot, and more than 50% said they probably or definitely will get an updated COVID-19 vaccine. While many people are ready to get this season's vaccines, others might still have questions.

"It is normal for people to have questions about vaccines," said Peter Marks, MD, PhD, director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, which oversees and reviews vaccine clinical trials. "It's important for everyone to know that all vaccines go through extensive testing before they are approved and that following approval, they are carefully monitored to identify any safety concerns so that they can be addressed quickly. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers have taken part in respiratory vaccine trials. The results tell us that these vaccines are safe and effective in preventing severe disease caused by flu, COVID-19 and RSV."

Here are some ways to talk about the importance of this season's vaccines with a fam-

ily member or friend who is unsure about getting vaccinated.

Hear them out. When talking about vaccination, it's important to make others feel heard. There are many reasons why people may have questions and concerns about vaccines or even the health care system in general. Listen to their thinking and try not to judge. They want to know their thoughts and feelings matter.

Focus on the facts. Instead of calling out vaccine myths, focus on vaccine truths. Concentrating on myths can cause them to become the topic of your conversation. Instead, speak about the benefits of vaccines. For instance, you can mention vaccines cut your risk of being hospitalized for flu or COVID-19 by about half.

Ask if they need help getting vaccinated. Sometimes, people just need some help to find, schedule and get a vaccination. You can help them find a vaccine location at Vaccines.gov. They may also need help finding child care or figuring out whether they can take time off from work. Offering a ride or accompanying them can also be helpful, especially if the closest vaccination site is far away. If English is not their primary language, offer to help them schedule the appointment and arrange for a medical translator if needed. When it's easier to get vaccinated, people are

more likely to take this important step to help protect their health.

Having open, honest and supportive conversations about vaccines with family members and friends can make all the difference. For more information, visit [cdc.gov/RiskLessDoMore](https://www.cdc.gov/RiskLessDoMore) or talk to your doctor.

Flu, COVID-19 and RSV Vaccines Help People Risk Less Severe Illness and Do More of What They Enjoy

This season's vaccines are now available. Everyone 6 months and older should get an updated flu and COVID-19 vaccine. Everyone ages 75 and older, or 60 and older with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, obesity or diabetes, should get an RSV vaccine if they have not been vaccinated for RSV before.

For certain people, the risk of serious respiratory illness remains high. These include adults ages 65 and older, residents of long-term care facilities, pregnant people, people with certain health conditions and those living in rural areas. People in some racial and ethnic groups, including people who are Black or Hispanic, are also at higher risk. People who are not up to date on flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines can reduce their risk by getting their 2024-25 vaccines as soon as they can.

To get started, visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

## Happy Birthday

The Silsbee Bee wishes a Happy Birthday to all our local residents. Wishing you the best on your special day, and always!

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# Obituaries

### Polly Baker Matlock

Polly Ann Baker Matlock, 77, of Beaumont, passed away March 11, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Hospital. She was born on September 3, 1947, in Silsbee, Texas, to parents Lou Francis Drake Baker and Leon Baker.

Polly is preceded in death by her son, Kevin Lee Matlock; mother, Lou Francis Drake Stutts; daddy, Kenneth E. Stutts, Sr.; and brother, Kenneth Gene Stutts, Jr.

Polly attended Silsbee High School until graduating from French High School in Beaumont. After graduation she began working at Baptist Hospital leading to a lifelong career in health care. She attended Lamar University College of Nursing obtaining a Bachelor of Nursing degree and earning her RN. She was always a caregiver at heart and worked in critical care at area hospitals. She was the owner and Administer of Horizon Health Care Services Inc. for many years serving all the surrounding counties. She also opened and operated United Check Cashing and other small businesses in Beaumont.

Her happy place was Ridgway, Colorado, where she and Bob designed and built a home, where they spent as much time as possible, she loved the beautiful mountain views and the wind through the aspen trees. She loved art, home design, reading, and spending time with friends and family. You could always find her in the kitchen cooking one of her favorite recipes or trying a new one to share. Polly was involved with her community and served on the board of directors for the Anayat House and a member of Westgate Memorial Baptist Church.

Polly is survived by the love of her life and



husband, Robert “Bob” Matlock; daughter, Kristi Ann Matlock of Beaumont; son, Derrick Matlock and wife, Dawn; grandchildren, Grant and Harper Matlock of Austin to whom she will always be Grammy; sisters, Janice Kirchoff and husband, Merle, of Silsbee and Nelda Crenshaw and husband, Billy, of Lumberton; sister-in-law, Vera Stutts of Silsbee. Polly will be deeply missed by all who loved her including several nieces, nephews and friends.

A gathering of Mrs. Matlock’s family and friends was from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2025, at Broussard’s, 1605 North Major Drive, Beaumont. A Celebration of Her Life was at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at Westgate Memorial Baptist Church, 6220 Westgate, Beaumont. Her interment followed at Franks Branch Cemetery, Fred. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Anayat House, 1025 North 14th Street, Beaumont, Texas 77702; Westgate Memorial Baptist Church, 6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, Texas 77706; or the American Cancer Society, 1640 North Major Drive, Suite 101, Beaumont, Texas 77713.

Complete and updated information may be found at [broussards1889.com](http://broussards1889.com).



### Billie Gibson

Billie Jean Gibson, 95, of Silsbee, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2025. She was born in Silsbee to Annie Lou Parker Spurlock and William Lee Spurlock.

Funeral service was Tuesday, March 25 at First Pentecostal Church in Silsbee with burial following at Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred under the direction of Broussard’s Mortuary in Silsbee.

Survivors include her children, Johnny Lee Gibson and wife Patricia of Kingston, Tennessee, Jerry Wayne Gibson of Silsbee, Janice Lou Thompson of Seymour, Tennessee, James Edward Gibson and wife Janice of Kountze, and Stanley David Gibson and wife Gaylynn of Silsbee; brother, Wayne Spurlock and wife Diane of Brenham; and 11 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.



### Jimmy Brown

Jimmy Wayne Brown, 62, of Breckenridge, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2025. He was born in Beaumont to James William Brown Jr. and the late Carol Lee Elliott Brown.

Survivors include his children, Rebecca Brown LeBlanc and Rachel Brown and spouse Ginger, all of Silsbee; father, Jim Brown of Vidor; siblings, John Wesley Brown and Pauline Brown, both of Vidor; girlfriend, Susan Hamaker of Breckenridge; and three grandchildren.

Cremation was under the direction of Broussard’s Mortuary in Silsbee.



### Charles Jones

Charles Edgar Jones, 67, of Silsbee, died at Baptist Hospital on Friday, March 14, 2025.

He was the son of Thomas and Wilma Jones and a native of Vidor, Texas. He was one of six children and no doubt the one who kept them on their toes and his mama clutching her pearls. He loved all things fast and loud—racecars, music, drums, and guns. If it could be made, he could figure it out. Even sick, he was tinkering around, making things and messes. Most of all, he loved his family.

Memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30 at Rose City Baptist Church in Rose City.

Chuck inherited two stepchildren, but he loved and called them his own: Jimi Erbeling, and Jaime Allen and husband, Randy. Eight grandchildren: Zachary, Billy, and Luke Allen; Zeek and Autumn Walters; Ella and Ethan Jobe; Riley Pooley. Two great-grandchildren: Samuel and Olivia Allen. He is also survived by his siblings: Thomas Jones Jr. and wife, Nelda; Beth Phillips; Sarah Linscomb and husband, Doug; Georgia McKinley and husband, Jerry; Jeanie Rupprecht; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to the Silsbee Volunteer Fire Department. We had more help than would fit in the house before the ambulance arrived. It was comforting to see the turn out for a medical call.

## PROPOSAL FROM PAGE 1A

sales tax rate dedicated to General Revenue from 1.00% to 1.25%.

The proposed change does not increase the current combined rate of all local sales and use taxes in the City.

The proposed change keeps the same combined rate while reallocating the individual tax rates to reduce the amount dedicated to property tax relief and to provide a new source of tax revenue to fund city street maintenance and repair, capital improvements, and upgrades and/or updates to existing facilities and equipment.

In 1996 the voters of the City of Kountze approved the Sales Tax for Property Tax Relief at a rate of 0.50% to be used to reduce property taxes in Kountze and instead collect those revenues through sales tax. Under Texas Local Government Code, the Sales Tax for Property Tax Relief Tax Rate may be reduced to any rate that is an increment of one-eighth of one percent (0.125%) by an election for that purpose.

Texas Tax Code allows for combined ballot propositions regarding municipal sales and use taxes, so that the voters may at the same time vote to reduce a municipal sales tax and by the same proposition increase another municipal sales tax, as long as the total combined sales tax rate of all local government taxing entities (including the City and the County) does not exceed 2%.

### David Fling

David Wayne Fling, 55, of Evadale, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at his home. He was born to Johnnie Leach and the late Jerry Rex Fling. He worked as a juvenile correctional officer.

Memorial service was Saturday, March 22 at Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee.

Survivors include his wife of six years, Ashley; sons, Cord Fling and wife Shelby and Parker Fling; mother, Johnnie; and one grandchild.



### Lucille Graham

Lucille Graham, 92, of Silsbee, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2025.

Funeral service was Saturday, March 15 at New Bethel Baptist Church in Silsbee with burial following at Kirby Cemetery in Silsbee under the direction of Proctor’s Mortuary in Beaumont.

### Winnie Harrison

Winnie Marie Harrison, 72, of Evadale, passed away Monday, March 17, 2025. She was born in Kountze to Bertha Moss Harris and Leon Harris.

Funeral service was Friday, March 21 at North End Pentecostal Church in Buna with burial following at Morse Cemetery in Buna under the direction of Broussard’s Mortuary in Silsbee.

Survivors include her children, Theresa Goins and husband Keith of Buna and Jody Mendoza and husband Mark Benton of Winnie; siblings, Joan Frizzell and husband Larry of Pasadena, Peggy Peck of Buna, and Tony Harris and wife Donna and wife Donna of Evadale; and three grandchildren.



## CALENDAR

#### School Boards

The Lumberton ISD Board of Trustees meet the first Thursday after the first Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building, 121 South Main Street.

The Silsbee ISD Board of Trustees meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday each month in the Administration Office, 415 FM 327W.

The Evadale ISD Board of Trustees meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday each month in the District’s Administration Building on Highway 105 South. Special meetings may be called when necessary.

The Kountze ISD Board of Trustees meet at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month in the Kountze Intermediate School Library, 150 Vaughn Street.

The Hardin-Jefferson ISD Board of Trustees meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the Administration Building, 520 W. Herring Street in Sour Lake.

#### City Councils

The Lumberton City Council meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday each month in the City Hall Chambers.

The Silsbee City Council meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday each month in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1220 Hwy 327 East.

The Kountze City Council meets the third Thursday each month at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1025 North Pine.

The Sour Lake City Council meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the City Hall of Sour Lake, 625 Hwy 105 West.

#### Commissioners Court

The Hardin County Commissioners Court will meet the second and fourth Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the County Courthouse.

#### ESD

The Hardin County Emergency District No. 6 Board of Directors hold its regular monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

#### MUD

The Lumberton Municipal Utility District board of directors meet the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the LMUD office at 625 FM 421.

#### 4-H

Kountze Kids 4-H Club – Third Thursday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Educational Building, 3677 Hwy 326

Horse & Rider 4-H Club – Last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Educational Building, 3677 Hwy 326, Kountze. The next meeting will be October 31.

SETX 4-H Vet Science Club – First and second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Educational Building, 3677 Hwy 326, Kountze. \*\*Annual enrollment in August only, youth must be 14 years old to participate.

Village Creek 4-H Club – Third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the New Covenant

Assemblies of God Church, 1470 N Fifth St., Silsbee, TX 77656. The next meeting will be October 17.

West Hardin 4-H Club – Second Sunday of the Month at 3:00 p.m. at the Batson Community Center at 9153 Main St, Batson, TX 77519. The next meeting will be on October 9.

#### Civic Clubs

The Hardin County Rotary Club meets on Thursday weekly at 8 a.m. at the Lumberton Fire Station, 228 Country Lane Drive, in Lumberton. Visitors are welcomed to meetings that begin with breakfast provided.

The Silsbee Woman’s Club meets the second Thursday each month at 11 a.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church on Roosevelt.

#### Miscellaneous

The Hardin County Strong Executive Board will meet a 2 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hardin County Courthouse. The board meets the second Tuesday each month.

Every fourth Thursday of the month, senior citizens can go to the YYAFA Building in Silsbee to sign up for food. Individuals must be age 60 and older with proof of income. For more information, call Arthur Smith at 409-273-1702 or 409-617-2093.

The Hardin County Genealogical Society meets every second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at in its library at 220 W. Main Street (next to Kirby-Hill House), and hosts quarterly presentations on topics of local or historical interest. The library is open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for genealogy research.

The Southeast Texas Relic Hunters will meet at 6 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at the New Life Church, 42493 Highway 105 in Batson. For more information, call Jack Duke at 936-391-1847 or Thomas Enloe at 832-448-6517.

The Southeast Texas Stamp Club will meet the third Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the St. John’s Episcopal Church, 1305 Roosevelt Drive in Silsbee. View auction lots at 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon meets at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at the First Presbyterian Church, 855 U.S. Highway 96 S. Contact 409-363-0291 if you have any questions.

The First Presbyterian Church of Silsbee, located at 855 Hwy 96 S (across from Sonic) will serve free lunches on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until food runs out, whichever comes first. Inside dining or takeout.

#### Music

Hardin County Genealogy Society will host a free family-style music show at the County Seat Music Hall on the third Saturday of each month. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Shows start at 6:30 p.m. We are located at 125 West Brown Street in Kountze.

For your club, church meeting or other events to be place, email [editor@silsbeebee.com](mailto:editor@silsbeebee.com) or call 409-385-5278.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the City of Silsbee General/Special Election held on May 3, 2025, will be tested on April 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hardin County Clerk’s Office to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

DeeAnn Zimmerman

Signature of Officer

## AVISO PÚBLICO DE PRUEBA DE AUTOMATIC EQUIPO DE TABULACIÓN

Por la presente se notifica que el equipo de tabulación automática que se usará en la Elección de Ciudad de Silsbee General/Especial celebrada el 3 de mayo de 2025, se probará el 2 de abril de 2025, a las 9:00 a.m. en la Oficina del Secretario del Condado de Hardin para asegurarse de que contará con precisión los votos emitidos para todos los cargos y en todas las medidas.

DeeAnn Zimmerman

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# BEE SPORTS

## LIONS, LIONETTES ALL-STATE WINNERS



Three Kountze Lions and one Kountze Lionette received all state honors after both the Lions and Lionettes won state championships this year. They are Lions Mason Donald, Zacc Sells and Cordell Lowe and Lionette Keyiona McDaniel.

## Silsbee softball team wins seven of last nine games

BY DANNY RENEAU

The Silsbee Lady Tigers softball team picked up a pair of wins last week over WOS and Vidor. The two wins ran the Lady Tigers record to 12-8.

On March 18, the Lady Tigers traveled to WOS and crushed the Lady Mustangs by a score of 16-0. Then on Friday in one of the best games of the year the Lady Tigers came from behind to defeat Vidor 8-7.

WOS came into the game against Silsbee with a record of 13-8 but they were out-classed by the Tigers in nearly every phase of the game. Silsbee picked up six runs in the top of the first inning. They came back



Danny Reneau photo

Grace Rulon lays down a bunt during the Silsbee Lady Tigers come from behind win over Vidor. The Tigers trailed at one time 6-1 but rallied to win 8-7.

to add 5 more in the top of the second and led 11-0 at the start

of the third inning. Then Silsbee scored five more runs and the game was called due to the ten run rule.

Silsbee finished the game with 16 runs on seven hits and two errors.

WOS had no runs on two hits and seven errors.

The Lady Tigers played Vidor last Friday afternoon in a rare afternoon game that started at about 11:30.

This game was tied at 1-1 after the first couple innings. Then in the third Vidor erupted for six runs to take a huge lead.

The Lady Tigers never gave up. In the fifth inning Silsbee strung a bunch of hits together and came back to tie the game at 7-7. Silsbee

took the lead in the sixth inning but Vidor still had a chance in the seventh.

The Lady Pirates got the tying run on base but could not get her home and Silsbee claimed the 8-7 victory. This was the Lady Tigers seventh win in the last nine games.

The SHS squad played Lumberton on Tuesday. The Tigers, now 4-2 in district play, defeated Lumberton in a Feb. 26 match-up.

April 1, the Tigers will travel to Jasper for a game. Silsbee defeated Jasper 18-3 on March 7th.

Then on April 4 the Tigers will host Bridge City. Silsbee lost the first match-up between the two schools by a 3-0 score.



Danny Reneau photo

Eliana Oseguera started in the pitchers circle for the Lady Tigers. She did not figure in the decision but pitched about three innings.



Danny Reneau photo

Taylor Tilley takes a healthy swing but appears to undercut this ball. The distance between where the pitcher releases the ball and the batters box is very short and makes it hard to connect.



Danny Reneau photo

Madeline Byars came on in relief to pitch against Vidor. The Pirates had a huge lead but Byars managed to keep them in check for the remainder of the game and Silsbee came from behind to win 8-7.



Danny Reneau photo

Morgan Graham rounds third in the Tigers battle with Vidor on Friday. Unofficially she went on to score the winning run in the game.

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# Raiders soccer boys to be in regional semis

On Thursday, March 20, the Lumberton (16-5-2, 11-1) boys soccer team came from behind with a late, game tying goal from Andrew Hansen to send their game against Hargrave (7-11, 4-4) into penalty kicks. Goalkeeper Will Scoggins stopped 2 shots in the best of 5 shootout while Andrew Hansen, Rylan Pham, Wes Stewart, and Zach Breaux all scored their penalty kicks.

On Monday, March 24, the Raiders traveled to Sealy (13-13, 8-6) for

the Area Championship. After going down 0-1 early, Andrew Hansen scored with an assist from Wes Stewart to tie the game just before halftime.

The second half saw both teams creating chances and having disallowed goals, before Jaxan Tallina assisted Andrew Hansen for the game winning goal with 2 seconds left on the clock. The Raiders will play the winner of the Almeta Crawford vs La Vega later this week in the Regional Semifinals.



Brent Guidry Photo

The Lady Raiders celebrate after freshman Madelyn Walters (19) scored the sixth goal of the game against Huffman. Lumberton won their Bi-District match against the Falcons 6-0



Brent Guidry Photo

Lady Raider Emily Hatcher (15) catches a fly ball for an out in Lumberton's game at Vidor. The Lady Pirates came from behind to win the game 9-13.



Brent Guidry Photo

Lumberton third baseman Colton Harwell (1) fields the ball in a thrilling game Friday night. Ryan Verde Jr. hit a walk off 2 RBI single to end the game with Gavin Harmse and Ethan Black scoring to win the game 5-4.

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MY FIVE CENTS

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applicants in 121 counties through the office's Pole Replacement Program. This is the second round of awards for the program which aims to support retail broadband services by reimbursing the cost of replacing thousands of utility poles statewide. In 2023, voters passed Proposition 8 which created the Broadband Infrastructure Fund and dedicated \$75 million to the Pole Replacement Program. Of those funds, almost \$30 million has been allocated.

The BDO also announced pre-registration opened for the

Texas Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. BEAD is a federally-funded program that seeks to provide broadband access to every residential and commercial location statewide. Texas was allocated \$3.3 billion to support infrastructure deployment, mapping, and adoption. Pre-registration is not required, but participants will get early feedback on information they submit. The pre-registration period opens March 17 and closes April 4.

5. Senate passes bill penalizing production of obscene AI material

Senate Bill 441 by Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa passed the Senate unanimously this week. SB 441 creates civil penalties for the creation of nonconsensual intimate visual materials, often called "deepfakes." These deepfakes have gotten more perverse with the use of AI to digitally create intimate photos. This bill imposes civil penalties on individuals, websites, and payment processors involved in producing or distributing this content without consent. It also allows for an extensive statute of limitations of 10 years for victims to sue for damages.

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# First Security Bank’s Sour Lake Branch to host ribbon-cutting and launch 'Bank Local, Shop Local' campaign April 1 st

Sour Lake, TX – First Security Bank is proud to host a community celebration at The Sour Lake Branch on Tuesday, April 1st at 11:00 AM, in partnership with the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. The event will feature the Chamber’s official ribbon-cutting ceremony and mark the highly anticipated launch of the bank’s “Bank Local, Shop Local” campaign—an initiative designed to unite the community through shared support of local businesses and banking.

As the only locally owned and operated bank in Sour Lake, First Security Bank’s Sour Lake Branch is deeply committed to the people, families, schools, farms, and small businesses that define the community. The campaign encourages residents to support local merchants



while also choosing to bank with institutions rooted in the same community.

In a bold show of that commitment, The Sour Lake Branch has already purchased thousands of dollars in gift cards from local businesses. Starting April 1st, anyone who opens a new account at the branch will receive a free

\$25 gift card to a participating Sour Lake business of their choice.

Participating businesses will proudly display a “Bank Local, Shop Local” decal in their windows, signaling their partnership in the movement and the bank’s direct investment in their

success. This initiative isn’t just symbolic—it’s real, local economic impact. It puts dollars directly into the hands of our neighbors and reinforces a stronger, more united Sour Lake.

The event will also feature the drawing and announcement of two winners from The Sour Lake Branch’s Grand Opening kickoff promotion: one winner will receive a Blackstone Grill, and another will take home a \$1,000 cash prize.

Simple refreshments will be served, and attendees will hear from bank leadership on the importance of this campaign.

“This isn’t just a promo-

tion—it’s a movement,” said Clint Walters, Chairman and CEO of First Security Bank. “We’re the only locally owned bank in town, and we believe in showing up for our neighbors. Whether it’s a small business, a school, a local family, or a farmer down the road—whatever this town needs, we want to be part of the solution.”

Melissa Domingues, President of First Security Bank, added,

“When you keep your dollars local, it comes back to you. Our goal is to help every corner of this community thrive, and it starts by supporting one another. We’re not here to be just another bank—we’re here to be your bank.”

Crystal Henderson, Sour Lake Branch Manager, echoed that message:

“This campaign is about

more than signs and slogans—it’s about relationships. We’ve bought thousands in gift cards because we believe in these businesses and this community. When someone opens an account and picks a gift card from one of those vendors, that’s more than a giveaway—it’s a handshake, a connection, and a show of unity. That’s what Bank Local, Shop Local is all about.”

The April 1st event is open to the public and will serve as a reminder that real community support starts at home—right here in Sour Lake. Whether you’re a resident, business owner, parent, or partner in the local economy, First Security Bank’s Sour Lake Branch invites you to join the celebration, be part of the movement, and help shape the future—together.

## Senate backs prayer time, Ten Commandments in classrooms

AUSTIN—The Texas Senate last week passed a bill to allow school districts to set aside time for in-school prayer and gave initial approval to requiring all schools to post a copy of the Ten Commandments in every classroom.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that the two measures were priorities of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over that chamber.

“Religious freedom is a bedrock principle upon which America was founded, recognizing our rights come directly from God, not the government,” Patrick said in a statement.

SB11 would give districts the option to schedule time each day for employees and students to pray or read “the Bible and other religious texts.” Anyone who participates would have to sign a waiver that they are taking part voluntarily and would not sue the district.

State Sen. Sarah Eckhardt, D-Austin, questioned whether the bill violates the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment, which states that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.”

SB10 would require a copy of the Ten Commandments to be displayed in every classroom. A similar measure in Louisiana has been temporarily blocked by a federal judge.

**Bill filed to abolish Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.** A Waco lawmaker has filed a bill to abolish the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



and transfer its duties to the Texas General Land Office, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Public Safety, the Houston Chronicle reported.

State Rep. Pat Curry, R-Waco, filed the bill to disperse TPWD’s various duties but did not respond to requests for comment on what spurred filing the bill.

Under his proposal, the land office would take over parks, natural areas, wildlife management areas, fish hatcheries, historic sites, and other public land. The agriculture department would be in charge of conservation and management of native plants and wildlife, as well as hunting and fishing. DPS would manage all law enforcement duties, such as game wardens.

Employees of TPWD would be transferred to the agencies overseeing the new duties.

TPWD sent an emailed statement, saying in part: “Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is proud of the important role our agency plays in managing Texas land and waters in coordination with our partners and private landowners to provide for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation. Our 89 state parks welcome more than 9 million visitors each year.”

**Measles cases now top 300 in state.** The number of confirmed measles cases in Texas now totals 309 as of Friday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services, with 40 hospitalizations and one fatality.

Of that number, 211 have been in Gaines County, in West Texas. All but two of those contracting the disease were not vaccinated, according to DSHS.

Declining childhood vaccination rates have left parts of the state vulnerable to a measles outbreak, Dr. Peter Hotez told the Chronicle last week. Hotez is the co-director of the Center for Vaccine Development at Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston. He said he expects the outbreak will continue to grow due to an increase in non-medical vaccine exemptions among Texas children over the past decade.

“It’s like a hurricane passing over warm Caribbean waters,” Hotez said. “As long as there’s warm Caribbean waters — in this case, large populations of unvaccinated kids — this epidemic is going to continue.”

Two-thirds of the reported cases are in children under the age of 17.

*Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.*

## Harvest card return deadline is April 1

The Big Thicket National Preserve staff would like to remind hunters who have a 2024-2025 hunting permit that the return date for harvest cards is April 1, 2025. If hunters do not return their harvest card, there will be a 1-month delay before they can receive a hunting permit for the 2025-2026 season.

“Each year for the past 5 years, we have seen a 40% return rate for harvest cards,” states Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz. “We are looking to increase the return rate, so we have more robust data to make management decisions. Therefore, it is very important that hunters return the cards each year.”

Hunters have three different ways to return their harvest card by the April 1st deadline:

- In-person at the Big Thicket Visitor Center – 6102 FM 420, Kountze, TX 77625

• Email a photo of the harvest card to bith\_information@nps.gov

- Mail the card to 6044 FM 420, Kountze, TX 77625

If a hunter doesn’t return the harvest card before the April 1st deadline, the hunter will not be able to pick up a permit for the 2025-2026 season until the Friday before hunting season starts, about a month after the beginning of issuing permits.

Anyone may hunt for free during fall and winter in Big Thicket National Preserve with a free hunting permit, available at the visitor center. See hunting page for more information.

If hunters have questions, or have lost their harvest card, they can call the visitor center at 409-951-6700.

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DJ Dickerson – LaPorte, TX

### Tuesday, April 8

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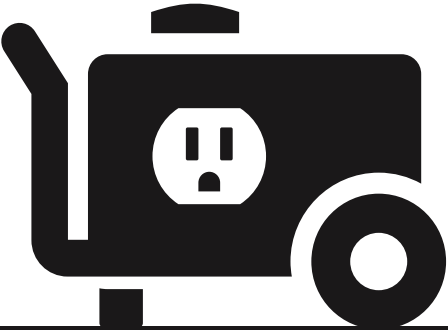
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# When to water your garden and lawn

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The best way to be sure you aren't wasting water is to follow some simple guidelines that will help conserve our most precious resource. If you don't, you may be wasting up to 50 percent of the water you are using due to inefficient watering methods.

Since nearly all water used within the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District is groundwater (well water), by conserving water today, we are banking it for future use when we experience drought periods. Keep these tips in mind when you are using water outdoors:

\* Don't water your lawn or garden at

the wrong time of the day. During the hottest part of the day, you can lose a significant amount of the water you are applying to evaporation.

\* Water the lawn only when it needs it. Most lawns only need one inch of water each week.

Pay attention to the weather and keep a rain gauge in the yard to help you monitor how much water you are getting.

\* One way to tell if your lawn needs water is to step on the grass and see if it springs back. If it does, you needn't worry about watering. Also, let the grass grow a little. By letting it grow longer it will shade the ground and roots and slow the evaporation rate.

\* In the garden, be sure to utilize mulch around your vegetable plants. A good layer of ground cover will allow the water to seep deeper into the soil and reduce loss due to evaporation.

\* Pools are very susceptible to evaporation. It's not uncommon to have to add 2,000 gallons a month to a pool due to

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# Man grows fruit trees while growing himself



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Before beginning to study to become a Master Gardener this year, Pill Briggs had become a Master Naturalist last year.

BY DAN EAKIN  
editor@silsbeebee.com

Pill Briggs likes growing fruit trees and vegetables.

Funny thing is, now at age 78, he is still growing himself. In knowledge.

On his 20 acre piece of land about a mile past Kountze High School, he is growing peach trees, apple trees, pear trees, fig trees, orange trees, Mayhaw trees and even apple trees. It will soon be time to plant his garden. Squash, tomatoes, okra, peas, etc.

Meanwhile, Briggs absorbs himself growing in knowledge. Last year, he became a Texas Master Naturalist. This year he has already completed 60 hours of studying to become a Master Gardener after completing more than that to become a Texas Master Naturalist.

It's early in the season, but his fruit trees are beginning to bloom and it looks like he will be very fruitful

again this year as in the past.

As visitors enter his property, they first see apple trees, and then as they progress for about a quarter mile down to his house see the other fruit trees.

Out behind his home, he is set up to begin growing grapes and muscadines from which he will make wine.

"People told me I couldn't grow apple trees down here," he said, "but I have proved them wrong."

He said the apples are small, but very delicious.

His Satsuma oranges are just a little larger than BBs now, but they soon will grow to full size oranges.

Briggs has been gardening for several years, but just this year accepted the challenge to become a master gardener. He lived in Nome and had a garden there before moving to his present location on

FM 1293 about half way between Kountze and Honey Island.

In addition to having land for fruit trees and a garden, Briggs also has a large pond that covers close to an acre on his property.

He has it stocked with channel catfish, bass, crappie and other fish.

He feeds the fish which later become food for himself and many others.

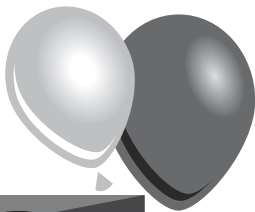
Briggs enjoys life to the fullest and has had his share of success, financial and otherwise, over the years.

He also has a great sense of humor. He said Pill is only his nickname, but he has been called Pill since he was a baby and very few people know what his real first name is.

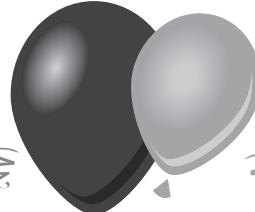
His daughter, Raquel West, is district judge for the 252nd District Court in Jefferson County. His son, John, lives in China, Texas and owns an oil field rental business.

Briggs said, "I just enjoy life, learning what I can and doing what I can to help others."

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Pill Briggs stands beside one of his peach trees which are beginning to blossom.

Pill Briggs pets his dog Oscar by an apple tree which is beginning to blossom at the entrance to his property.

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# Boys & Girls Club enjoys planting, growing garden

**BY ILENE BROOKS**  
Unit Director-Hardin

The Boys & Girls Club garden project has been very exciting for our members. A garden benefits a child's development from being outdoors in the fresh air soaking Vitamin D, improving their fitness and helping them learn a task that helps them reduce stress as they mature. This allows them to develop social skills, patience, responsibility and lots of care for the plants to get great results all this from planting a small seed watching it grow develop with each stage needing to be carefully managed in the end improving self confidence making them proud their achievement bringing a little seed to flourish into a living thing.

Last year we had success with growing baby pumpkins, watermelons, okra, green onions, cucumbers, sweet carrots and radishes.

Gardening is also educational providing a great environment to learn about seasons, weather affects on plants & our environment. They will learn to identify different insects trying to make a home in a garden teaching them to respect nature& help take care of it.

They realize the importance of learning letters & writing as they write labels for newly planted seeds. Improves fitness by weeding, raking & watering plants using different muscle groups while having fun makes for a great way to get their bodies moving as they take care of gardening chores.

Our garden has some blue bonnet flowers that grow yearly this is to help them see the beauty of flowers & we have benches where they are able to go out with a adult supervision to read a book or just sit & talk we hope that they will keep this with them as they mature into adulthood helping stress reduction from this busy world we live in. Our ultimate goal is they acquire a lifelong love for nature and appreciate & respect all the benefits gardening offers & know about climate changes & a lifelong love and respect for nature.

Some Master Gardener students have volunteered to come in to clean out the beds in order for the children to plant vegetables for the summer. The plan is to plant vegetables the children like to eat so you can cook and discuss how it grows and how it tastes. The Hardin County Health Services Department generously donated vegetable seeds for plant-



Courtesy photos

**Both boys and girls enjoy planting in the garden at the Boys & Girls Club in Silsbee. They enjoy watching the plants grow into something beautiful and edible.**

ing, Michelle Miller, the dietitian, has educated us on each vegetable and Jeanene Cooper, assistant, has continuously tended the garden and fertilized as it grew.

The plan for this year is to plant cherry



**This little girl is getting ready to plant something and watch it grow. The boys and girls at the club enjoy gardening, while learning much about life.**

tomatoes, Bush green beans, Cucumbers, Strawberries, watermelons, okra & corn. We had great success last year growing carrots, green onions, cucumbers, watermelon, baby pumpkins and okra galore!



**Kids at the Boys & Girls Club in Silsbee find the garden is a great place to get together and have fun while learning about gardening.**



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# I am a part of this and it is a part of me

BY JIM COONROD

A garden takes on the reflection and expressions of one's mind and serves as a tool to help us visualize and understand our mental and emotional state. The connection between tending a garden and personal well-being suggests there is an interconnected system where each influences the other. This spiritual feeling arises within me to embrace that I am part of this and it is part of me.

Successful gardening requires more than just good seeds. We must prepare the soil with organic materials and fertilizer, and plant at the right season. Proper depth and spacing of plants are also crucial. Cultivating, nurturing, positive thoughts and values can be compared to watching your garden thrive in challenging times; it leads to better relationships with both our creator and others, therefore improving overall well-being.

Seasons with much-needed rain are essential for our garden to flourish. Water is the life-source of a garden. Rain typically becomes rarer as summer approaches and drought predictions affect the outcomes of our garden. However, we rejoice as we pamper and give exceptional care to our plants, as a reassurance of the life of our garden.

Being aware, understanding and accepting these seasons applying them to our lives is critical to our spiritual and emotional well-being as we adapt to everyday living. As water is the life source of a garden, God teaches us, Philippians 4:6, that prayer is the life-source with maintaining a relationship with him. It allows us to express devotion, seek guidance, and find comfort in times of trouble, easing emotional distress.

One of the dangers of the productivity of a garden is weeds which grow faster than anything else. They will eventually damage your healthy plants. This is why the regular de-weeding process, removing the weeds in your garden, is so important.

Pulling weeds prompts a reflection on the various distractions that may take root in one's life. It raises questions about what might be hindering personal growth and how to distinguish between negative influences and positive outcomes. Additionally, it leads one to consider whether these impediments are being inadvertently fostered.

Pruning can significantly improve the health of your plants. By removing dead parts and ensuring each plant has space to thrive, healthier and more abundant growth is promoted. Similarly, in our minds, old beliefs, habits, and grudges that affect our relationships with others may no longer be useful. This can hinder our spiritual and emotional growth. The concept of pruning, as referenced in John 15:1-3, can guide individuals towards achieving greater purpose and advancing their spiritual development.

Gardening itself can become a spiritual practice. You can view each planting season as an opportunity for reflection and prayer. As you nurture your garden, contemplate the biblical teachings of growth, renewal, and divine presence. This practice deepens your understanding of spirituality and fosters a sense of connection with God, our creator.

I encourage you to try your hand in gardening and let God lead your path. Vegetable gardens are the purest of human pleasures and a fantastic way to understand yourself and God's purpose.



JIM COONROD

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# Create a cozy outdoor space with a backyard fire pit

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A fire pit can serve as a warm and inviting backyard retreat, perfect for roasting marshmallows for s'mores or stargazing while wrapped in cozy blankets. Before you can share time around the fire pit with loved ones, however, consider these tips to elevate your outdoor space.

### Choosing the Right Design

When it comes to building a DIY fire pit, the design you choose can significantly impact the aesthetics and functionality. From classic stone pits to modern metal designs, the options are nearly endless. Think about the size and shape as well. Circular designs are traditional and encourage conversation while square or rectangular pits offer a more contemporary look.

### Gathering Materials and Tools

Essential materials include bricks, stones or metal parts for the structure, as well as gravel or sand for the base. Fireproof materials are a must to ensure safety and longevity. You'll also need tools such as a shovel for digging the base, a level to ensure even construction and adhesive or mortar for binding materials together. Depending on your design, you may require a metal fire ring, grill grate or mesh cover.

### Keeping Safety in Mind

Safety should be your top priority when building and using a backyard fire pit. Always place your fire pit at least 10 feet away from any structures, trees or flammable materials. Make sure the area is clear of dry leaves and other debris that could catch fire. Consider installing a spark screen to prevent embers from escaping and always keep a bucket of water or fire extinguisher nearby.

### Enhancing Ambiance with Seating and Lighting

Creating a cozy atmosphere around your fire pit involves more than just the fire itself. Comfortable seating is essential for making your outdoor space inviting. Choose weather-resistant chairs, benches or DIY log stools arranged in a circle to foster conversation. Ambient lighting from string lights, lanterns or solar-powered path lights can elevate the mood and extend the usability of your firepit into the evening. Consider adding citronella candles or torches to keep insects at bay while enhancing the ambiance.



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# Native azaleas or wild honeysuckle? Clearing up the confusion

BY NECEL CHERRY

Some native azaleas bear a striking resemblance to Japanese honeysuckle, leading to their common misidentification as “wild honeysuckle.” While their delicate blossoms and long, protruding stamens may invite comparison, these plants are distinctly different.

Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) is an invasive vine notorious for its aggressive spread. It propagates through both seed and traveling roots, creating dense tangles that choke native woodlands and suffocate native plant life.

Gardeners looking to cultivate beauty without harming native ecosystems would do well to choose native azaleas over their invasive look-alikes. Unlike the relentless honeysuckle, these azalea brings a touch of wild elegance without the ecological consequences.

Zone 9 is home to several wild azaleas that thrive in its heat and humidity. Here are some notable types:

Florida Flame Azalea (*Rhododendron*

*austrinum*): Known for its fragrant, trumpet-shaped yellow flowers with red or peach tones. It grows 6-8 feet tall and attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.

Pinxter or Piedmont Azalea (*Rhododendron canescens*): A fragrant shrub with pink flowers, often found in wetlands or shady spots. It can grow up to 15 feet tall.

Chapman’s Azalea (*Rhododendron chapmanii*): An evergreen shrub with rosy pink flowers, reaching heights of 4-10 feet.

Swamp Azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*): This species has fragrant white blooms and thrives in moist or wet soils.

Oconee Azalea (*Rhododendron flammeum*): One of the most heat-tolerant azaleas, with vibrant orange or red flowers.

While we were not able to find native azaleas for sale in Hardin County, they are available with shipping from Wilson Bros. Nursery in McDonough, Georgia. To contact them, call 770-573-1778. To order, visit <https://www.wilsonbrosgardens.com>. To ensure your plants arrive healthy, be sure to order before the weather gets too hot.



A vibrant Pinxter or Piedmont azalea (*Rhododendron canescens*). If you’re considering adding it to your garden, it prefers acidic, well-drained soil and partial shade. It’s a fantastic choice for attracting pollinators like butterflies and hummingbirds.



The Pinxter or Piedmont Azalea (*Rhododendron canescens*) is a stunning native azalea that thrives in Zone 9. It’s a deciduous shrub, meaning it loses its leaves in winter, and it produces fragrant, trumpet-shaped flowers in shades of pink, white, or rose.



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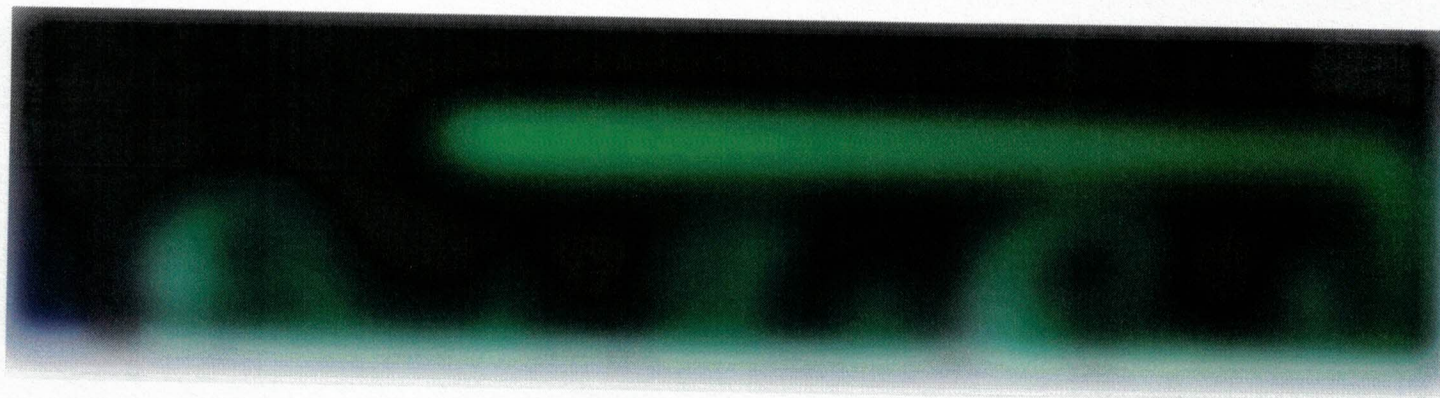
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- In the garden, be sure to utilize mulch around your vegetable plants. A good layer of ground cover will allow the water to seep deeper into the soil and reduce loss due to evaporation.
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- Pool features such as fountains have become popular. These fountains look great, but they can significantly increase the amount of water you lose to evaporation. Save water, ditch the fountain.
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### Board Meetings

2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 10:00 AM unless otherwise noticed.

No Board meetings scheduled for August or December unless otherwise noticed.

Meetings are held at the  
Jasper County Courthouse Annex Building  
271 E. Lamar, Suite 202, 2nd Floor -  
Emergency Operations Center Offices  
Jasper, TX 75951

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# GOAL 4.8

## ADDRESSING IN A QUANTITATIVE MANNER THE DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS

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### **Objective**

1. *The District will monitor groundwater conditions within the District by measuring the static water level in at least fifteen (15) monitor wells annually.*

### **Performance Standard**

1. *The recorded static water levels of the fifteen (15) monitor wells will be included in the District's Annual Report.*
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### **OBJECTIVE 1**

Objective 1 has been met by the monitoring of approximately fifty (50) wells on two separate occasions in 2025 (Spring and Fall – reports attached). The static water level data collected is shared with the Texas Water Development Board, providing the agency with current data for groundwater modeling and planning purposes. The Texas Water Development Board in conjunction with the District maintains a transducer in monitor well 6148209 (located in Jasper County), well 6203704 (located in Newton County), well 6113802 (located in Tyler County) and well 6154805 (located in Hardin County). These transducers allow for static water levels to be obtained from these wells via the internet with data that is updated daily and can be found at:

<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/gwrd/waterlevels/waterlevels.html>.

Additionally, the District continues joint planning within Groundwater Management Area 14 ("GMA 14") to set, as statutorily required, the Desired Future Conditions of the GMA (our current DFCs are based on a sixty-year groundwater planning period). The Groundwater Availability Models, Modeled Available Groundwater, and associated data that is compiled in this process will be used by the District in its efforts to address the future conditions of the Gulf Coast Aquifer in the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

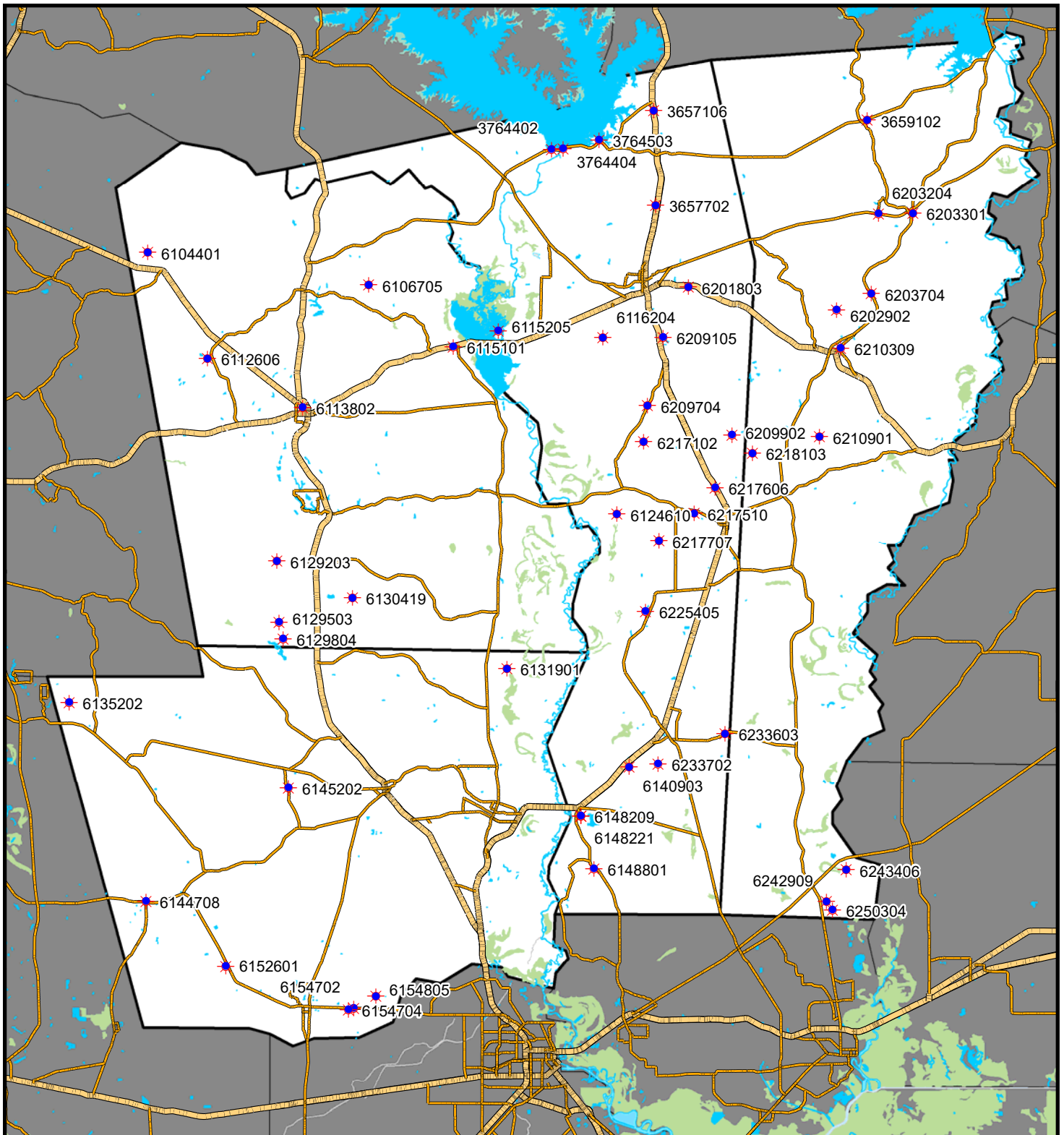
The District, in conjunction with the other four GMA 14 Member Districts, has been reviewing static water level data on a regional basis and the static water level information gathered by the Districts was most recently analyzed in a report by Dr. William Hutchison, titled "Comparison of Measured Drawdowns with Simulated Drawdowns from the Desired Future Conditions Adopted in 2021 in Groundwater Management Area 14". The report was provided to the GMA 14 Members at the November 19, 2025 GMA 14

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# Water Level Observation Wells - 2025



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|--|--------------------------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  |                                                        |  |  |                                                                               |
|  | <b>Drafted By:</b><br>John Martin, Southeast Texas GCD |  |  | <b>Data Source</b><br>ESRI Street Map USA 2006<br>SETGCD ArcView GIS Database |
|  | <b>Date</b><br>March 26, 2026                          |  |  |                                                                               |

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|-------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 3657106           | Jasper | 5/14/2025 | -9.90                 | 4.00 | -5.90                           | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 3657702           | Jasper | 5/14/2025 | -116.95               | 1.40 | -115.55                         | Steel Tape     |                             | John Martin |
| 3764402           | Jasper | 5/14/2025 | -109.65               | 1.50 | -108.15                         | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 3764404           | Jasper | 5/14/2025 | -45.40                | 2.00 | -43.40                          | Steel Tape     |                             | John Martin |
| 3764503           | Jasper | 5/14/2025 | -32.62                | 3.08 | -29.54                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6115205           | Jasper |           |                       | 2.55 | #VALUE!                         | Pressure Gauge |                             | John Martin |
| 6116204           | Jasper | 5/14/2025 | -53.67                | 3.50 | -50.17                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6124504           | Jasper |           | 0.00                  | 0.00 | 0.00                            |                |                             | John Martin |
| 6124610           | Jasper | 5/20/2025 | -30.22                | 0.66 | -29.56                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6148221           | Jasper | 5/13/2025 | -28.15                | 1.00 | -27.15                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6148209           | Jasper | 5/29/2025 | -200.97               | 0.00 | -200.97                         |                | TWDB Satelite uplink        | John Martin |
| 6148801           | Jasper | 5/13/2025 | -7.10                 | 1.00 | -6.10                           | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6201105           | Jasper |           |                       |      | 0.00                            |                |                             |             |
| 6201701           | Jasper |           |                       |      |                                 |                |                             | John Martin |
| 6201803           | Jasper | 5/22/2025 | -85.05                | 3.50 | -81.55                          | Steel Tape     |                             | John Martin |
| 6209105           | Jasper | 5/14/2025 | -3.86                 | 2.00 | -1.86                           | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6209704           | Jasper | 5/20/2025 | -35.61                | 2.00 | -33.61                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6209902           | Jasper | 5/20/2025 | -15.25                | 2.50 | -12.75                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6217102           | Jasper | 5/20/2025 | Dry                   | 1.00 | Dry                             | E-Line         | Recommending well be closed | John Martin |
| 6217510           | Jasper | 5/20/2025 | -15.75                | 0.50 | -15.25                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6217606           | Jasper | 5/20/2025 | -4.05                 | 2.50 | -1.55                           | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6217707           | Jasper | 5/20/2025 | -6.30                 | 1.50 | -4.80                           | E-Line         | Unavailable                 | John Martin |
| 6225405           | Jasper | 5/20/2025 | -58.30                | 1.00 | -57.30                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6233603           | Jasper | 5/13/2025 | -10.10                | 1.00 | -9.10                           | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6233702           | Jasper | 5/13/2025 | -69.78                | 3.20 | -66.58                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6140903           | Jasper | 5/13/2025 | -122.85               | 2.70 | -120.15                         | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6131901           | Hardin | 5/13/2025 | -10.02                | 3.40 | -6.62                           | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6135202           | Hardin | 5/21/2025 | -58.32                | 2.60 | -55.72                          | Steel Tape     |                             |             |
| 6144708           | Hardin | 5/21/2025 | -25.86                | 0.00 | -25.86                          | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6145202           | Hardin | 5/22/2025 | -8.90                 | 2.00 | -6.90                           | E-Line         |                             | John Martin |
| 6146202           | Hardin |           |                       | 0.00 | 0.00                            | E-Line         | Closed                      | John Martin |
| 6152601           | Hardin | 5/21/2025 | -28.81                | 0.66 | -28.15                          | Steel Tape     |                             | John Martin |
| 6154702           | Hardin | 5/21/2025 | -28.90                | 0.90 | -28.00                          | Steel Tape     |                             | John Martin |
| 6154805           | Hardin | 5/5/2025  | -27.77                | 2.10 | -25.67                          |                | TWDB Uplink                 | John Martin |
| 6154704           | Hardin | 5/21/2025 | -32.80                | 2.55 | -30.25                          | E-Line         | New MP                      |             |

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|---------|--------|-----------|---------|------|---------|------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 6104401 | Tyler  | 5/20/2025 | -159.52 | 0.00 | -159.52 | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6106705 | Tyler  | 5/21/2025 | -151.60 | 2.20 | -149.40 | Steel Tape |                      | John Martin |
| 6112606 | Tyler  | 5/20/2025 | -123.68 | 0.30 | -123.38 | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6113802 | Tyler  | 5/21/2025 | -165.75 | 0.00 | -165.75 | E-Line     | TWDB Uplink          | John Martin |
| 6115101 | Tyler  | 5/21/2025 | -33.12  | 0.50 | -32.62  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6115501 | Tyler  |           |         | 2.00 | 2.00    |            | Plugged              | John Martin |
| 6115703 | Tyler  |           |         | 0.00 |         |            | no longer in program | John Martin |
| 6121110 | Tyler  |           |         | 0.33 |         |            | recommending closure | John Martin |
| 6129203 | Tyler  | 5/21/2025 | -18.50  | 3.00 | -15.50  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6129503 | Tyler  | 5/21/2025 | -19.00  | 2.50 | -16.50  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6129804 | Tyler  | 5/21/2025 | -29.35  | 1.55 | -27.80  | Steel Tape |                      | John Martin |
| 6130419 | Tyler  | 5/21/2025 | -7.05   | 3.50 | -3.55   | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 3659102 | Newton | 5/13/2025 | -94.88  | 2.33 | -92.55  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6202902 | Newton | 5/13/2025 | -7.33   | 1.65 | -5.68   | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6203204 | Newton | 5/13/2025 | -67.65  | 2.30 | -65.35  | Steel Tape | New MP               | John Martin |
| 6203301 | Newton | 5/13/2025 | -38.83  | 2.30 | -36.53  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6203704 | Newton | 5/13/2025 | -172.95 | 1.30 | -171.65 | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6210309 | Newton | 5/13/2025 | -67.52  | 4.05 | -63.47  | Steel Tape | New MP               | John Martin |
| 6210901 | Newton | 5/13/2025 | -15.92  | 0.50 | -15.42  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6218103 | Newton | 5/13/2025 | -34.89  | 1.25 | -33.64  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6242909 | Newton | 5/19/2025 | -38.85  | 1.60 | -37.25  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6243406 | Newton | 5/19/2025 | -27.60  | 2.00 | -25.60  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6250304 | Newton | 5/19/2025 | -39.17  | 1.00 | -38.17  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |



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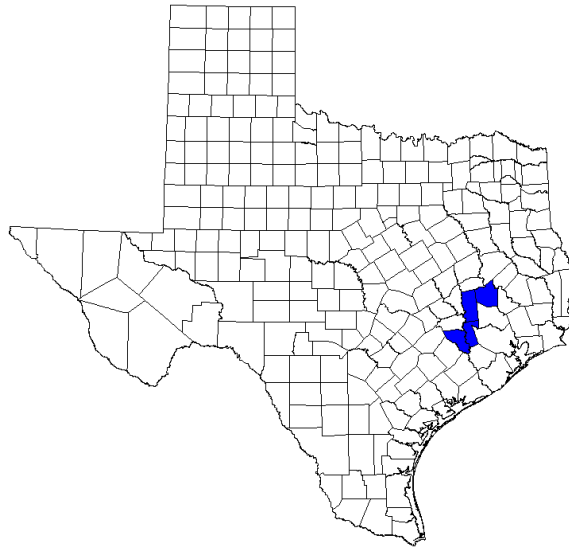
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| 3764402           | Jasper | 11/10/2025 | -115.52               | 1.50 | -114.02                         | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
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| 3764503           | Jasper | 11/10/2025 | -41.94                | 3.08 | -38.86                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6115205           | Jasper |            | 0.0                   | 2.55 | 0.00                            | Pressure Gauge | 16.25 PSI                        | John Martin |
| 6116204           | Jasper | 11/10/2025 | -55.45                | 3.50 | -51.95                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6124504           | Jasper |            | 0.00                  | 0.00 | 0.00                            |                |                                  | John Martin |
| 6124610           | Jasper | 11/10/2025 | -32.96                | 0.66 | -32.30                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6148221           | Jasper | 11/10/2025 | -30.91                | 1.00 | -29.91                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6148209           | Jasper | 11/9/2025  | -182.97               | 0.00 | -182.97                         |                | TWDB Satelite uplink             | John Martin |
| 6148801           | Jasper | 11/10/2025 | -11.40                | 1.00 | -10.40                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6201105           | Jasper |            |                       |      | 0.00                            |                |                                  |             |
| 6201701           | Jasper |            |                       |      |                                 |                |                                  | John Martin |
| 6201803           | Jasper | 11/18/2025 | -86.30                | 3.50 | -82.80                          | Steel Tape     |                                  | John Martin |
| 6209105           | Jasper | 11/10/2025 | -5.70                 | 2.00 | -3.70                           | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6209704           | Jasper | 11/10/2025 | -37.95                | 2.00 | -35.95                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
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| 6217707           | Jasper | 11/10/2025 | -17.78                | 1.50 | -16.28                          | E-Line         | Unavailable                      | John Martin |
| 6225405           | Jasper | 11/11/2025 | -60.30                | 1.00 | -59.30                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6233603           | Jasper | 11/11/2025 | -15.40                | 1.00 | -14.40                          | E-Line         | aking pressure tank / well runni | John Martin |
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| 6140903           | Jasper | 11/11/2025 | -121.40               | 2.70 | -118.70                         | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6131901           | Hardin | 11/11/2025 | -43.87                | 3.40 | -40.47                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6135202           | Hardin | 11/14/2025 | -60.10                | 2.60 | -57.50                          | Steel Tape     |                                  |             |
| 6144708           | Hardin | 11/14/2025 | -26.71                | 0.00 | -26.71                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6145202           | Hardin | 11/14/2025 | -14.35                | 2.00 | -12.35                          | E-Line         |                                  | John Martin |
| 6146202           | Hardin |            |                       | 0.00 | 0.00                            | E-Line         | Closed                           | John Martin |
| 6152601           | Hardin | 11/14/2025 |                       | 0.66 |                                 | Steel Tape     | blockage at about 30ft           | John Martin |
| 6154702           | Hardin | 11/11/2025 | -31.90                | 0.90 | -31.00                          | Steel Tape     |                                  | John Martin |
| 6154805           | Hardin | 10/31/2025 | -28.68                | 0.00 | -28.68                          |                | TWDB Uplink                      | John Martin |
| 6154704           | Hardin | 11/11/2025 | -37.17                | 2.55 | -34.62                          | E-Line         |                                  |             |

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| 6106705 | Tyler  | 12/10/2025 | -152.13 | 2.20 | -149.93 | Steel Tape |                      | John Martin |
| 6112606 | Tyler  | 11/18/2025 | -124.15 | 0.30 | -123.85 | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6113802 | Tyler  | 11/18/2025 | -164.57 | 0.00 | -164.57 | E-Line     | TWDB Uplink          | John Martin |
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| 6129503 | Tyler  | 11/11/2025 | -25.91  | 2.50 | -23.41  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6129804 | Tyler  | 11/14/2025 | -42.28  | 1.55 | -40.73  | Steel Tape |                      | John Martin |
| 6130419 | Tyler  | 11/11/2025 | -16.75  | 3.50 | -13.25  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 3659102 | Newton | 11/12/2025 | -94.82  | 2.33 | -92.49  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6202902 | Newton | 11/12/2025 | -15.06  | 1.65 | -13.41  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6203204 | Newton | 11/12/2025 | -68.80  | 2.30 | -66.50  | Steel Tape | New MP               | John Martin |
| 6203301 | Newton | 11/12/2025 | -39.10  | 2.30 | -36.80  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6203704 | Newton | 11/12/2025 | -174.04 | 1.70 | -172.34 | E-Line     | TWDB Uplink offline  | John Martin |
| 6210309 | Newton | 11/12/2025 | -68.33  | 4.05 | -64.28  | Steel Tape | New MP               | John Martin |
| 6210901 | Newton | 11/12/2025 | -17.70  | 0.50 | -17.20  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6218103 | Newton | 11/11/2025 | -39.40  | 1.25 | -38.15  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
| 6242909 | Newton | 11/12/2025 | -40.12  | 1.60 | -38.52  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |
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| 6250304 | Newton | 11/12/2025 | -39.17  | 1.00 | -38.17  | E-Line     |                      | John Martin |

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from the Desired Future Conditions Adopted in 2021 in  
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## 1.0 Introduction

On January 5, 2022, the groundwater management district in Groundwater Management Area 14 adopted desired future conditions as follows:

***In each county in GMA 14, no less than 70 percent median available drawdown remaining in 2080 or no more than an average of 1.0 additional foot of subsidence between 2009 and 2080.***

This desired future condition statement was adopted after reviewing the results of multi-metric simulations using the Houston Area Groundwater Model (HAGM) documented in Oliver (2021). The HAGM was adopted as the Groundwater Availability Model for the area by the Texas Water Development Board in 2013. The specific model run files were obtained from the folder named:

***32\_PEST\_ConsFac\_Base16\_30kLim\_1.0-70\_2080***

The output from the specific simulation that was used in the development of the desired future condition (DFC simulation) was used in this analysis. Specifically, the DFC simulation output was processed to calculate drawdown from the end of 2009 on an annual basis for each model cell. Thus, actual drawdown data from a monitoring well located in the model grid can be compared with the simulated drawdown data at the same location. Monitoring well latitude and longitude coordinates and well depth can be used to locate the well in the model grid system of layer, row, and column. In any well, if data were collected during the base year (end of 2009), that groundwater elevation can be used to calculate drawdowns in subsequent years in that same well for comparison with the simulated data at that location.

The objective of this comparison is to assist the groundwater conservation districts in management plans goal implementation related to desired future conditions, and to prepare for the next round of joint planning. Also, with the adoption of HB 2078 in the 2025 legislative session, there are new requirements for Groundwater Management Areas to “include a summary of how each district is performing in achieving the desired future conditions”.

This comparison is an update to Hutchison (2022) that was completed based on data through 2021 and Hutchison (2023) that was completed based on data through 2022. As developed below, this analysis updated the available data to include 2024. All files referenced in this report and all Fortran programs used to process TWDB data and model results are included in a Google Drive folder that is accessible at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DPkeIaMnyiuH4wyXbCNUiGe2pp4vF4zo?usp=sharing>

### 1.1 Summary of Results

Overall, the comparison of actual drawdown data and simulated drawdown data from the HAGM simulation used as part of the joint planning process shows that current actual drawdowns are consistent with the 2021 desired future condition statement.



## 2.0 Measured Drawdowns

### 2.1 TWDB Groundwater Database

Data for this analysis were downloaded from the TWDB website on October 29, 2025 at:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/data/gwdbbrpt.asp>

Data were downloaded from the “Water Levels Advanced” option. Data from the Gulf Coast Aquifer and GMA 14 were specified in the download. The downloaded file was saved as *WaterLevelsAdvanced.csv*. After processing (i.e. deleting records with no data etc.), the file was saved as *GMA 14 GWE.xlsx*.

GMA 14 counties are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1. GMA 14 Counties**

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| Austin    | Liberty     |
| Brazoria  | Montgomery  |
| Chambers  | Newton      |
| Fort Bend | Orange      |
| Galveston | Polk        |
| Grimes    | San Jacinto |
| Hardin    | Tyler       |
| Harris    | Walker      |
| Jasper    | Waller      |
| Jefferson | Washington  |

### 2.2 Processing of Actual Groundwater Elevation Data

Data in the file *GMA 14 GWE.xlsx* were sorted by date and two new files were created:

- *GMA 14 GWE late 2009 early 2010.xlsx* included all data from October 2009 to March 2010 for use in establishing baseline groundwater elevations for drawdown calculations.
- *GMA 14 GWE 2010 to 2025.xlsx* included all data from April 2010 to the most recent data available (September 2025) for use in calculating actual drawdown.

The csv version of the late 2009/early 2010 data (*GMA 14 GWE late 2009 early 2010.csv*) included latitude and longitude of each well location. The commercial gridding program *Surfer* was used to convert these coordinates into the GAM coordinate system. The Fortran program *getrc.exe* read the updated csv file with GAM coordinates and the GAM grid file (*nglfcgrid3.csv*) to assign model row and column to each well. The well bottom elevation was used to assign the layer number (simple bottom elevation comparison with GAM cell top and bottom elevations). The output file was named *GMA 14 GWE late 2009 early 2010 RCL.dat*, which was also saved as a csv file (*GMA 14 GWE late 2009 early 2010 RCL.csv*). Wells that were outside the grid were eliminated.

Baseline wells were identified with Excel's "*unique*" function, and the well numbers saved in *BaselineWellList.dat*. This list of wells and the csv version of the late 2009/early 2010 data (*GMA 14 GWE late 2009 early 2010 RCL.csv*) in a Fortran program *BaselineGWE.exe*. This program specified the baseline groundwater elevation for each of the 814 baseline wells using the following priority:

1. December of the current year
2. January of the following year
3. November of the current year
4. February of the following year
5. October of the current year
6. March of the following year

The output file was named *GMA 14 Baseline GWE.dat*.

The Fortran program *AnnGWE.exe* reads baseline wells and baseline groundwater levels (*GMA 14 Baseline GWE.dat*), reads the TWDB data from 2010 to 2025 (*GMA 14 GWE 2010 to 2025.csv*) and returns the annual groundwater elevation and drawdown for each year for each baseline well using the same monthly priority listed above. Output is written to *GMA 14 Annual GWE DD.dat*.

### 3.0 Comparison of Actual and Simulated Groundwater Levels

The Fortran program named *getdd.exe* reads heads file from the 2021 DFC simulation (to obtain the simulated groundwater elevations) and calculates simulated cell-by-cell drawdown for the simulation using 2009 as the base year. The program then reads the actual drawdown data (*GMA 14 Annual GWE DD.dat*) for individual wells and writes a comparison file with actual and simulated drawdown (*GMA 14 actsim.dat*) at the monitoring well locations. This file was also saved as an Excel file (*GMA 14 ActSim DD.xlsx*). The actual output from the Fortran program is in the tab named *All*. The data in other tabs represent subsets of these data used for analysis. Other tabs are as follows:

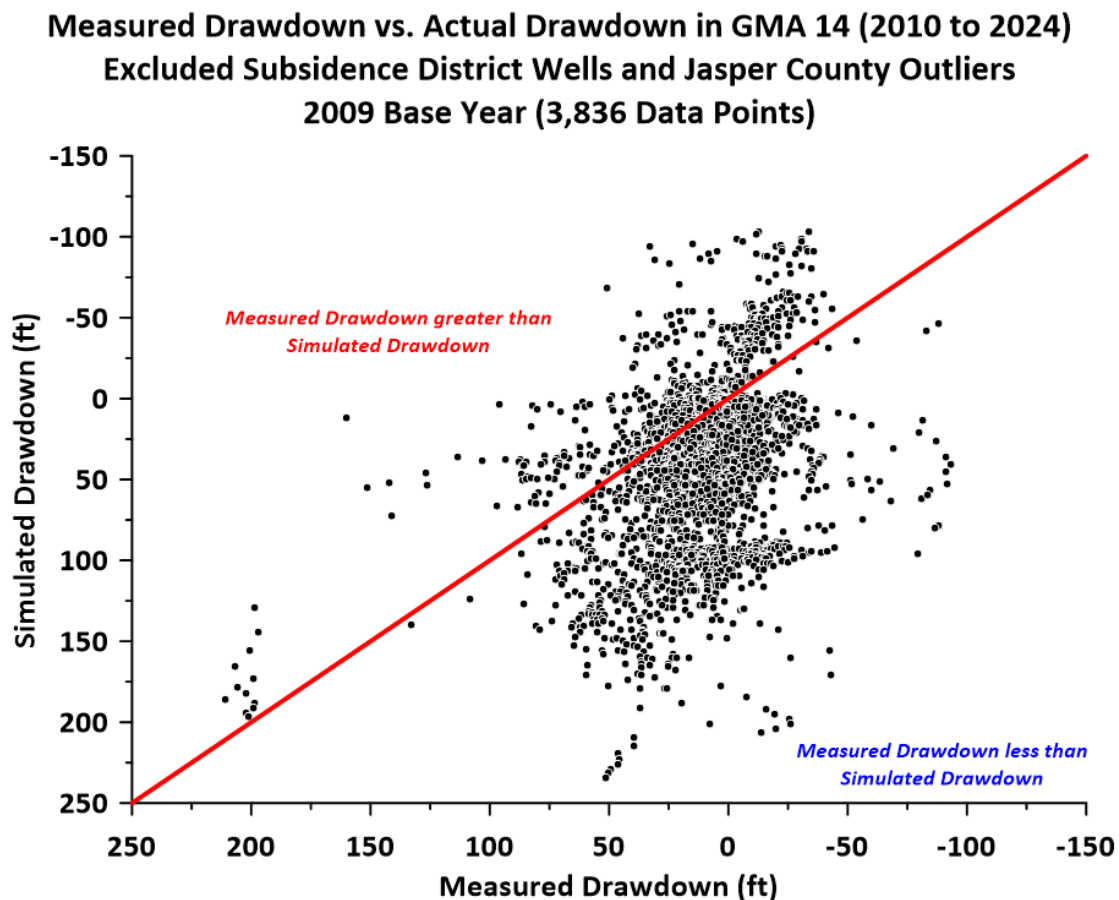
- The tab named *No Jasper Outliers* removed the data described in earlier comparisons (Hutchison, 2022 and Hutchison, 2023).
- The tab named *No Sub Dist* removed all data from Fort Bend, Galveston, and Harris Counties (subsidence district counties). This tab also excludes the Jasper County outliers.
- The tab named *No Sub No Mont* further removed all Montgomery County wells.
- The tab named *Bluebonnet* includes only wells for Bluebonnet GCD (Austin, Grimes, Walker, and Waller counties).
- The tab named *Brazoria* includes only wells for Brazoria County GCD (Brazoria County).
- The tab named *Lone Star* includes only wells for Lone Star GCD (Montgomery County).
- The tab named *Lower Trinity* includes only wells for Lower Trinity GCD (Polk and San Jacinto counties).
- The tab named *SETGCD* includes only wells for Southeast Texas GCD (Hardin, Jasper, Newton, and Tyler counties).



## 4.0 Results

The purpose of this analysis was to provide a high-level evaluation of the comparison of actual drawdown data and the simulated drawdown data from the HAGM simulation that was used to develop the 2021 DFCs. Although there is now a specific statutory requirement to complete this analysis, GMA 14 has completed similar analyses in the past (Hutchison, 2022 and Hutchison, 2023).

As an overview of the comparison, Figure 1 presents a cross-plot of actual drawdown (from TWDB data) and simulated drawdown from the DFC simulation of the HAGM. For purposes of this analysis, Jasper County outliers discussed in Hutchison (2022) and Hutchison (2023), and data points from Fort Bend, Galveston, and Harris counties (counties with subsidence districts) were excluded. A one-to-one line is also shown for reference. Points that lie to the right or below the red line have measured drawdown less than simulated drawdown. Points that lie to the left or above the red line have measured drawdown greater than the simulated drawdown.



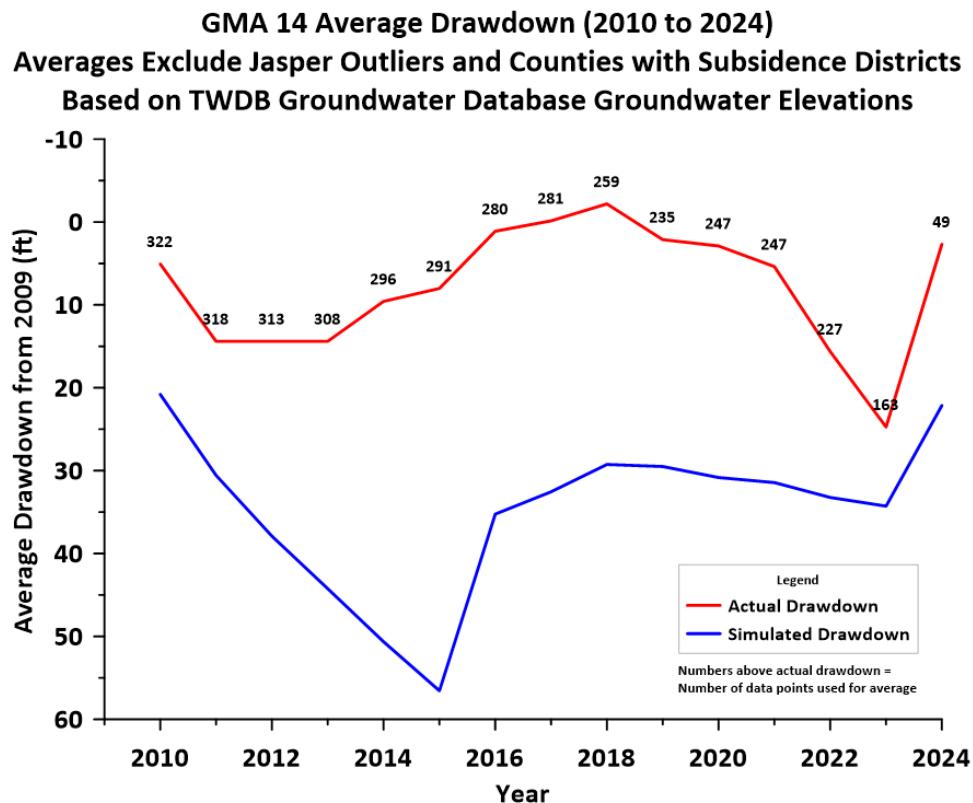
**Figure 1. Actual Drawdown vs. Simulated Drawdown**

Because most of the points lie below and to the right of the one-to-one line, actual groundwater level conditions are consistent with the DFC. If most of the points were above or to the left of the

one-to-one line, that would suggest that actual groundwater level conditions are not consistent with the DFC.

#### 4.1 Results by Year

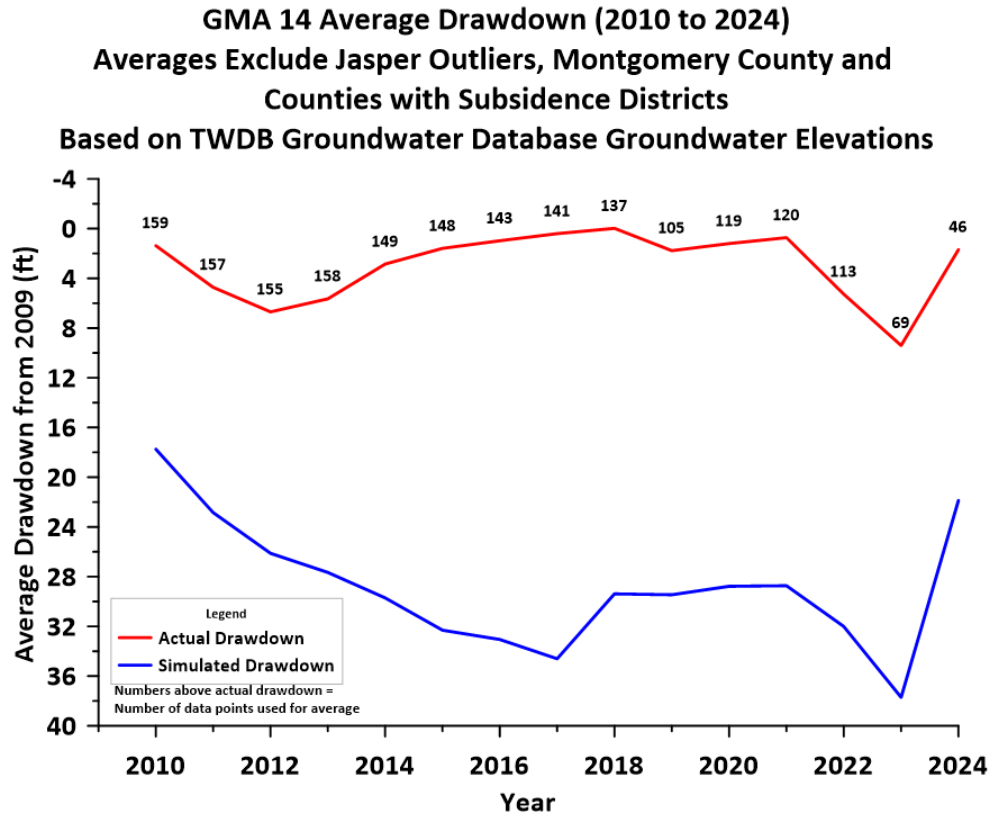
Figure 2 presents a hydrograph of average actual drawdown for all of GMA 14 and average simulated drawdown for all of GMA 14. These average drawdowns exclude the Jasper County Outliers and the Subsidence District wells (Fort Bend, Galveston, and Harris Counties).



**Figure 2. GMA 14 Average Drawdown by Year (Actual and Simulated)**

Please note that the number of data points each year is presented above the average actual drawdown line (red line). Also, consistent with the past reports (Hutchison, 2022 and Hutchison, 2023), the number of data points in recent years is much lower than in earlier years, which may skew the results in 2023 and 2024. Overall, it is evident that the actual drawdown is less than the simulated drawdown and the hydrograph is further evidence that GMA 14 GCDs are achieving the desired future conditions.

The number of data points outside the subsidence districts and without the Jasper County outliers is 3,836. Montgomery County represents 1,917 of these points, or about 50 percent of all of GMA 14 data points outside the subsidence districts. To test the numerical effect of Montgomery County data, Figure 3 presents the comparison of average actual drawdown and average simulated drawdown without the Montgomery County data.



**Figure 3. GMA 14 Average Drawdown by Year (Actual and Simulated) Excluding Montgomery County**

As with the hydrograph that included Montgomery County data, this hydrograph also shows that the average actual drawdown is less than the average simulated drawdown. Also, the last two years of the analysis may be skewed due to the reduced number of data points.

## 4.2 Summary Results by County

Summaries of average drawdown by county (actual and simulated) are presented in Table 2. The difference between simulated and actual drawdown are also shown in Table 2. Please note that Jasper County is listed twice: once with all data included in the average, and once with the outliers removed. These outliers were discussed in more detail in Hutchison (2022) and Hutchison (2023).

The results in Table 2 can be used by the groundwater conservation districts in GMA 14 to quantitatively assess how the actual drawdown data compare to the DFC and can be used to comply with the new requirements of HB 2078. The useful metric from this table is the column on the right (i.e. the difference between simulated and actual drawdown). The average differences are positive in all counties (once the Jasper County outliers are removed), which means that, on average from 2010 to 2024, average actual drawdown has been less than average simulated drawdown (simulated drawdown represents the “intermediate” value of that is consistent with the desired future condition).



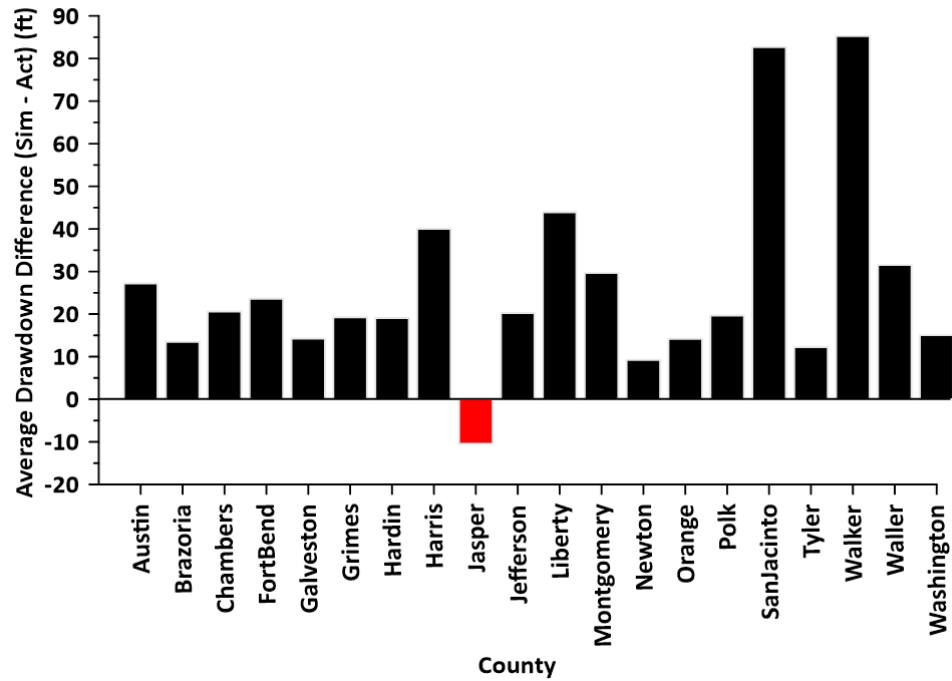
**Table 2. Drawdown Summary for 2010 to 2022 by County**

| County                    | Data Points | Average Drawdown (ft) - 2009 Baseline |           | Average Simulated minus Actual Drawdown (ft) |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|
|                           |             | Actual                                | Simulated |                                              |
| Austin                    | 56          | 2.92                                  | 30.08     | 27.16                                        |
| Brazoria                  | 287         | -1.94                                 | 11.52     | 13.47                                        |
| Chambers                  | 91          | 2.83                                  | 23.44     | 20.61                                        |
| Fort Bend                 | 811         | -7.01                                 | 16.59     | 23.60                                        |
| Galveston                 | 445         | -0.01                                 | 14.21     | 14.23                                        |
| Grimes                    | 142         | 6.61                                  | 25.86     | 19.26                                        |
| Hardin                    | 47          | -3.38                                 | 15.69     | 19.08                                        |
| Harris                    | 3,771       | -4.90                                 | 35.14     | 40.03                                        |
| Jasper (all)              | 242         | 0.95                                  | -9.53     | -10.48                                       |
| Jasper (outliers removed) | 201         | 0.32                                  | 7.73      | 7.41                                         |
| Jefferson                 | 72          | -1.78                                 | 18.47     | 20.24                                        |
| Liberty                   | 265         | -2.17                                 | 41.73     | 43.90                                        |
| Montgomery                | 1,917       | 12.93                                 | 42.57     | 29.64                                        |
| Newton                    | 111         | 1.26                                  | 10.49     | 9.23                                         |
| Orange                    | 120         | -2.10                                 | 12.08     | 14.18                                        |
| Polk                      | 60          | 1.43                                  | 21.10     | 19.67                                        |
| San Jacinto               | 93          | 31.88                                 | 114.52    | 82.64                                        |
| Tyler                     | 95          | 0.59                                  | 12.84     | 12.25                                        |
| Walker                    | 57          | 10.30                                 | 95.53     | 85.24                                        |
| Waller                    | 179         | 9.24                                  | 40.75     | 31.51                                        |
| Washington                | 43          | 5.59                                  | 20.63     | 15.04                                        |

Figure 4 graphically presents the difference between average actual and average simulated drawdowns for each county. Note that all counties have a positive difference (actual drawdown is less than simulated), except Jasper County.

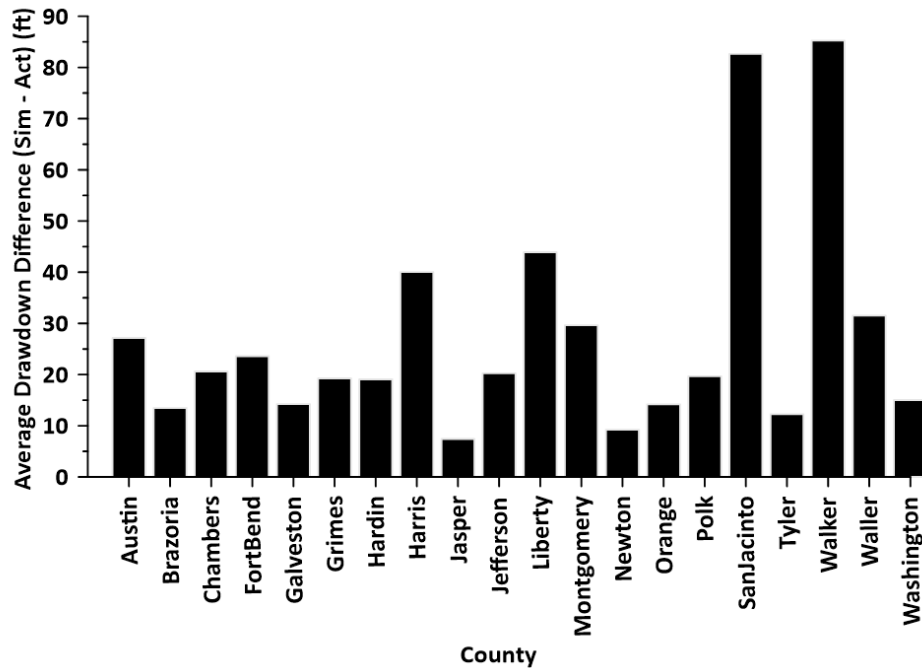
The negative difference in Jasper County (actual drawdown greater than simulated drawdown) is due to two anomalous cells that is the direct result of specifications in simulated pumping during the predictive run (after 2010). As noted in Hutchison (2022), in evaluating the drawdown data, large groundwater level recoveries (over 100 ft) were simulated in the DFC simulation in two cells in the Evangeline Aquifer (row 85, column 188 and row 88, column 186). These appear to be due to not including pumping that had been in the calibrated model (before 2010). The actual drawdown in these cells is relatively small. With these outliers removed from the analysis, the average drawdown difference in all counties in GMA 14 is positive (actual drawdown is less than simulated drawdown) as presented in Figure 5.

**Average Drawdown Differences (2010 to 2024) by County (Simulated - Actual)**  
**All GMA 14 Counties, 2009 Base Year**



**Figure 4. Average Drawdown Difference by County (All Data Except Layer 3)**

**Average Drawdown Differences (2010 to 2024) by County (Simulated - Actual)**  
**All GMA 14 Counties (Jasper County Outliers Removed), 2009 Base Year**



**Figure 5. Average Drawdown Difference by County (Jasper Outliers Removed)**

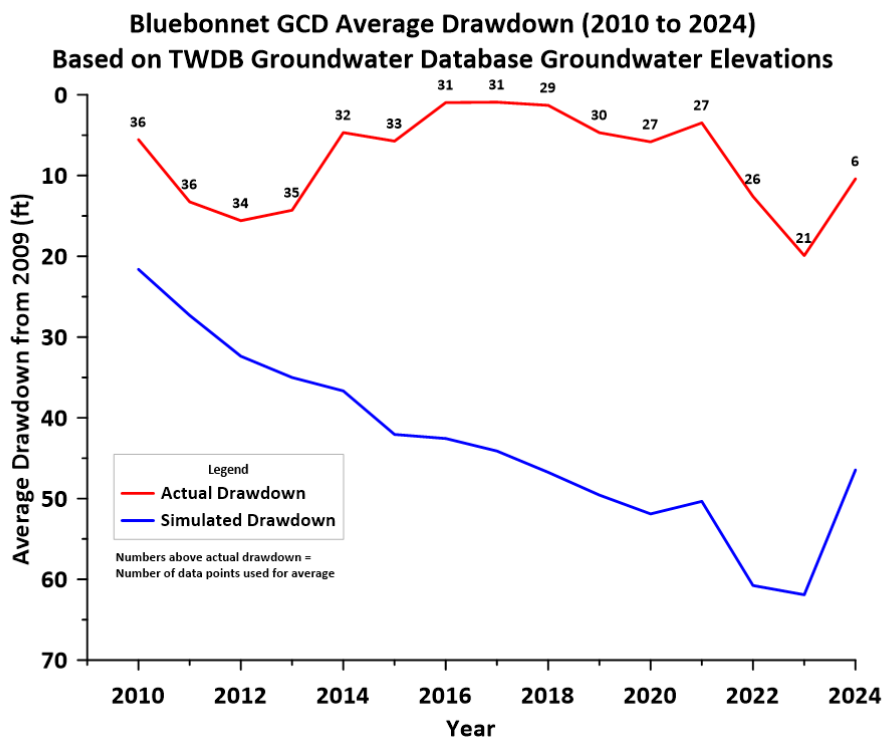
### 4.3 Average Drawdown Hydrographs by District

HB 2078 requires that, as part of joint planning, the explanatory report include a summary of how each district is performing in achieving the desired future condition. The summary table presented above includes an overall average of actual and simulated drawdown for each county. This section focuses presents a more district-focused analysis of average drawdown comparison for each district by year.

Average actual drawdown is compared with average simulated drawdown in the following:

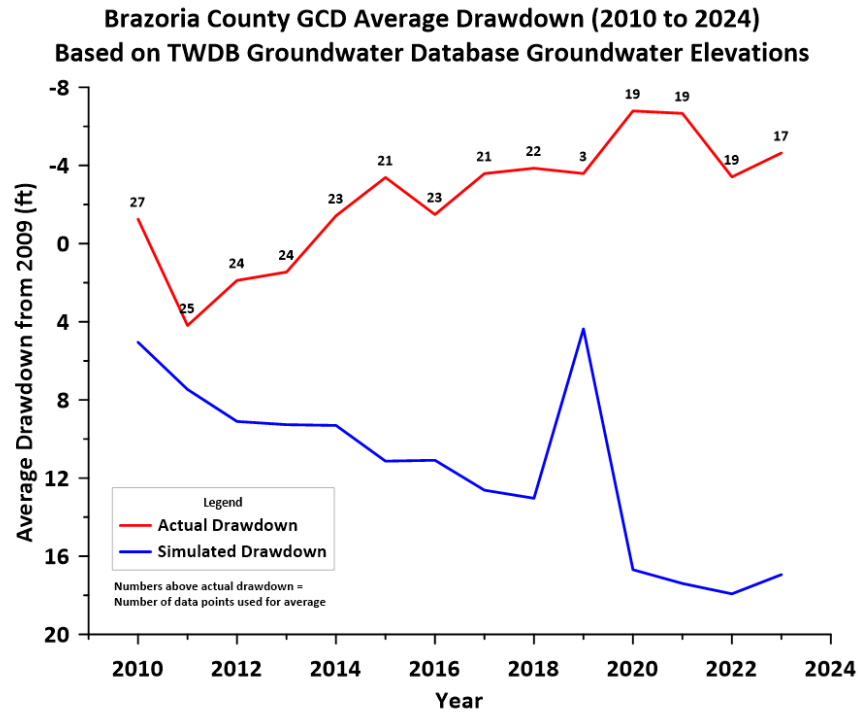
- Figure 6 – Bluebonnet GCD
- Figure 7 – Brazoria County GCD
- Figure 8 – Lone Star GCD
- Figure 9 – Lower Trinity GCD
- Figure 10 – Southeast Texas GCD

These figures are useful for joint planning purposes and are also useful for each district for new management plan requirements related to documenting achievement of the desired future condition. As noted above, the data used to develop these figures are contained in the Excel spreadsheet named *GMA 14 ActSim DD.xlsx*.

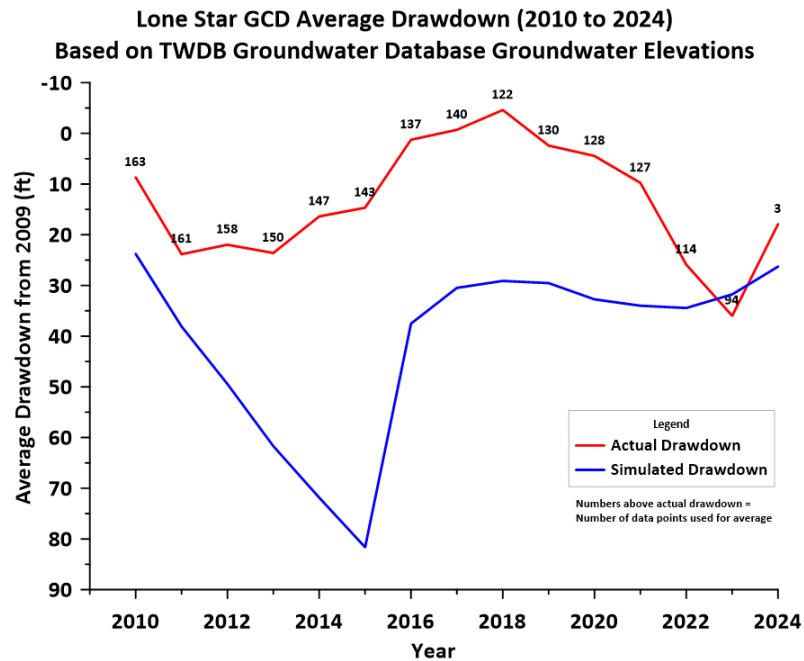


**Figure 6. Average Drawdown Comparison - Bluebonnet GCD**

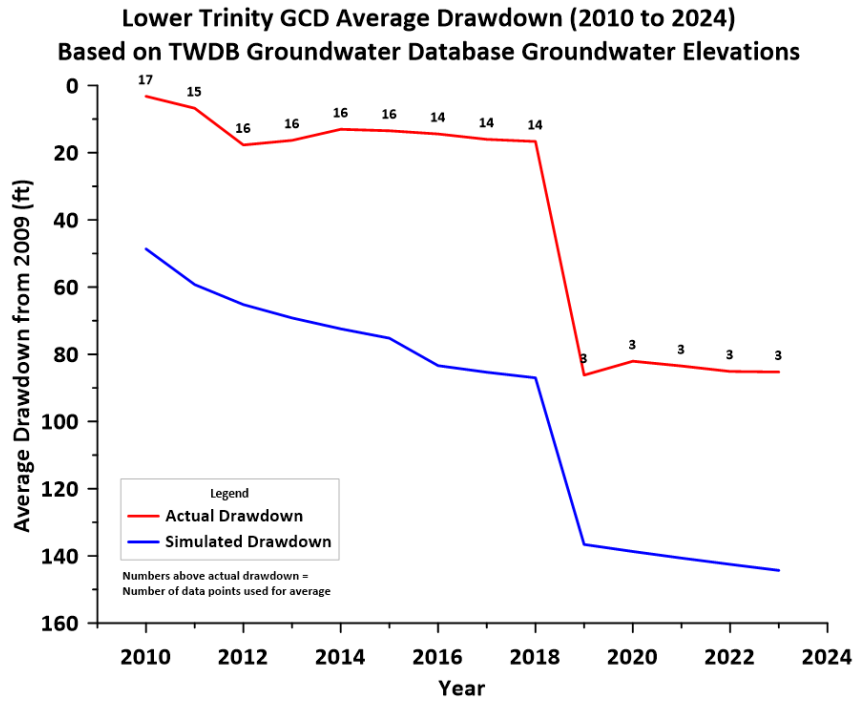




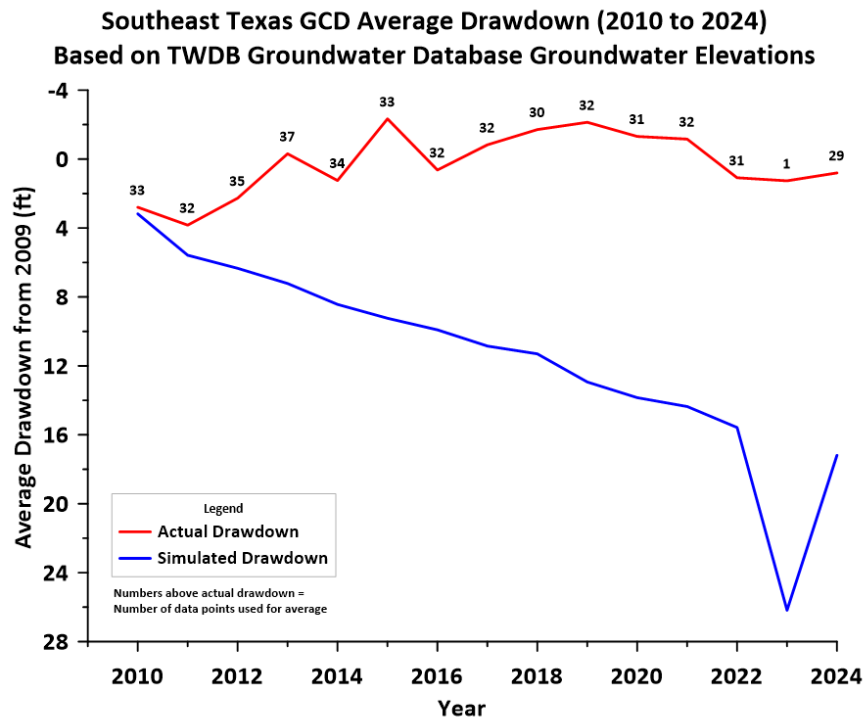
**Figure 7. Average Drawdown Comparison - Brazoria County GCD**



**Figure 8. Average Drawdown Comparison - Lone Star GCD**



**Figure 9. Average Drawdown Comparison - Lower Trinity GCD**



**Figure 10. Average Drawdown Comparison - Southeast Texas GCD**

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# APPENDIX “A”

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- SETGCD Well Monitor Newsletter – Fall 2025
- District Permit Holder Email / Mailing List
- District V.I.P. Email / Mailing List
- Drillers – District and Surrounding Counties Mailing List
- Website Posting Evidence - Newsletter Posted to Website on October 1, 2025

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## WELL MONITOR



### BIG CHANGES AHEAD (Relatively Speaking)

The Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District (SETGCD) is gearing up for some changes in the near future. As water issues are becoming more and more complex our “little” District will be experience some growth. First and foremost, the District will soon be on the look for a second full time employee. We have been extremely lucky (blessed in my opinion) to have been able to manage the District with only 1 full-time employee for the past 18 years, but it is now time to add staff to assist in managing the District. Earlier I use the word “little” in parenthesis because our District is far from little. The SETGCD is one of the largest groundwater districts in Texas. Due to some district’s having irregular boundaries, we can only estimate, but I believe our District is the 11th largest groundwater district out of 100 (including the subsidence districts). Keeping up with the normal day to day operations of the District on the local level, added to all of the requirements that groundwater districts are required to participate in on the regional level, and preparing for area growth, the District needs more hands at the ready.

Another big change will be that we will likely have a new address in the near future. The District has been graciously provided office space by Jasper County for nearly

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**Did you Know?**

Texas is the only state  
 that considers  
 groundwater a private  
 property right.

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## ARE LARGE VOLUME GROUNDWATER EXPORT PROJECTS THE NEW NORM?

Late last year the Trinity and Neches Valleys Groundwater Conservation District (TNVGCD), which is located a little north of us and includes Henderson, Anderson, and Cherokee Counties, received applications for permits from two entities (same parent company known as C.E.M.), and the applications were deemed administratively complete on April 17 of this year. The applications were for 43 wells located on two separate large tracts of land. The applicants are requesting that the TNVGCD provide permits to allow for over 15 billion gallons of groundwater to be pumped and exported to places outside of their

district. It was learned that one of the two well fields extends down out of Anderson County into Houston County, which does not have a groundwater conservation district (GCD), adding approximately another 5 billion gallons per year to the project for a total of over 20 billion gallons a year.

Groundwater Conservation Districts are charged with a myriad of tasks in their efforts to manage the groundwater resources. Among these tasks are: to conserve, preserve, protect, recharge, and prevent waste of groundwater, and to control subsidence caused by the withdrawal of ground-

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## NEW DIRECTOR: PAUL ANDRUES



Mr. Paul Andruess was appointed earlier this year to fill the position longtime Director Sam Ashworth held after he stepped down from the board (having served for 15 years). Mr. Andruess was born in Beaumont and is a fifth generation Texan. He has an extensive educational background with degrees from Lamar University, Louisiana State University, and recently added a Masters Degree from Georgetown University. Mr. Andruess is currently a land developer and custom home builder and is actively involved with numerous professional organizations (Rotarian, Lamar Univ. advisory board, and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assoc. to name a few).

Paul's number one interest in life is his family, which includes his wife Shelly and Daughter Bethany. Bethany is currently attending LSU and she and Paul spend as much time as possible watching football. When not busy with one of his professional organizations or the family, Paul spends his time hunting and fishing along with tending to his 120 head of cattle.

Mr. Andruess was appointed by the Hardin County Commissioner's Court to represent the agricultural / industrial stakeholder group.

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two decades now, and the District cannot be more grateful to the county for being such a wonderful host; however, with the addition of at least one new employee, we will need additional space. The District hopes to find a space that will meet all of our current needs, including space for monthly meetings (which requires a moderately large space as we have 13 board members), as well as room to grow if/when needed in the future.

Many of you are already aware of this, but another change is that our fees will be increasing. Our standard production fee for permitted non-exempt wells will be increased 1/2 cent per 1,000 gallons pumped as of October 1, 2025. This will make our total production fee of 1.5 cents per 1,000 gallons pumped. The District has also increased export fees for water being directly transported out of the District (this can be via tanker or pipeline). The export fee is two tiered and it is in addition to the production fee. The first tier of the export fee is 0 — 120 million gallons per year and will be 1 cent per 1,000 gallons pumped. The second tier of the export fee is anything above 120 million gallons per year and the fee will be 20 cents per 1,000 gallons pumped (with an automatic 3% increase each year). The steep increase in the export fee came about by way of the Texas Legislature and is meant to give groundwater districts the financial ability to better utilize science and modeling, as well as monitoring our groundwater resources (such as the subsidence monitoring site the District installed just south of Buna earlier this year – see photo). The legislature saw a need for the export fee due to impacts from what is known as the Vista Ridge project (more information on this in the "Are Large Volume Groundwater Export Projects The New Norm" article).



Please be assured that the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District has not taken these fee increases lightly, and have only done so out of necessity. Even with the production fee increase to 1.5 cents per 1,000 gallons, no other east Texas GCD has a production fee lower than ours. In fact, no other district in east Texas has a production fee of less than 2.5 cents per 1,000 gallons, some GCDs are over 8 cents per 1,000 gallons, with the average production fee being about 5.5 cents per 1,000 gallons pumped.

We will keep you posted with any and all pertinent changes to the mailing address or phone numbers.



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water. This is not a simple undertaking when you consider all the other elements a GCD must take into consideration such as the development of the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) and the required nine considerations associated with the development of the DFCs (as required by Chapter 36.108), one of which is private property rights. Throw in the Rule of Capture, which provides that a landowner can use as much water as he can bring to the surface if used for a beneficial use, and who cannot be held liable for the damage caused to neighboring water wells. As you might imagine, it can be very difficult to balance so many variables in the pursuit of managing groundwater. There are several caveats to the Rule of Capture, the main one being the ability of a groundwater conservation districts to be created to oversee the management of the relevant aquifer. Groundwater Conservation District must take into account many different factors when making decisions about permitting wells, and simply denying permits out of hand is not possible (unless prepared for a court challenge and “takings claim”). Groundwater Conservation Districts must base permitting decisions on science and data.

Today, Texas is growing at a pace that is almost unimaginable. It is estimated that over 1,000 people are moving to Texas every day, and although now a cliché, it is worth pointing out that “none of them are bringing any water with them”. Now add all the new industry being developed such as Data and AI centers (which can use between 300,000 and 4,000,000 gallons a day) and we are expecting a significant shortage of water across the State as we progress through the next several decades.

Finding ways to meet the water needs of the State has been a hot topic the last several years. Senator Charles Perry has been leading the charge to, among other things, make more grant and low interest money available for water infrastructure projects within the State. The private sector is also getting involved, both to capitalize on Texas’ need for water and to assist in getting water from places that have it to places that don’t. In the groundwater realm, we call these export projects. An export project can be as simple as a few thousand gallons per month being pumped from a GCD and either trucked to somewhere else (typically spring water is trucked) or, and as is becoming more and more common, billions of gallons per year being pumped from one GCD, via pipeline, to an area of need. When these projects originate in an area that has a GCD, it plays a very important role in managing the resource with the overall idea of not denying the permit request, but managing the available resource and the potential impacts of these large projects.

Sharing Texas’ water resources is important, however, this shouldn’t be done in a manner that is detrimental to the area of origin. Texas has 9 major aquifers and 22 minor ones, all of which have varying capabilities and properties. A large volume project that may drop water levels significantly in one aquifer but only cause a minor drop in another aquifer, or it may cause subsidence in one but not the other. Here in our District, we have the Gulf Coast Aquifer System. It is very generous with the volumes of water that can be withdrawn, but care must be taken as the Gulf Coast Aquifer is very susceptible to subsidence (hence the reason for the Harris-Galveston, and Fort Bend subsidence districts which share the same aquifer). It is imperative that we find the balance: how much is safe to pump, how much can/should be available for export, and consideration of private property rights.

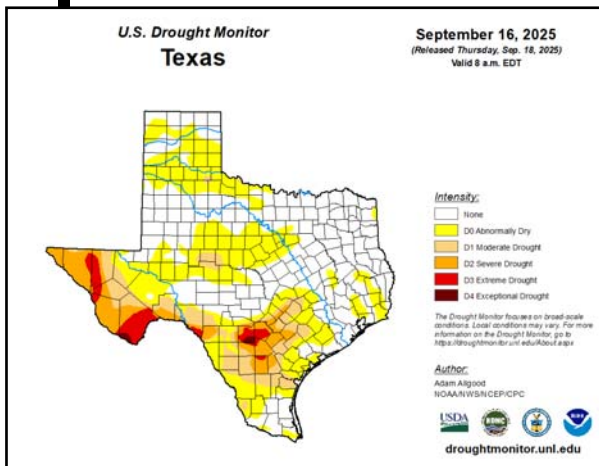
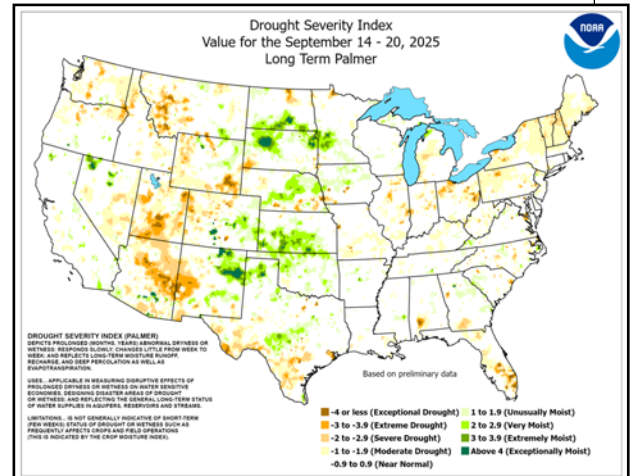
Large groundwater export projects seem to be an inevitability. We can look to the Vista Ridge project which is permitted to pump 50,000 acre feet of water per year from the Post Oak Savannah GCD (specifically from Burelson County) 142 miles away to Bexar County. Water level declines related to this project caused some wells in the area to have their well pumps lowered and in some instances a new well may need to be drilled. This project came online in early 2020 and it has been reported that some wells have seen significant water level declines in a short period of time (some reported declines are over 100 ft.). Opponents say the groundwater being taken from the rural area is being used to subsidize lawn watering in San Antonio. Proponents say it is securing San Antonio’s water supplies and reducing pressure on the Edwards Aquifer.

Another more recent proposed project is in the Brazos Valley GCD (Robertson and Brazos Counties) where the district is finalizing a settlement/approval of a 50,000 acre feet per year groundwater project. This export project will allow for the export of water from the Brazos Valley GCD to Williamson County. One way in which the district is managing the impacts in this instance is by not approving the full amount to be pumped from the start. It will begin with about half of

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## DROUGHT CONDITIONS

As you can see from the September 14, 2025 U.S. Palmer Drought Severity Index Map (P.D.S.I.), generally speaking East Texas is experiencing near normal conditions. However, much of the area over the past 4–6 weeks has seen below normal precipitation. This is illustrated in the September 18, 2025 U.S. Drought Monitor “Texas” Map. As you can see it has begun showing the western portion of the District (Hardin and Tyler Counties) as abnormally dry. Fortunately, much of the area received above average precipitation during the first half of the year and most areas are on pace to meet or exceed normal annual precipitation amounts (which is 52 – 54 inches) with some areas of the District already exceeding the annual average.



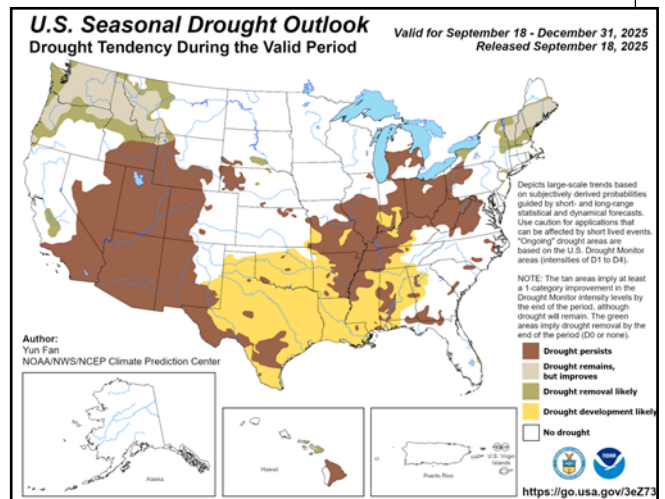
How the remainder of the year will play out with regard to rainfall is, of course, unknown. Even today, predicting the weather is very difficult. For example, it was predicted that we would have a very active hurricane season this year; however, for only the 2nd time since 1950, there were no named storms on the peak day of hurricane season. Overall, the drought situation state wide is currently “better” than it has been in several years.

If we go back to mid-April and look at the U.S. Drought Monitor Map (not shown) the data is drastically different. 82% of the state was experiencing drought conditions, of which 46% was in the severe or worse category, and nearly 17% in the highest category, D4 exceptional drought. Currently only 11% is experiencing sever or worse conditions, with only 0.29% in the D4 exceptional category.

## SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK

As you can see from the September 18, 2025, U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook map, due to the last 4–6 weeks of relatively dry weather (as mentioned above) the majority of Texas has begun to dry out and the development of some drought conditions are expected across most of the state over the next 90 day period.

It is possible that we will see the expected drought conditions pass quickly as the most recent short term precipitation probability maps (not shown) indicate average or above average chances of precipitations over the next several weeks. That being said, the 30 and 90 day precipitation maps still indicate that we may have a dry fall/early winter.



## CONSERVATION CORNER: WINTER CONSERVATION TIPS

Cooler weather is on the way which means winter isn't far off. Don't let the cold weather catch you unprepared! Although it doesn't happen too often here in Southeast Texas, once or twice a year we experience a freeze hard enough to cause water pipes to burst. Not only is it an inconvenience, but a burst water pipe can waste thousands of gallons of water before you even realize it has happened. However, you can cross that off your list of winter worries by taking a few simple precautions to prevent waste and conserve water.

Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses. Detaching a hose allows water to drain from the faucet. Otherwise, a single, hard overnight freeze can burst either the faucet or the pipe to which it's connected.

In the house, seal off access doors, air vents and cracks. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. It is very important to insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas. If you have pipes in an attic, unheated garage or cold crawl space under the house, wrap the water pipes before temperatures plummet. Hardware or building supply stores will have good pipe insulating materials available.



Consider using electrical "pipe heating cable". These very thin cables run a low voltage current along the length of the cable, thereby warming the pipe. It is very useful in attics and crawl spaces if an electrical outlet is readily accessible. Newer manufactured houses often come with outlets underneath the home specifically meant for pipe heating cable. Take advantage of that feature. It is inexpensive (especially compared to the cost of a burst pipe) and comes in many different lengths for easy custom installations.

Don't forget any water lines you may have running to a garden or livestock trough. Be sure that these pipes get extra attention. Since we don't always notice these pipes, it could be hours or even days before you realize a pipe has burst. Make it a habit to inspect all your connections after a freeze event.

Be sure to know the location of the main water shutoff. If a pipe bursts this valve turns off the water, so find it now and be sure everyone in the family knows where it is and what it does. Also, it is a good idea to keep the plumber's telephone number handy, just in case. Write it down now before you need it in an emergency.

As counter intuitive as it may seem, in severe cold weather you may want to allow a faucet to drip a small continuous stream. Although this may seem to be a waste of water, it is better to lose these few gallons per hour than potentially hundreds of gallons per hour if the pipe bursts. Additionally, you can put a bowl or pail in place to catch the water which can be used to water plants the next day.

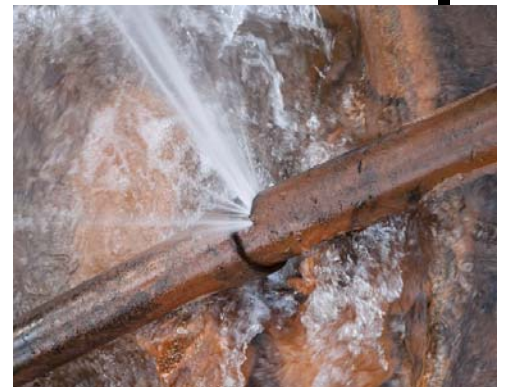
After a hard freeze keep an eye out for any signs of leaks. Sometimes the pipes don't burst, but a joint may be damaged by the expansion and contraction of the frozen water and cause a less noticeable leak. Don't forget to check your outside plumbing as well. A broken one inch water line to a livestock trough can easily allow hundreds of gallons of water to be wasted.

If you have a water line freeze and you know where the freeze occurred, you may want to try thawing it yourself. Do not under any circumstance use a torch with an open flame as this is a major fire hazard. Also, overheating a single spot can burst the pipe, and heating a soldered joint could cause it to leak or come apart completely. Be very careful. Also, try typing your specific situation into a web-browser to learn about the best way to solve your particular issue (i.e. "thawing frozen pvc pipes").

The easiest tool to use for thawing pipes is a hair dryer. Wave the warm air back and forth along the pipe, not concentrated on one spot. If you don't have a hair dryer, you can wrap the frozen section with rags or towels and pour hot water over them. It's messy, but it works.

Remember, taking steps to prevent pipe freezes saves you time, inconvenience, and money, and prevents waste of a vital resource – Water.

For more information on water conservation ideas visit the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District's Website at <https://setgcd.org/> or the Texas Water Development Board's site at <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/>





## 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION COMES TO A CLOSE 90TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION PROMISING TO BE A DOOZY



The 89 legislative session came to a close this year with the successful passage of House Joint Resolution 7 (HJR 7) and Senate Bill 7 (SB 7). Both bills received unanimous passage through the Senate and nearly unanimous passage through the House. HJR 7 is being called a generational investment in our water infrastructure, allocating 1 billion dollars a year for the next 20 years. HJR 7 must be approved first by the Texas voters as it requires an amendment to the Texas Constitution and will be done so via Proposition 4 (Prop 4) on the November ballot. Please be sure to consider voting for Prop 4 as it will provide another avenue for water infrastructure projects to be funded, including water, wastewater, and flood mitigation.

HB 7 updates the framework of the Texas Water Fund which will provide the Texas Water Development Board additional support in providing assistance on water projects across the state. This includes additional financial assistance through the Economically Distressed Areas Programs which will offer grants and low interest loans to underserved and low-income areas. Another similar bill, House Bill 500 (HB 500) will also provide a significant boost in funds to water related projects, a one time only allocation in the amount of 2.6 billion dollars.

The upcoming 90th legislative session is promising to be quite an interesting one with regard to groundwater legislations. The Trinity and Neches Valleys Groundwater Conservation District (TNVGCD) is in the process of addressing permit requests for over 40 high capacity wells to be drilled, with the water likely to be exported out of the district to urban areas around the greater Dallas area. When the notice of public hearing was published for this project it received quite a bit of attention including from Representative Cody Harris (who is also the Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee), Representative Trent Ashby, and Senator Robert Nichols. Additionally the TNVGCD received over 6,000 “notices of intent to contest” the permits. Needless to say, the proposed project is not very popular.

Representative/Chairman Harris held a public hearing at the Capitol in July on the proposed export project in the TNVGCD and several bills were filed (even though the first special session was not opened to groundwater issues). Although Governor Abbott did not open the 2nd Special Session for broad discussion on groundwater and export projects, he did open the session to allow discussion specifically for consideration of the proposed export project in the TNVGCD. House Bill 27 was filed to address this issue. It was sponsored by Representative/Chairman Harris and several others and would have required that the Texas Water Development Board complete a groundwater study related to the TNVGCD and imposed a moratorium on permitting any export projects until after the study was complete (approximately 2 years). The bill made it through the House very quickly, but ran into trouble in the Senate. It appeared that the bill wouldn’t make it out of the senate committee so an amendment was made so that it could progress out of committee with the hopes of a compromise bill later. The amendment removed the moratorium language and eventually died in the Conference Committee as a compromise was not made before an abrupt end of the 2nd Special Session.

What I am seeing and hearing from all of this is that as the need for water increases, the battles for water will too. And I believe that there will be some interesting “battles” in the next legislative session. There has been realistic talk about changes to the Rule of Capture. The Rule of Capture is the base common law that gives Texans that right to the water under their property. Many are pointing out that when the Rule of Capture was adopted via the Texas Supreme Court by way of the East vs. Houston & Texas Central R.R. case, there was no such thing as an export project, nor

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the volume being available until 2034, at which time it will increase to about 80% of the total, and then the final increase to the maximum in 2039. This will allow for the Brazos Valley GCD to monitor the project over time and to investigate impacts from the project as it grows.

The Vista Ridge project, the first of the large export projects brought online in Texas, caused such impacts in a short amount of time, that over the past two legislative sessions bills have been passed to allow GCDs to collect an export fee of 20 cents per 1,000 gallons (with a 3% a year increase) and encourage the use of these funds to be utilized in monitoring and mitigation of the impacts from these large volume projects. This actually allows for a GCD to cover the expense of lowering pumps or drilling new wells when needed. The most recent legislative session included a bill that would allow these funds to be used in a neighboring GCDs if the impacts from a project permitted by one GCD crossed over district lines and causes impacts in the neighbor GCD; however, this bill does not allow for these funds to be used in a neighboring county if there is no GCD in place there. I mentioned earlier that one of the well fields in the proposed TNVGCD export project crosses into Houston County which does not have GCD. This means folks impacted on one side of the county line (in Anderson County) could receive financial assistance to mitigate the impacts of the proposed project should their well be impacted, but the folks on the other side of the county line (in Houston County) will not have access to that financial assistance. If that isn't incentive to have a groundwater conservation district in your area, I don't know what is.

In closing, stay tuned! There is going to be no simple solution to solve all of Texas' water needs, no silver bullet so-to-speak. We will need to do our best to find fair solutions on how to address groundwater rights

## When Mark Twain Said “Whiskey Was For Drinking, Water Was For Fighting” He Couldn't Have Been More Prescient

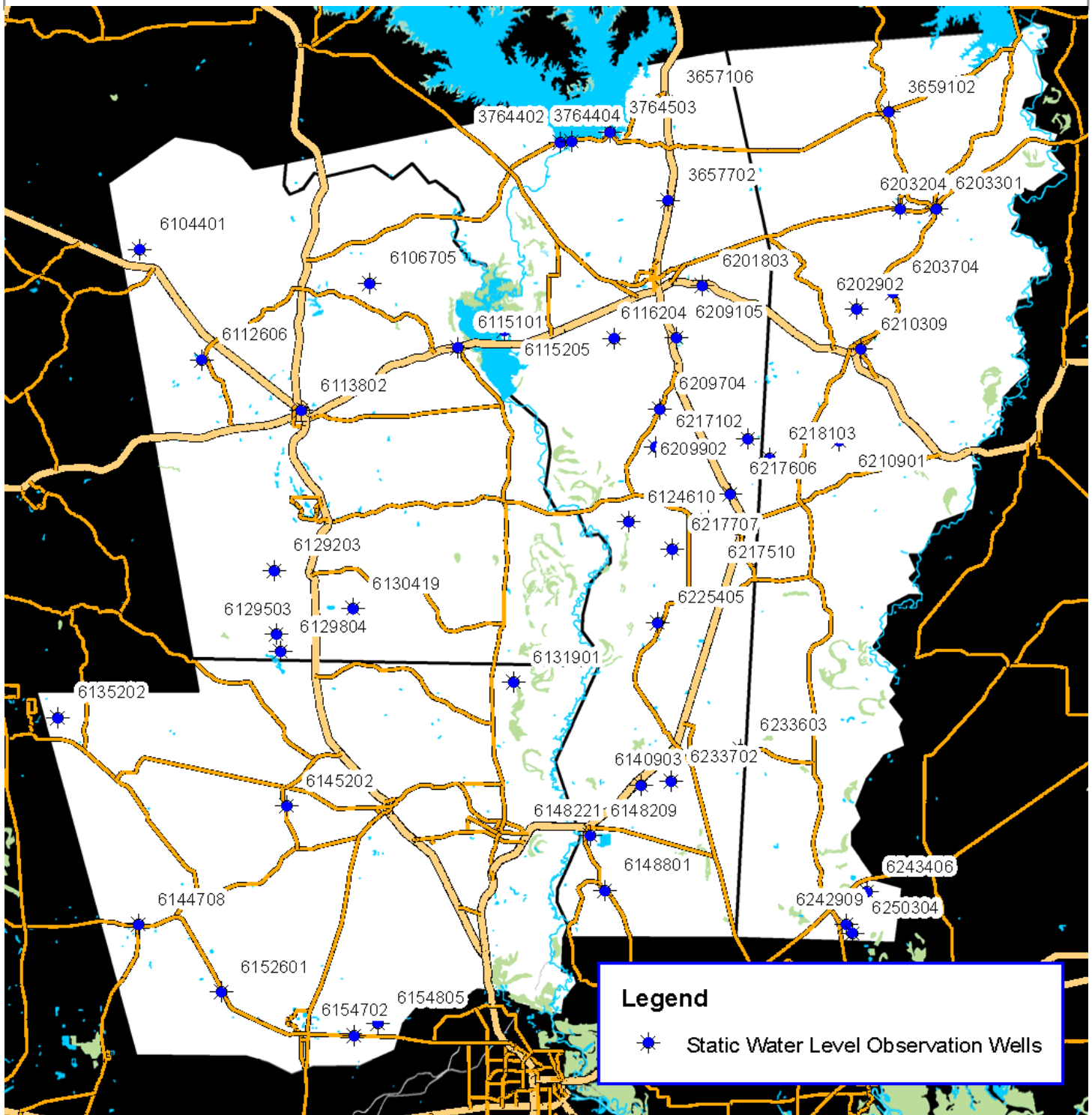
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the ability to pump thousands of gallons per minute from a well. This wasn't even conceivable when the East vs. Houston & Texas Central R.R. case gave us the Rule of Capture in 1904. I think we can expect bills to be filed similar to those that were filed for the 1st Special Session (even though they were not able to be addressed during the session because it was not open to groundwater issues) and I think it is going to be quite a doozy. These were some of the bills filed in the 1st Special Session:

- HB 215 – This bill put potential liability on well owners who are pumping more than 25,000 gallons per day (gpd). This significantly impacts the Rule of Capture, which currently provides complete protection for an entity no matter how much water is being pumped (with a few exceptions).
- HB 216 – This bill would have limited new export projects to a maximum of 5% of the Managed Available Groundwater (MAG). The MAG is a byproduct of the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) planning process and essentially gives GCDs a water budget.
- HB 217 – This bill would have provided GCD's liability immunity for permitting decisions. As it currently stands, the Rule of Capture protects a landowner who is pumping groundwater from neighboring landowners no matter the impact (again with a few exceptions); however, a groundwater conservation district has no protection from one of the neighboring landowners suing them for issuing a permit.
- HB 218 – This bill would have required that export projects are approved by neighboring GCDs before permits are issued.

I heard a comment, second hand - so take with a grain of salt, that Senator Perry said that nobody will be happy with regards to groundwater after the next session. I hope this means that his goal is a middle ground of some sort and nothing too drastic. I think when neither side is happy after negotiations, it is because both sides had to give a little.

## Static Water Level Observation Well Locations & State ID



### Legend

★ Static Water Level Observation Wells

### What Is A Static Water Level?

The Static Water Level is the distance from the surface of the ground down to the water table when a well is not being pumped. This is sometimes called the resting water level. For example, a static water level reading of -25 feet means that the distance from the ground down to the water table is 25 feet.

In the data on the following page, I have included a column indicating the amount of static water level change from the previous year. If the number is positive, it means that the water level rose in that particular well. If the change is a negative number, it means that the water level is lower than the previous year. Typically, large drops or rises are indicative of shallow wells that are susceptible and reactive to wet and dry periods. Conversely, deep wells are very stable and often show little change in static water level even after long periods of drought or periods of excessive precipitation.



**MOST RECENT STATIC WATER LEVEL DATA**

| State Wel<br>ID | County | Date Drilled | Well Depth | Early W.L. Reading /<br>Year of W.L. Reading |      | Spring_2024 | Fall_2024 | Spring_2025 | 1 year<br>change |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 6131901         | Hardin | 1940         | 53         | -38.79                                       | 1942 | -4.45       | -40.35    | -6.62       | -2.17            |
| 6135202         | Hardin | 2003         | 363        | -64                                          | 2003 | -56.87      | -57.35    | -55.72      | 1.15             |
| 6144708         | Hardin | 1957         | 72         | -24.12                                       | 1942 | -26.15      | -26.88    | -25.86      | 0.29             |
| 6145202         | Hardin | 2009         | 220        | -12                                          | 2009 | -6.60       | -11.00    | -6.90       | -0.30            |
| 6152601         | Hardin | 1948         | 764        | -21                                          | 1948 | -24.59      | -27.14    | -28.15      | -3.56            |
| 6154702         | Hardin | 1951         | 1027       | -23.94                                       | 1966 | -28.18      | -29.05    | -28.00      | 0.18             |
| 6154805         | Hardin | 1998         | 618        | -60                                          | 1998 | -30.2       | -32.55    | -27.77      | 2.43             |
| 6154704         | Hardin | 2023         | 900        | -37                                          | 2023 |             | -32.88    | -30.25      |                  |
| 3657106         | Jasper | 1938         | 20         | -8.7                                         | 1997 | -4.90       | -8.90     | -5.90       | -1.00            |
| 3657702         | Jasper | 1994         | 378        | -117.7                                       | 1997 | -118.00     |           | -115.55     | 2.45             |
| 3764402         | Jasper | 1962         | 300        | -114.3                                       | -114 | -110.83     | -110.42   | -108.15     | 2.68             |
| 3764404         | Jasper | 1982         | 260        | -66                                          | 1982 | -46.85      | -46.93    | -43.40      | 3.45             |
| 3764503         | Jasper | 1981         | 260        | -33.2                                        | 1997 | -33.73      | -35.02    | -29.54      | 4.19             |
| 6115205         | Jasper | 1984         | 442        | 39.96                                        | 1984 | 41.24       | 40.08     | 41.92       | 0.68             |
| 6116204         | Jasper | 1965         | 220        | -51.7                                        | 1997 | -50.86      | -51.78    | -50.17      | 0.69             |
| 6124610         | Jasper | 1998         | 200        | -33.16                                       | 2008 | -30.34      | -31.26    | -29.56      | 0.78             |
| 6148209         | Jasper | 1947         | 1295       | -66.79                                       | 1956 | -189.45     | -191.51   | -200.97     | -11.52           |
| 6148221         | Jasper | pre 1956     | 671        | -22.47                                       | 1956 | -26.95      | -28.43    | -27.15      | -0.20            |
| 6148801         | Jasper | 1903         | 1084       | -6.85                                        | 1960 | -4.02       | -9.12     | -6.10       | -2.08            |
| 6201803         | Jasper | 1995         | 884        | -85.1                                        | 1997 | -82.85      | -83.20    | -81.55      | 1.30             |
| 6209105         | Jasper | 1967         | 15         | -4.15                                        | 1997 | -0.55       | -3.38     | -1.86       | -1.31            |
| 6209704         | Jasper | 1952         | 40         | -35.84                                       | 1997 | -34.18      | -34.45    | -33.61      | 0.57             |
| 6209902         | Jasper | pre 1997     | 40         | 22.8                                         | 1997 | -16.02      | -22.10    | -12.75      | 3.27             |
| 6217510         | Jasper | pre 1997     | 140        | -15.9                                        | 1997 | -17.57      | -18.60    | -15.25      | 2.32             |
| 6217606         | Jasper | 1964         | 70         | -7.8                                         | 1997 | -0.85       | -6.15     | -1.55       | -0.70            |
| 6217707         | Jasper | 1950         | 28         | -9.35                                        | 1997 | -2.37       |           | -4.80       | -2.43            |
| 6225405         | Jasper | 1983         | 120        | -58                                          | 1997 | -58.12      | -58.45    | -57.30      | 0.82             |
| 6233603         | Jasper | 1940         | 18         | -14.7                                        | 1997 | -5.77       | -13.27    | -9.10       | -3.33            |
| 6140903         | Jasper | 2002         | 802        | -119                                         | 2002 | -116.85     | -116.20   | -120.15     | -3.30            |
| 6233702         | Jasper | 1995         | 540        | -65                                          | 1995 | -64.32      | -62.45    | -66.58      | -2.26            |
| 3659102         | Newton | 2000         | 170        | -98.76                                       | 2009 | -97.92      | -94.58    | -92.55      | 5.37             |
| 6202902         | Newton | pre 1999     | 24         | -13.03                                       | 1999 | -4.30       | -12.15    | -5.68       | -1.38            |
| 6203204         | Newton | 1979         | 645        | -65.4                                        | 1994 | -67.40      | -66.60    | -65.35      | 2.05             |
| 6203301         | Newton | 1964         | 1050       | -38.75                                       | 1992 | -36.30      | -37.20    | -36.53      | -0.23            |
| 6203704         | Newton | 1989         | 640        | -169                                         | 1989 | -173.31     | -173.70   | -171.65     | 1.66             |
| 6210309         | Newton | 1964         | 1218       | -61.38                                       | 1993 | -64.40      | -64.10    | -63.47      | 0.93             |
| 6210901         | Newton | 1951         | 300        | -13.68                                       | 1964 | -16.50      | -17.26    | -15.42      | 1.08             |
| 6218103         | Newton | 1980         | 208        | -32.3                                        | 1992 | -34.28      | -37.60    | -33.64      | 0.64             |
| 6242909         | Newton | 1981         | 590        | -39.15                                       | 1992 | -37.50      | -38.60    | -37.25      | 0.25             |
| 6243406         | Newton | 1981         | 598        | -30                                          | 1981 | -25.60      | -27.57    | -25.60      | 0.00             |
| 6250304         | Newton | 1983         | 420        | -40                                          | 1989 | -37.44      | -38.45    | -37.00      | 0.44             |
| 6104401         | Tyler  | 1935         | 860        | -169.39                                      | 1960 | -159.75     | -159.88   | -159.52     | 0.23             |
| 6106705         | Tyler  | 1984         | 288        | -145                                         | 1984 | -148.05     | -148.35   | -149.40     | -1.35            |
| 6112606         | Tyler  | 1960         | 250        | -121.64                                      | 1964 | -123.45     | -123.87   | -123.38     | 0.07             |
| 6113802         | Tyler  | 1951         | 582        | -155                                         | 1953 | -167.70     | -165.25   | -165.75     | 1.95             |
| 6115101         | Tyler  | 1964         | 68         | -31.66                                       | 1964 | -32.96      | -33.15    | -32.62      | 0.34             |
| 6129203         | Tyler  | pre 1953     | 30         | -22.73                                       | 1953 | -13.28      | -23.00    | -15.50      | -2.22            |
| 6129503         | Tyler  | 2008         | 250        | -20                                          | 2008 | -16.12      | -23.55    | -16.50      | -0.38            |
| 6130419         | Tyler  | pre 1965     | 22         | -13.01                                       | 1965 | -2.05       | -10.05    | -3.55       | -1.50            |
| 6129804         | Tyler  | 1972         | 580        | -22.92                                       | 2003 | -29.15      | -30.23    | -27.80      | 1.35             |



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*Did you know that the Gulf Coast Aquifer is also known as the Coastal Lowlands Aquifer System. Also, it is not confined to the State of Texas. It extends from the Texas/Mexico border all the way over to the Florida Panhandle.*



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                    |                                                      |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| October 9, 2025    | SETGCD – Regular meeting of the Board, in Jasper, TX |
| October 13, 2025   | Columbus Day – District office closed                |
| November 11, 2025  | Veteran's Day – District office closed               |
| November 13, 2025  | SETGCD – Regular meeting of the Board, in Jasper, TX |
| Nov. 27 & 28, 2025 | Thanksgiving – District office closed                |
| Dec. 25 & 26, 2025 | Christmas – District office closed                   |
| January 1, 2026    | New Years Day–District office closed                 |
| January 8, 2026    | SETGCD–Regular meeting of the Board, location TBD    |
| January 19, 2026   | MLK Day–District office closed                       |
| February 12, 2026  | SETGCD–Regular meeting of the Board, location TBD    |
| February 16, 2026  | President's Day–District office closed               |

### WATER FACTS

- In an average gallon of average ocean water, there is about 1 cup of salt. However, it does vary, with the Atlantic Ocean being saltier than the Pacific Ocean.
- Everyone has heard that our bodies are largely water but did you know that a newborn is about 78% water and an adult is 55% - 60% water.
- A lot can live in a single drop of water. There can be millions of bacteria and viruses in one drop and can even have fish eggs, plankton and small worms.
- Another name for water is dihydrogen monoxide.
- Nuclear power plants typically use about 720 gallons of water per megawatt-hour of electricity produced. Solar power uses significantly less at about 1 gallon per megawatt-hour and wind energy uses virtually none.

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| 1  | Water System                                         | Street                        | City          | Contact First   | Contact Last | Email Address                                                                                |
| 2  |                                                      |                               |               |                 |              |                                                                                              |
| 3  |                                                      |                               |               |                 |              |                                                                                              |
| 4  | A-Bar Properties, LLC                                | 10265 County Line Rd.         | Willis        | Martin          | Arriola      | <a href="mailto:martarrio@aol.com">martarrio@aol.com</a>                                     |
| 5  | Angelina and Neches River Authority                  | 2901 N. John Redditt Dr.      | Lufkin        | Chris           | Key          | <a href="mailto:info@anra.org">info@anra.org</a>                                             |
| 6  | Artesian Springs                                     | 2518 CR 2016                  | Newton        | Brian           | Carroll      | <a href="mailto:artesienspringsresort@yahoo.com">artesienspringsresort@yahoo.com</a>         |
| 7  | Batson Lumber Co.                                    | P.O. Box 444                  | Batson        | Ryan            | Leloux       |                                                                                              |
| 8  | Blue Topaz Utilities                                 | P.O. Box 2927                 | Conroe        | Deanna          | Degeyter     | <a href="mailto:deanna@bluetopazutilities.com">deanna@bluetopazutilities.com</a>             |
| 9  | Bon Wier W.S.C.                                      | P.O. Box 167                  | Bon Wier      | Cody            | Jones        | <a href="mailto:Cody83jones@gmail.com">Cody83jones@gmail.com</a>                             |
| 10 | Brookeland Fresh Water Supply District               | P.O. Box 5350                 | Jasper        | Joshua          | Culbert      | <a href="mailto:jculbert@bfwsd.com">jculbert@bfwsd.com</a>                                   |
| 11 | Buck Springs Bottled Water Co.                       | 4829 US Hwy. 96 N.            | Jasper        | Heather         | Greer        | <a href="mailto:heather@buckspringstexas.com">heather@buckspringstexas.com</a>               |
| 12 | Bullock's Mobile Home Park                           | P.O. Box 999                  | Silsbee       | Kevin           | Wilson       | <a href="mailto:kevinwilson982@yahoo.com">kevinwilson982@yahoo.com</a>                       |
| 13 | Buna ISD                                             | P.O. Box 1087                 | Buna          | Julie           | Motomura     | <a href="mailto:jmotomura@bunaisd.net">jmotomura@bunaisd.net</a>                             |
| 14 | Burkeville W.S.C.                                    | P.O. Box 220                  | Burkeville    | Tim             |              | <a href="mailto:bwater1@windstream.net">bwater1@windstream.net</a>                           |
| 15 | Cartwright Springs, LTD                              | P.O. Box 3029                 | Sugarland     | Mona            | Parikh       | <a href="mailto:mparikh@jmrp.net">mparikh@jmrp.net</a>                                       |
| 16 | Chester W.S.C.                                       | P.O. Box 87                   | Chester       | Dale            | Clamon       | <a href="mailto:cityofchester@eastex.net">cityofchester@eastex.net</a>                       |
| 17 | City of Beaumont                                     | 1550 Pine Street              | Beaumont      | Troy            | Pierce       | <a href="mailto:Troy.Pierce@beaumontTexas.gov">Troy.Pierce@beaumontTexas.gov</a>             |
| 18 | City of Browndell                                    | P.O. Box 430                  | Brookeland    | Tyncie          | Brooks       | <a href="mailto:CityofBrowndell@yahoo.com">CityofBrowndell@yahoo.com</a>                     |
| 19 | City of Colmesneil                                   | P.O. Box 144                  | Colmesneil    | Keith           | Barnes       | <a href="mailto:cityofcolmesneil@valornet.com">cityofcolmesneil@valornet.com</a>             |
| 20 | City of Jasper                                       | P.O. Box 610                  | Jasper        | Eric            | Rogers       | <a href="mailto:erogers@jaspertx.org">erogers@jaspertx.org</a>                               |
| 21 | City of Kirbyville                                   | 107 S. Elizabeth              | Kirbyville    | Robert          | Byerly       | <a href="mailto:rbyerly.cok@yahoo.com">rbyerly.cok@yahoo.com</a>                             |
| 22 | City of Kountze                                      | P.O. Box 188                  | Kountze       | Tim             | Drake        | <a href="mailto:tdkch@sbcglobal.net">tdkch@sbcglobal.net</a>                                 |
| 23 | City of Newton                                       | 101 North Street              | Newton        | Donnie          | Meek         | <a href="mailto:Julie@newtontexas.org">Julie@newtontexas.org</a>                             |
| 24 | City of Silsbee                                      | 1220 Hwy. 327 East            | Silsbee       | Russell         | Hutto        | <a href="mailto:rhutto@cityofsilsbee.com">rhutto@cityofsilsbee.com</a>                       |
| 25 | City of Sour Lake                                    | 625 Hwy. 105 West             | Sour Lake     | Joey            | Keel         | <a href="mailto:Joeykeel@aol.com">Joeykeel@aol.com</a>                                       |
| 26 | City of Woodville                                    | 400 West Bluff                | Woodville     | Charles         | Odom         | <a href="mailto:Coon@woodville-tx.gov">Coon@woodville-tx.gov</a>                             |
| 27 | Cooper, William - Windmill Estates                   | P.O. Box 737                  | Woodville     | Marci           | Cooper       | <a href="mailto:windmillmobilehomeestates@gmail.com">windmillmobilehomeestates@gmail.com</a> |
| 28 | Cougar Country W.S.C                                 | 809 Cougar Country            | Buna          | Ronnie          | Hancock      | <a href="mailto:deal.amber@yahoo.com">deal.amber@yahoo.com</a>                               |
| 29 | ArborGen, Inc. (fka Crown Pine Timber)               | 2027 CR 101                   | Jasper        | Michelle        | Morgan       | <a href="mailto:mdmorga@arborgen.com">mdmorga@arborgen.com</a>                               |
| 30 | Cypress Creek W.S.C.                                 | P.O. Box 536                  | Woodville     | Elmer           | May          | <a href="mailto:ccws0285@hotmail.com">ccws0285@hotmail.com</a>                               |
| 31 | Doucette Water System                                | P.O. Box 952                  | Colmesneil    | Thomas & Danasa | Rawls        | <a href="mailto:yaya2star@gmail.com">yaya2star@gmail.com</a>                                 |
| 32 | East Texas Cypress Hills Assoc. (fka Net Mar)        | P.O. Box 8                    | Jasper        | Steve           | Streater     | <a href="mailto:1981osucowboy@gmail.com">1981osucowboy@gmail.com</a>                         |
| 33 | Entergy Texas, Inc. - f/k/a East Texas Electric Coop | 10055 Grogans Mill Rd, Parkwa | The Woodlands | Tory            | Theriot      | <a href="mailto:ttherio@entergy.com">ttherio@entergy.com</a>                                 |
| 34 | Energy Transfer - ETC                                | 428 CR 200                    | Brookeland    | Todd            | McGown       | <a href="mailto:tood.mcgown@energytransfer.com">tood.mcgown@energytransfer.com</a>           |
| 35 | Evadale W.C. & I.D. #1                               | P.O. Box 149                  | Evadale       | Amber           | Deal         | <a href="mailto:deal.amber@yahoo.com">deal.amber@yahoo.com</a>                               |
| 36 | ExxonMobil Oil Corporation                           | 301 Old Choate Rd.            | Houston       | Carl/Ryan       | Cox/Magruder | <a href="mailto:ryan.j.magruder@exxonmobil.com">ryan.j.magruder@exxonmobil.com</a>           |
| 37 | Hardin County W.C. & I.D. #1                         | 101 PineGarden Lane           | Sour Lake     | Wayne           | Turk         | <a href="mailto:wturk253@gmail.com">wturk253@gmail.com</a>                                   |



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| 38 | Harrisburg WSC                                   | 514 CR 232                     | Jasper            | John             | Cole          |                                                                                              |
| 39 | Harrisburg WSC                                   | P.O. Box 1324                  | Jasper            | Joshua           | Culbert       | <a href="mailto:hhjwatersupply@gmail.com">hhjwatersupply@gmail.com</a>                       |
| 40 | H & H Timber Comapany, LLC                       | P.O. Box 990                   | Jasper            | Ronald / Donna   | Hughes / Meek | <a href="mailto:ron@hhtimber.com">ron@hhtimber.com</a>                                       |
| 41 | Holly-Huff W.S.C.                                | P.O. Box 1917                  | Jasper            | Joshua           | Culbert       | <a href="mailto:hhjwatersupply@gmail.com">hhjwatersupply@gmail.com</a>                       |
| 42 | Andrew and Idania Cure (fka Hydro Farms, Inc.)   | 32507 Hwy. 105                 | Sour Lake         | Andrew and Idani | Cure          | <a href="mailto:Hydroair@bellsouth.net">Hydroair@bellsouth.net</a>                           |
| 43 | Jamestown W.S.C.                                 | P.O. Box 886                   | Jasper            | Joshua           | Culbert       | <a href="mailto:hhjwatersupply@gmail.com">hhjwatersupply@gmail.com</a>                       |
| 44 | Jasper County W.C. & I.D. #1                     | P.O. Box 1207                  | Buna              | Henry            | Ogden         | <a href="mailto:JCWCID1@sbcglobal.net">JCWCID1@sbcglobal.net</a>                             |
| 45 | JBD Burkeville, LLC (fka Runyan Rock)            | 9590 IH 10                     | Orange            | Danny            | Brian         | <a href="mailto:Danny@sabinepark.com">Danny@sabinepark.com</a>                               |
| 46 | Lake Livingston W.S. & S.S.                      | P.O. Box 1149                  | Livingston        | Scott            | Saxe          | <a href="mailto:ssaxe@llwater.net">ssaxe@llwater.net</a>                                     |
| 47 | Lakeside Water System                            | P.O. Box 952                   | Colmesneil        | Thomas & Danasa  | Rawls         | <a href="mailto:yaya2star@gmail.com">yaya2star@gmail.com</a>                                 |
| 48 | Leoffler Springs, Inc.                           | 9653 FM 1005                   | Kirbyville        | Linda            | Taylor        | <a href="mailto:Lindalee0926@gmail.com">Lindalee0926@gmail.com</a>                           |
| 49 | Little Big Horn Services                         | 8029 FM 92                     | Silsbee           | Dolores          | Luke          |                                                                                              |
| 50 | Little Hawks Early Childhood Center, Inc.        | P.O. Box 406                   | Sour Lake         | Christie         | Gieseke       | <a href="mailto:littlehawksearlychildhood@gmail.com">littlehawksearlychildhood@gmail.com</a> |
| 51 | Louisiana-Pacific Corp                           | 5110 U.S. Hwy 190 East         | Jasper            | Kevin            | Honeycutt     | <a href="mailto:Kevin.Honeycutt@lpcorp.com">Kevin.Honeycutt@lpcorp.com</a>                   |
| 52 | Lumberton M.U.D.                                 | P.O. Box 8065                  | Lumberton         | Robb             | Starr         | <a href="mailto:robbs@lumbertonmud.com">robbs@lumbertonmud.com</a>                           |
| 53 | Mauriceville M.U.D.                              | 15509 FM 1442                  | Orange            | Brad             | Haeggquist    | <a href="mailto:generalmanager@mauricevillemud.com">generalmanager@mauricevillemud.com</a>   |
| 54 | MeadWestvaco                                     | P.O. Box 816                   | Silsbee           | Steven           | Black         | <a href="mailto:steven.black@smurfitwestrock.com">steven.black@smurfitwestrock.com</a>       |
| 55 | Merziere, James - Village Mills RV Park          | 123 North 9th Street           | Neederland        | James            | Merziere      | <a href="mailto:jthmezi@sbcglobal.net">jthmezi@sbcglobal.net</a>                             |
| 56 | Texas Water Utilities, LP (fka Monach Utilities) | 1812 Centre Creek Dr., Ste. 10 | Austin            | Chuck            | Barry         | <a href="mailto:chuck.barry@nexuswg.com">chuck.barry@nexuswg.com</a>                         |
| 57 | Ghost Road, LLC (fka Murphy Energy Services)     | 15237 Williams Dr.             | Saratoga          | Diane            | Murphy        | <a href="mailto:ghost.roadllc@yahoo.com">ghost.roadllc@yahoo.com</a>                         |
| 58 | North Hardin W.S.C.                              | P.O. Box 55                    | Silsbee           | Bobby            | Rogers        | <a href="mailto:brogers@nhwsc.com">brogers@nhwsc.com</a>                                     |
| 59 | Sisbee Holdings - dba Pine Meadow M.H.P.         | 46-E Peninsula Center #364     | Rolling Hills Est | David            | Asemanfar     | <a href="mailto:dasemanfar@gmail.com">dasemanfar@gmail.com</a>                               |
| 60 | Manfield Properties (Quail Valley Estates)       | P.O. Box 2076                  | Silsbee           |                  |               | <a href="mailto:Manfieldproperties@gmail.com">Manfieldproperties@gmail.com</a>               |
| 61 | Pulice Construction, Inc.                        | 2050 W. Sam Pkwy. Houston, #   | Houston           | Thomas           | Rodriguez     | <a href="mailto:jloza@pulice.com">jloza@pulice.com</a>                                       |
| 62 | See City of Kountze - Ranchland Property Owners  | P.O. Box 188                   | Kountze           | Tim              | Drake         | <a href="mailto:tdkch@sbcglobal.net">tdkch@sbcglobal.net</a>                                 |
| 63 | Rayburn Country Club Redevelopment               | 6550 Tram Rd.                  | Beaumont          | Joe              | Pennland      | <a href="mailto:joejr@qmat.com">joejr@qmat.com</a>                                           |
| 64 | Rayburn Country M.U.D.                           | P.O. Box 5309                  | Sam Rayburn       | Charles          | Manicom       | <a href="mailto:ctmanicom@yahoo.com">ctmanicom@yahoo.com</a>                                 |
| 65 | Rural W.S.C.                                     | P.O. Box 832                   | Jasper            | Jimmy            | Hensarling    | <a href="mailto:jdougharty@sbcglobal.net">jdougharty@sbcglobal.net</a>                       |
| 66 | Seneca W.S.C.                                    | P.O. Box 27                    | Woodville         | James            | MacGinnis     | <a href="mailto:senecawater@att.net">senecawater@att.net</a>                                 |
| 67 | Southern Forest Products                         | P.O. Box 207                   | Bon Wier          | Vicki            | Hall          | <a href="mailto:office@sfptexas.com">office@sfptexas.com</a>                                 |
| 68 | South Hampton Resources, Inc.                    | P.O. Box 1636                  | Silsbee           | Patrick          | Sayles        | <a href="mailto:psayles@trecchem.com">psayles@trecchem.com</a>                               |
| 69 | South Jasper County W.S.C.                       | P.O. Box 1939                  | Buna              | Gaylon           | Chesser       | <a href="mailto:sjcwater@wildblue.net">sjcwater@wildblue.net</a>                             |
| 70 | South Kirbyville Rural W.S.C.                    | P.O. Box 189                   | Call              | Shane            | Mitchell      | <a href="mailto:skrwsc@sbcglobal.net">skrwsc@sbcglobal.net</a>                               |
| 71 | South Newton W.S.C.                              | P.O. Box 659                   | Deweyville        | Brandy           | Lane          | <a href="mailto:snw@att.net">snw@att.net</a>                                                 |
| 72 | South Sabine W.S.C.                              | 807 Fairdale Rd.               | Hemphill          | R.J.             | Wells         | <a href="mailto:sswsc@valornet.com">sswsc@valornet.com</a>                                   |
| 73 | Tall Timbers W.S.C.                              | 436 Tall Timbers               | Burkeville        | Jim              | Hebert        | <a href="mailto:talltimberswsc@yahoo.com">talltimberswsc@yahoo.com</a>                       |
| 74 | Georgia-Pacific WF & S, LLC                      | 303 S. Temple Drive            | Diboll            | Patrick          | Miller        |                                                                                              |

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| 75  | Terry Johnson                                     | 6343 Biscamp Road                          | Silsbee       | Terry       | Johnson        | <a href="mailto:tjohnsoninc@gt.rr.com">tjohnsoninc@gt.rr.com</a>                             |
| 76  | One Floral Group - Timberline                     | P.O. Box 530                               | Hillister     | Samantha    | Connor         | <a href="mailto:sconner@onefloral.com">sconner@onefloral.com</a>                             |
| 77  | Timberline Opportunity Fund                       | 611 Chase Dr.                              | Tyler         | Chris       | Boone          | <a href="mailto:Christopher.w.boone@gmail.com">Christopher.w.boone@gmail.com</a>             |
| 78  | Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line, LLC.              | 29979 Hwy 105                              | Sour Lake     | Brandon     | Clayton        | <a href="mailto:Brandon.Clayton@williams.com">Brandon.Clayton@williams.com</a>               |
| 79  | Tyler County S.U.D.                               | P.O Drawer 138                             | Spurger       | Jerry       | Lovelady       | <a href="mailto:generalmanager@tylercountywater.com">generalmanager@tylercountywater.com</a> |
| 80  | UFP Retail, LLC (Universal Forest Products)       | 445 FM 92                                  | Silsbee       | Michael     | Newsom         | <a href="mailto:Christopher.bach@ufpi.com">Christopher.bach@ufpi.com</a>                     |
| 81  | See Timberline Opportunity - Umphrey Land & Cat   | P.O. Box 96                                | Hillister     | Sidney/Jill | Allison/Dinger | <a href="mailto:sidney.allison@utexas.edu">sidney.allison@utexas.edu</a>                     |
| 82  | Undine Texas, LLC (formerly Pure Utility wells)   | 17681 Telge Rd.                            | Cypress       | Sarah       | Carlock        | <a href="mailto:scarlock@undinellc.com">scarlock@undinellc.com</a>                           |
| 83  | Undine Texas, LLC (formerly Pure Utility wells)   |                                            |               | Eric        | Martin         | <a href="mailto:eric.martin@h20innovation.com">eric.martin@h20innovation.com</a>             |
| 84  | Upper Jasper County Water Authority               | 269 C.R. 080                               | Jasper        | Shelley     | Vaught         | <a href="mailto:ujcwa80@gmail.com">ujcwa80@gmail.com</a>                                     |
| 85  | Village Mills Creek Property, LLC                 | 26830 Kuykendahl Rd., Ste. 20              | Tomball       | Rahim       | Maknojia       | <a href="mailto:rahim@fuelmaxx.net">rahim@fuelmaxx.net</a>                                   |
| 86  | Warren W.S.C.                                     | P.O. Box 95                                | Warren        | Heather     | Brown          | <a href="mailto:warrenwater@sbcglobal.net">warrenwater@sbcglobal.net</a>                     |
| 87  | West Hardin W.S.C.                                | P.O. Box 286                               | Saratoga      | Robert      | Ryan           | <a href="mailto:whwsc@netzero.com">whwsc@netzero.com</a>                                     |
| 88  | Westview Investments, Inc.                        | 21021 Spring Brook Plaza Dr., S            | Spring        | Nizarali    | Momin          | <a href="mailto:nizar@fuelmaxx.net">nizar@fuelmaxx.net</a>                                   |
| 89  | Westwood W.S.C.                                   | 317 Wildbriar Drive                        | Jasper        | Becky       | West           | <a href="mailto:wwsc12@gmail.com">wwsc12@gmail.com</a>                                       |
| 90  | Wildwood Property Owners Assoc.                   | P.O. Box 903                               | Village Mills | John        | Ferguson       | <a href="mailto:kathy.wpoa@gmail.com">kathy.wpoa@gmail.com</a>                               |
| 91  | Woodville Hardwoods                               | P.O. Box 2144                              | Woodville     | Cody        | Anthony        | <a href="mailto:cody.woodvillehardwoods@gmail.com">cody.woodvillehardwoods@gmail.com</a>     |
| 92  | Woodville Pellets, LLC                            | 164 CR 1040                                | Woodville     | Elizabeth   | Denna          | <a href="mailto:Elizabeth.Denna@Graanulinvest.com">Elizabeth.Denna@Graanulinvest.com</a>     |
| 93  | John Martin                                       | P.O. Box 1407                              | Jasper        | John        | Martin         | <a href="mailto:jmartin@setgcd.org">jmartin@setgcd.org</a>                                   |
| 94  | The Woods Mobile Home Park                        | P.O. Box 181                               | Jasper        | Stephen     | McClure        |                                                                                              |
| 95  | Slash C. Sawmill                                  | 2531 Old Brookeland Rd.                    | Jasper        | Carroll     | Brian          |                                                                                              |
| 96  | Pure Utilities, L.C. / See Undine Texas           | 207 W. Mill Street                         | Livingston    | Stonewall   | Jackson        | <a href="mailto:pureutils@livingston.net">pureutils@livingston.net</a>                       |
| 97  | Paradise Entertainment, Inc.                      | P.O. Box 8006                              | Lumberton     | Jack        | Mossburg       | <a href="mailto:pat@pwoftexas.com">pat@pwoftexas.com</a>                                     |
| 98  | Plains Exploration and Production, Co.            | 400 East Kaliste Saloom Rd., St Laffayette |               | Jerome      | Meaux          |                                                                                              |
| 99  | Mike Bruce                                        | 2364 FM 105, Evadale Racewa                | Evadale       |             |                |                                                                                              |
| 100 | Steve Simpson                                     | P.O. Box 570                               | Brookeland    | Steve       | Simpson        |                                                                                              |
| 101 | Milestone Environmenta Services (fka Oilfield Was | 15721 Park Row #150                        | Houston       | Chris       | Carroll        | <a href="mailto:chriscarroll@milestone-es.com">chriscarroll@milestone-es.com</a>             |
| 102 | Runyan Rock / See JBD Burkeville LLC              | P.O. Box 68                                | Newton        | Bric        | Barrow         | <a href="mailto:Barrow_surveying@yahoo.com">Barrow_surveying@yahoo.com</a>                   |
| 103 | IESI Corporation                                  | P.O. Box 1509                              | Kountze       | Chancie     | Bailey         | <a href="mailto:Chancie.Bailey@progressivewaste.com">Chancie.Bailey@progressivewaste.com</a> |
| 104 | East Newton W.S.C.                                | P.O. Box 956                               | Newton        | Michael     | Horn           |                                                                                              |
| 105 | East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc              | P.O. Box 631623                            | Nacogdoches   | Edd         | Hargett        |                                                                                              |
| 106 | Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.                  | 2240 Bevil Loop                            | Jasper        | Billy       | Caldwell       | <a href="mailto:bcaldwell@texas-ec.org">bcaldwell@texas-ec.org</a>                           |

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| 1  | First Name | Last Name   | Position              | Entity              | Address 1              | City       | State | Zip   | Email                                                                      |
| 2  | Clark      | McLane      | Mayor                 | City of Jasper      | 465 South Main         | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 3  | Mamie      | Horn        | Council Member        | City of Jasper      | 465 South Main         | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 4  | Bob        | Mayhar      | Council Member        | City of Jasper      | 465 South Main         | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 5  | DeMarcus   | Holmes      | Council Member        | City of Jasper      | 465 South Main         | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 6  | Angel      | McCrosky    | Council Member        | City of Jasper      | 465 South Main         | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 7  | Lequin     | Hilderbrand | Council Member        | City of Jasper      | 465 South Main         | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 8  | Fred       | Williams    | Mayor                 | City of Kountze     | P.O. Box 188           | Kountze    | TX    | 77625 |                                                                            |
| 9  | Glenn      | Matthews    | Mayor Pro-Tem         | City of Kountze     | P.O. Box 188           | Kountze    | TX    | 77625 |                                                                            |
| 10 | Connie     | Winger      | Alderwoman            | City of Kountze     | P.O. Box 188           | Kountze    | TX    | 77625 |                                                                            |
| 11 | Jack       | Darden      | Alderman              | City of Kountze     | P.O. Box 188           | Kountze    | TX    | 77625 |                                                                            |
| 12 | James      | Shirley     | Alderman              | City of Kountze     | P.O. Box 188           | Kountze    | TX    | 77625 |                                                                            |
| 13 | Johnnie    | Daigle      | Alderwoman            | City of Kountze     | P.O. Box 188           | Kountze    | TX    | 77625 |                                                                            |
| 14 | Tim        | Drake       | City Administrator    | City of Kountze     | P.O. Box 188           | Kountze    | TX    | 77625 |                                                                            |
| 15 | Josh       | Marble      | Public Works Director | City of Kountze     | P.O. Box 188           | Kountze    | TX    | 77625 |                                                                            |
| 16 | Don        | Surratt     | Mayor                 | City of Lumberton   | 836 N. Main            | Lumberton  | TX    | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 17 | Lynette    | Barks       | Councilman            | City of Lumberton   | 836 N. Main            | Lumberton  | TX    | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 18 | Kenneth    | Wahl        | Councilman            | City of Lumberton   | 836 N. Main            | Lumberton  | TX    | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 19 | Joey       | Schoen      | Councilman            | City of Lumberton   | 836 N. Main            | Lumberton  | TX    | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 20 | David      | Maniscalco  | Mayor Pro-Tem         | City of Lumberton   | 836 N. Main            | Lumberton  | TX    | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 21 | Wayne      | Thomas      | Councilman            | City of Lumberton   | 836 N. Main            | Lumberton  | TX    | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 22 | Dan        | Bell        | Councilman            | City of Lumberton   | 836 N. Main            | Lumberton  | TX    | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 23 | Steve      | Clark       | City Manager          | City of Lumberton   | 836 N. Main            | Lumberton  | TX    | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 24 | Troy       | Whitehead   | City Engineer         | City of Lumberton   | 836 N. Main            | Lumberton  | TX    | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 25 | Joe        | Blacksher   | Commissioner Pct #1   | Tyler County Commis |                        | Woodville  | TX    | 75979 | <a href="mailto:jblacksher@co.tyler.tx.us">jblacksher@co.tyler.tx.us</a>   |
| 26 | Doug       | Hughes      | Commissioner Pct #2   | Tyler County Commis |                        | Woodville  | TX    | 75979 | <a href="mailto:BSS75979@yahoo.com">BSS75979@yahoo.com</a>                 |
| 27 | Mike       | Marshall    | Commissioner Pct #3   | Tyler County Commis | 100 W. Bluff           | Woodville  | TX    | 75979 | <a href="mailto:mmarshall@co.tyler.tx.us">mmarshall@co.tyler.tx.us</a>     |
| 28 | Buck       | Hudson      | Commissioner Pct #4   | Tyler County Commis |                        | Woodville  | TX    | 75979 | <a href="mailto:bhudson@co.tyler.tx.us">bhudson@co.tyler.tx.us</a>         |
| 29 | Milton     | Powers      | County Judge          | Tyler County        | 100 W. Bluff St., Room | Woodville  | TX    | 75979 |                                                                            |
| 30 | Mark       | Allen       | County Judge          | Jasper County       | 121 N. Austin, Room 1  | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 31 | Seth       | Martindale  | Commissioner          | Jasper County Comm  | 146 C.R. 80            | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 32 | Kevin      | Holloway    | Commissioner          | Jasper County Comm  | 1867 FM 777            | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 33 | Willie     | Stark       | Commissioner          | Jasper County Comm  | 191 CR 411             | Kirbyville | TX    | 75956 |                                                                            |
| 34 | Dennis     | Marks       | Commissioner          | Jasper County Comm  | P.O. Box 1914          | Buna       | TX    | 77612 |                                                                            |
| 35 | Ronald     | Cochran     | County Judge          | Newton County       | 110 Court Street       | Newton     | TX    | 75966 |                                                                            |
| 36 | Danny      | Bentsen     | Commissioner          | Newton County Comr  | 129 C.R. 3073          | Kirbyville | TX    | 75956 |                                                                            |
| 37 | Phillip    | White       | Commissioner          | Newton County Comr  | 988 FM 1415 N.         | Wiergate   | TX    | 75977 |                                                                            |
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| 39 | Leonard    | Powell      | Commissioner          | Newton County Comr  | P.O. Box 1205          | Deweyville | TX    | 77614 |                                                                            |



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| 40 | Wayne   | McDaniel    | County Judge          | Hardin County      | 300 Monroe Street    | Kountze    | TX | 77625 |                                                                                                        |
| 41 | L. W.   | Cooper, Jr. | Commissioner          | Hardin County Comm | 1290 Hwy. 327 W.     | Silsbee    | TX | 77656 |                                                                                                        |
| 42 | Chris   | Kirkendall  | Commissioner          | Hardin County Comm | P.O. Box 1436        | Kountze    | TX | 77625 |                                                                                                        |
| 43 | Amanda  | Young       | Commissioner          | Hardin County Comm | P.O. Box 225         | Saratoga   | TX | 77585 |                                                                                                        |
| 44 | Ernie   | Koch        | Commissioner          | Hardin County Comm | 300 Monroe Street    | Kountze    | TX | 77625 |                                                                                                        |
| 45 | Amy     | Bythewood   | Mayor                 | City of Woodville  | 400 West Bluff       | Woodville  | TX | 75979 |                                                                                                        |
| 46 | Mike    | Cabaniss    | Alderman              | City of Woodville  | 400 North Nellius    | Woodville  | TX | 75979 |                                                                                                        |
| 47 | Mandy   | Risinger    | City Administrator    | City of Woodville  | 400 West Bluff       | Woodville  | TX | 75979 |                                                                                                        |
| 48 | Joyce   | Wilson      | Mayor Pro-Tem         | City of Woodville  | 400 West Bluff       | Woodville  | TX | 75979 |                                                                                                        |
| 49 | Kelly   | Dillard     | Alderwoman            | City of Woodville  | 400 West Bluff       | Woodville  | TX | 75979 |                                                                                                        |
| 50 | Paula   | Jones       | Alderwoman            | City of Woodville  | 400 West Bluff       | Woodville  | TX | 75979 |                                                                                                        |
| 51 | Lee     | Mann        | Alderman              | City of Woodville  | 400 West Bluff       | Woodville  | TX | 75979 |                                                                                                        |
| 52 | Charles | Odom        | Public Works Director | City of Woodville  | 400 West Bluff       | Woodville  | TX | 75979 |                                                                                                        |
| 53 | Bobby   | Tull        | Council Member        | City of Ivanhoe    | 870 Charmaine Dr. E. | Woodville  | TX | 75979 | <a href="mailto:Carolyn.Williams@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov">Carolyn.Williams@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov</a> |
| 54 | Chuck   | Vonderlin   | Council Member        | City of Ivanhoe    | 870 Charmaine Dr. E. | Woodville  | TX | 75979 | <a href="mailto:jmcwhorter@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov">jmcwhorter@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov</a>             |
| 55 | Justin  | Gregory     | Council Member        | City of Ivanhoe    | 870 Charmaine Dr. E. | Woodville  | TX | 75979 | <a href="mailto:Justin.Gregory@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov">Justin.Gregory@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov</a>     |
| 56 | Skip    | Blackstone  | Mayor                 | City of Ivanhoe    | 870 Charmaine Dr. E. | Woodville  | TX | 75979 | <a href="mailto:Skip.blackstone@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov">Skip.blackstone@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov</a>   |
| 57 | Karen   | Fidler      | Council Member        | City of Ivanhoe    | 870 Charmaine Dr. E. | Woodville  | TX | 75979 | <a href="mailto:David.Herrington@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov">David.Herrington@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov</a> |
| 58 | Joe     | McWhorter   | Mayor Pro-Tem         | City of Ivanhoe    | 870 Charmaine Dr. E. | Woodville  | TX | 75979 | <a href="mailto:Will.Warren@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov">Will.Warren@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov</a>           |
| 59 | C.D.    | Woodrone    | City Secretary        | City of Ivanhoe    | 870 Charmaine Dr. E. | Woodville  | TX | 75979 | <a href="mailto:Cityofivanhoe@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov">Cityofivanhoe@cityofivanhoe.texas.gov</a>       |
| 60 | William | Bass        | Mayor Pro-Tem         | City of Silsbee    | 1220 Hwy. 327 E.     | Silsbee    | TX | 77656 | <a href="mailto:MWWMuck1956@gmail.com">MWWMuck1956@gmail.com</a>                                       |
| 61 | Thomas  | Tyler       | Councilman            | City of Silsbee    | 1220 Hwy. 327 E.     | Silsbee    | TX | 77656 |                                                                                                        |
| 62 | Curt    | Woodard     | Councilman            | City of Silsbee    | 1220 Hwy. 327 E.     | Silsbee    | TX | 77656 | <a href="mailto:wmbass1957@gmail.com">wmbass1957@gmail.com</a>                                         |
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| 64 | Tina    | Holman      | Councilman            | City of Silsbee    | 1220 Hwy. 327 E.     | Silsbee    | TX | 77656 | <a href="mailto:cash3205@aol.com">cash3205@aol.com</a>                                                 |
| 65 | Danny   | Reneau      | Mayor                 | City of Silsbee    | 1220 Hwy. 327 E.     | Silsbee    | TX | 77656 | <a href="mailto:dlreneau52@gmail.com">dlreneau52@gmail.com</a>                                         |
| 66 | Bruce   | Kay         | Councilman            | City of Silsbee    | 1220 Hwy. 327 E.     | Silsbee    | TX | 77656 | <a href="mailto:roygravis@icloud.com">roygravis@icloud.com</a>                                         |
| 67 | DeeAnn  | Zimmerman   | City Manager          | City of Silsbee    | 1220 Hwy. 327 E.     | Silsbee    | TX | 77656 | <a href="mailto:DeeAnn@cityofsilsbee.com">DeeAnn@cityofsilsbee.com</a>                                 |
| 68 | John    | Pollock     | Mayor                 | City of Newton     | 101 North Street     | Newton     | TX | 75966 | <a href="mailto:mayor@newtontexas.org">mayor@newtontexas.org</a>                                       |
| 69 | Donnie  | Meek        | City Administrator    | City of Newton     | 101 North Street     | Newton     | TX | 75966 |                                                                                                        |
| 70 | Dusty   | Spivey      | Councilman            | City of Newton     | 101 North Street     | Newton     | TX | 75966 |                                                                                                        |
| 71 | Joe     | Miller      | Councilman            | City of Newton     | 101 North Street     | Newton     | TX | 75966 |                                                                                                        |
| 72 | Joni    | Miller      | Councilman            | City of Newton     | 101 North Street     | Newton     | TX | 75966 |                                                                                                        |
| 73 | Tommy   | Westbrook   | Councilman            | City of Newton     | 101 North Street     | Newton     | TX | 75966 |                                                                                                        |
| 74 | James   | Bean        | Councilman            | City of Newton     | 101 North Street     | Newton     | TX | 75966 |                                                                                                        |
| 75 | Frank   | George      | Mayor                 | City of Kirbyville | 107 S. Elizabeth     | Kirbyville | TX | 75956 |                                                                                                        |
| 76 | Daryl   | Cheney      | Lead Operator         | City of Kirbyville | 107 S. Elizabeth     | Kirbyville | TX | 75956 |                                                                                                        |
| 77 | Laura   | Adams       | Mayor Pro-Tem         | City of Kirbyville | 107 S. Elizabeth     | Kirbyville | TX | 75956 |                                                                                                        |
| 78 | Andra   | Grant       | Councilman            | City of Kirbyville | 107 S. Elizabeth     | Kirbyville | TX | 75956 |                                                                                                        |

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| 79  | Vondol               | Bailey       | Councilman          | City of Kirbyville | 107 S. Elizabeth      | Kirbyville   | TX | 75956 |                                                                            |
| 80  | Frank                | Erimias      | Councilman          | City of Kirbyville | 107 S. Elizabeth      | Kirbyville   | TX | 75956 |                                                                            |
| 81  | Amanda               | Gates        | Councilman          | City of Kirbyville | 107 S. Elizabeth      | Kirbyville   | TX | 75956 |                                                                            |
| 82  | Duane                | Crews        | Mayor               | City of Colmesneil | 204 West Elder        | Colmesneil   | TX | 75938 |                                                                            |
| 83  | Bubba                | Sheffield    | Mayor Pro-Tem       | City of Colmesneil | 204 West Elder        | Colmesneil   | TX | 75938 |                                                                            |
| 84  | Dennis               | Moffett      | Alderman            | City of Colmesneil | 204 West Elder        | Colmesneil   | TX | 75938 |                                                                            |
| 85  | Gene                 | Allen        | Alderman            | City of Colmesneil | 204 West Elder        | Colmesneil   | TX | 75938 |                                                                            |
| 86  | Billy                | Andrus       | Alderman            | City of Colmesneil | 204 West Elder        | Colmesneil   | TX | 75938 |                                                                            |
| 87  | Virgie               | Barnes       | Alderman            | City of Colmesneil | 204 West Elder        | Colmesneil   | TX | 75938 |                                                                            |
| 88  | Venki                | Vuddameri    | Professor           | Lamar University   |                       | Beaumont     | TX | 77712 | <a href="mailto:vuddameri@lamar.edu">vuddameri@lamar.edu</a>               |
| 89  | Sam                  | Ashworth     | Director            | SETGCD             | 954 Tucker Hill Rd.   | Silsbee      | TX | 77656 |                                                                            |
| 90  | Wendy                | Turner       | Director            | SETGCD             | P.O. Box 816          | Silsbee      | TX | 77656 |                                                                            |
| 91  | Olen                 | Bean         | Director            | SETGCD             | 156 Private Rd. 8031  | Newton       | TX | 75966 |                                                                            |
| 92  | Mike                 | Adams        |                     | SETGCD             | 3507 Highway 87 North | Newton       | TX | 75966 |                                                                            |
| 93  | Robert C.            | Woods        |                     | SETGCD             | Rt. 1, Box 1546       | Newton       | TX | 75966 |                                                                            |
| 94  | Cody                 | Jones        | Director            | SETGCD             | 101 North Street      | Newton       | TX | 75966 |                                                                            |
| 95  | Julie                | Simmons-Carr |                     | SETGCD             | 101 North Street      | Newton       | TX | 75966 |                                                                            |
| 96  | Bobby                | Rogers       | Treasurer/Secretary | SETGCD             | P.O. Box 55           | Silsbee      | TX | 77656 |                                                                            |
| 97  | Roger                | Fussell      | Vice President      | SETGCD             | P.O. Box 8065         | Lumberton    | TX | 77657 |                                                                            |
| 98  | Charles              | Zimmerman    | Director            | SETGCD             | 298 CR 2152           | Woodville    | TX | 75979 |                                                                            |
| 99  | Jim                  | Boone        | Director            | SETGCD             | 1930 CR 2570          | Colmesneil   | TX | 75938 |                                                                            |
| 100 | Greg                 | Wobbe        | Director            | SETGCD             |                       |              |    |       |                                                                            |
| 101 | Robert               | Nichols      | Senator             |                    | 329 Neches Street     | Jacksonville | TX | 75766 |                                                                            |
| 102 | Dade                 | Phelan       | Representative      |                    | 812 N. 16th Street    | Orange       | TX | 77630 |                                                                            |
| 103 | Trent                | Ashby        | Representative      |                    | 2915 Atkinson Dr.     | Lufkin       | TX | 75901 |                                                                            |
| 104 | Earnest              | Bailes       | Representative      |                    | P.O. Box 1116         | Shepherd     | TX | 77371 |                                                                            |
| 105 | Travis               | Clardy       | Representative      |                    | 202 E. Pilar          | Nacogdoche   | TX | 75961 |                                                                            |
| 106 | James                | White        | Representative      |                    |                       |              |    | 75901 | <a href="mailto:James.White@TFSC.Texas.Gov">James.White@TFSC.Texas.Gov</a> |
| 107 | Roy                  | Parker       |                     |                    | 7397 FM 777           | Jasper       | TX | 75951 |                                                                            |
| 108 | Silsbee Bee          |              |                     |                    | 404 Hwy. 96 South     | Silsbee      | TX | 77656 |                                                                            |
| 109 | Tyler County Booster |              |                     |                    | P.O. Box 339          | Woodville    | TX | 75979 |                                                                            |

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| 1  | Suffix | LAST NAME  | FIRST NAME | ADDRESS 1             | CITY       | STATE | ZIP   | COUNTY        |                                                                          |
| 2  |        |            |            |                       |            |       |       |               |                                                                          |
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| 6  | Mr.    | Bowman     | Harold     | 925 Scott Drive       | Vidor      | TX    | 77662 | Orange        |                                                                          |
| 7  | Mr.    | Brevard    | Daniel     | 523 FM 1819           | Pollok     | TX    | 75969 | Angelina      |                                                                          |
| 8  | Mr.    | Britton    | Claude     | P.O. Box 12114        | Beaumont   | TX    | 77726 | Jefferson     |                                                                          |
| 9  | Mr.    | Britton    | Steven     | P.O. Box 12114        | Beaumont   | TX    | 77726 | Jefferson     |                                                                          |
| 10 | Mr.    | Bryson     | Harry      | P.O. Box 213          | Winnie     | TX    | 77665 |               |                                                                          |
| 11 | Mr.    | Bufkin     | Stephen    | 2425 FM 3229          | Bronson    | TX    | 75930 | Sabine        |                                                                          |
| 12 | Mr.    | Casarez    | Patrick    | 914 North Washington  | Cleveland  | TX    | 77327 | Liberty       |                                                                          |
| 13 | Mr.    | Chapman    | Keith      | 16693 Hwy. 147 N.     | Broaddus   | TX    | 75929 | San Augustine |                                                                          |
| 14 | Mr.    | Dodds      | Keith      | 1609 S. Chestnut, Ste | Lufkin     | TX    | 75901 | Angelina      |                                                                          |
| 15 | Mr.    | Elms       | Thomas     | P.O. Box 12114        | Beaumont   | TX    | 77726 | Jefferson     |                                                                          |
| 16 | Mr.    | English    | James      | 2403 North Raguet St  | Lufkin     | TX    | 75904 | Angelina      |                                                                          |
| 17 | Mr.    | English    | Ronald     | 2403 North Raguet St  | Lufkin     | TX    | 75904 | Angelina      |                                                                          |
| 18 | Mr.    | Gilbert    | Marvin     | 22502 Hwy. 105 E.     | Cleveland  | TX    | 77328 | Liberty       |                                                                          |
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| 22 | Mr.    | Guichard   | Lance      | P.O. Box 2000         | Crowley    | LA    | 70527 |               |                                                                          |
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| 24 | Ms.    | Holt       | Geneva     | 4112 FM 1005          | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 | Jasper        |                                                                          |
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| 28 | Mr.    | McDaniel   | Boyd       | P.O. Box 1149         | Livingston | TX    | 77351 | Polk          |                                                                          |
| 29 | Mr.    | Mizell     | Ronald     | 58 CR 3011            | Dayton     | TX    | 77535 | Liberty       |                                                                          |
| 30 | Mr.    | Newman     | Mitchell   | 4112 FM 1005          | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 | Jasper        |                                                                          |
| 31 | Mr.    | Odom       | Michael    | 9021 Oak Rd.          | Orange     | TX    | 77630 | Orange        |                                                                          |
| 32 | Mr.    | Padgett    | Albert     | 5650 Jefferson St.    | Vidor      | TX    | 77662 | Orange        |                                                                          |
| 33 | Mr.    | Paskell    | Keith      | 235 Decker            | Vidor      | TX    | 77662 | Orange        |                                                                          |
| 34 | Mr.    | Payne      | Dillin     | 408 CR 018            | Jasper     | TX    | 75951 | Jasper        |                                                                          |
| 35 | Mr.    | Payne      | Jason      | 1967 CR 661           | Dayton     | TX    | 77535 | Liberty       |                                                                          |
| 36 | Mr.    | Peters     | Danny      | Rt. 1, Box 68         | Kirbyville | TX    | 75956 | Jasper        |                                                                          |
| 37 | Mr.    | Robinson   | Norman     | 235 Decker Rd.        | Vidor      | TX    | 77662 | Orange        |                                                                          |
| 38 | Mr.    | Primo      | Trejo      | P.O. Box 675          | Belleville | TX    | 77418 |               |                                                                          |
| 39 | Mr.    | Stevenson  | Jason      | 1985 Dublin           | Vidor      | TX    | 77662 | Orange        |                                                                          |
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| 41 | Mr.    | Vanya      | David      | 3820 St. Hwy. 146 S.  | Livingston | TX    | 77351 | Polk          |                                                                          |
| 42 | Mr.    | Vanya      | John       | 300 Jack Nettles Rd.  | Livingston | TX    | 77351 | Polk          |                                                                          |
| 43 | Mr.    | West       | Randy      | P.O. Box 82           | Batson     | TX    | 77519 | Hardin        |                                                                          |
| 44 | Mr.    | Williams   | Jon        | 336 Dickens Oaks W.   | Livingston | TX    | 77351 | Polk          |                                                                          |
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| 47 | Mr. | Wright | Curtis | 6105 Rookin St. | Houston | TX | 77074 | Harris |   |

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# SETGCD

## WELL MONITOR



### BIG CHANGES AHEAD (Relatively Speaking)

The Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District (SETGCD) is gearing up for some changes in the near future. As water issues are becoming more and more complex our “little” District will be experience some growth. First and foremost, the District will soon be on the look for a second full time employee. We have been extremely lucky (blessed in my opinion) to have been able to manage the District with only 1 full-time employee for the past 18 years, but it is now time to add staff to assist in managing the District. Earlier I use the word “little” in parenthesis because our District is far from little. The SETGCD is one of the largest groundwater districts in Texas. Due to some district’s having irregular boundaries, we can only estimate, but I believe our District is the 11th largest groundwater district out of 100 (including the subsidence districts). Keeping up with the normal day to day operations of the District on the local level, added to all of the requirements that groundwater districts are required to participate in on the regional level, and preparing for area growth, the District needs more hands at the ready.

Another big change will be that we will likely have a new address in the near future. The District has been graciously provided office space by Jasper County for nearly

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**Did you Know?**

Texas is the only state  
 that considers  
 groundwater a private  
 property right.

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## ARE LARGE VOLUME GROUNDWATER EXPORT PROJECTS THE NEW NORM?

Late last year the Trinity and Neches Valleys Groundwater Conservation District (TNVGCD), which is located a little north of us and includes Henderson, Anderson, and Cherokee Counties, received applications for permits from two entities (same parent company known as C.E.M.), and the applications were deemed administratively complete on April 17 of this year. The applications were for 43 wells located on two separate large tracts of land. The applicants are requesting that the TNVGCD provide permits to allow for over 15 billion gallons of groundwater to be pumped and exported to places outside of their

district. It was learned that one of the two well fields extends down out of Anderson County into Houston County, which does not have a groundwater conservation district (GCD), adding approximately another 5 billion gallons per year to the project for a total of over 20 billion gallons a year.

Groundwater Conservation Districts are charged with a myriad of tasks in their efforts to manage the groundwater resources. Among these tasks are: to conserve, preserve, protect, recharge, and prevent waste of groundwater, and to control subsidence caused by the withdrawal of ground-

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## NEW DIRECTOR: PAUL ANDRUES



Mr. Paul Andruess was appointed earlier this year to fill the position longtime Director Sam Ashworth held after he stepped down from the board (having served for 15 years). Mr. Andruess was born in Beaumont and is a fifth generation Texan. He has an extensive educational background with degrees from Lamar University, Louisiana State University, and recently added a Masters Degree from Georgetown University. Mr. Andruess is currently a land developer and custom home builder and is actively involved with numerous professional organizations (Rotarian, Lamar Univ. advisory board, and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assoc. to name a few).

Paul's number one interest in life is his family, which includes his wife Shelly and Daughter Bethany. Bethany is currently attending LSU and she and Paul spend as much time as possible watching football. When not busy with one of his professional organizations or the family, Paul spends his time hunting and fishing along with tending to his 120 head of cattle.

Mr. Andruess was appointed by the Hardin County Commissioner's Court to represent the agricultural / industrial stakeholder group.

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two decades now, and the District cannot be more grateful to the county for being such a wonderful host; however, with the addition of at least one new employee, we will need additional space. The District hopes to find a space that will meet all of our current needs, including space for monthly meetings (which requires a moderately large space as we have 13 board members), as well as room to grow if/when needed in the future.

Many of you are already aware of this, but another change is that our fees will be increasing. Our standard production fee for permitted non-exempt wells will be increased 1/2 cent per 1,000 gallons pumped as of October 1, 2025. This will make our total production fee of 1.5 cents per 1,000 gallons pumped. The District has also increased export fees for water being directly transported out of the District (this can be via tanker or pipeline). The export fee is two tiered and it is in addition to the production fee. The first tier of the export fee is 0 — 120 million gallons per year and will be 1 cent per 1,000 gallons pumped. The second tier of the export fee is anything above 120 million gallons per year and the fee will be 20 cents per 1,000 gallons pumped (with an automatic 3% increase each year). The steep increase in the export fee came about by way of the Texas Legislature and is meant to give groundwater districts the financial ability to better utilize science and modeling, as well as monitoring our groundwater resources (such as the subsidence monitoring site the District installed just south of Buna earlier this year – see photo). The legislature saw a need for the export fee due to impacts from what is known as the Vista Ridge project (more information on this in the "Are Large Volume Groundwater Export Projects The New Norm" article).



Please be assured that the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District has not taken these fee increases lightly, and have only done so out of necessity. Even with the production fee increase to 1.5 cents per 1,000 gallons, no other east Texas GCD has a production fee lower than ours. In fact, no other district in east Texas has a production fee of less than 2.5 cents per 1,000 gallons, some GCDs are over 8 cents per 1,000 gallons, with the average production fee being about 5.5 cents per 1,000 gallons pumped.

We will keep you posted with any and all pertinent changes to the mailing address or phone numbers.



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water. This is not a simple undertaking when you consider all the other elements a GCD must take into consideration such as the development of the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) and the required nine considerations associated with the development of the DFCs (as required by Chapter 36.108), one of which is private property rights. Throw in the Rule of Capture, which provides that a landowner can use as much water as he can bring to the surface if used for a beneficial use, and who cannot be held liable for the damage caused to neighboring water wells. As you might imagine, it can be very difficult to balance so many variables in the pursuit of managing groundwater. There are several caveats to the Rule of Capture, the main one being the ability of a groundwater conservation districts to be created to oversee the management of the relevant aquifer. Groundwater Conservation District must take into account many different factors when making decisions about permitting wells, and simply denying permits out of hand is not possible (unless prepared for a court challenge and “takings claim”). Groundwater Conservation Districts must base permitting decisions on science and data.

Today, Texas is growing at a pace that is almost unimaginable. It is estimated that over 1,000 people are moving to Texas every day, and although now a cliché, it is worth pointing out that “none of them are bringing any water with them”. Now add all the new industry being developed such as Data and AI centers (which can use between 300,000 and 4,000,000 gallons a day) and we are expecting a significant shortage of water across the State as we progress through the next several decades.

Finding ways to meet the water needs of the State has been a hot topic the last several years. Senator Charles Perry has been leading the charge to, among other things, make more grant and low interest money available for water infrastructure projects within the State. The private sector is also getting involved, both to capitalize on Texas’ need for water and to assist in getting water from places that have it to places that don’t. In the groundwater realm, we call these export projects. An export project can be as simple as a few thousand gallons per month being pumped from a GCD and either trucked to somewhere else (typically spring water is trucked) or, and as is becoming more and more common, billions of gallons per year being pumped from one GCD, via pipeline, to an area of need. When these projects originate in an area that has a GCD, it plays a very important role in managing the resource with the overall idea of not denying the permit request, but managing the available resource and the potential impacts of these large projects.

Sharing Texas’ water resources is important, however, this shouldn’t be done in a manner that is detrimental to the area of origin. Texas has 9 major aquifers and 22 minor ones, all of which have varying capabilities and properties. A large volume project that may drop water levels significantly in one aquifer but only cause a minor drop in another aquifer, or it may cause subsidence in one but not the other. Here in our District, we have the Gulf Coast Aquifer System. It is very generous with the volumes of water that can be withdrawn, but care must be taken as the Gulf Coast Aquifer is very susceptible to subsidence (hence the reason for the Harris-Galveston, and Fort Bend subsidence districts which share the same aquifer). It is imperative that we find the balance: how much is safe to pump, how much can/should be available for export, and consideration of private property rights.

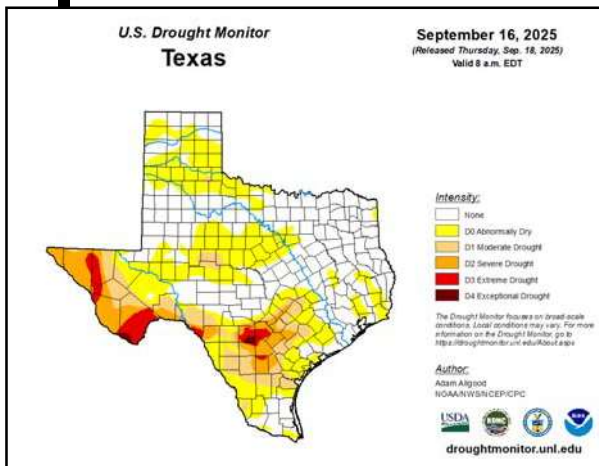
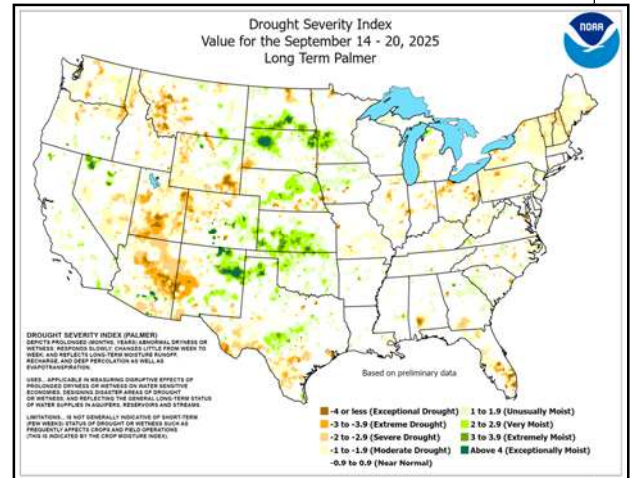
Large groundwater export projects seem to be an inevitability. We can look to the Vista Ridge project which is permitted to pump 50,000 acre feet of water per year from the Post Oak Savannah GCD (specifically from Burelson County) 142 miles away to Bexar County. Water level declines related to this project caused some wells in the area to have their well pumps lowered and in some instances a new well may need to be drilled. This project came online in early 2020 and it has been reported that some wells have seen significant water level declines in a short period of time (some reported declines are over 100 ft.). Opponents say the groundwater being taken from the rural area is being used to subsidize lawn watering in San Antonio. Proponents say it is securing San Antonio’s water supplies and reducing pressure on the Edwards Aquifer.

Another more recent proposed project is in the Brazos Valley GCD (Robertson and Brazos Counties) where the district is finalizing a settlement/approval of a 50,000 acre feet per year groundwater project. This export project will allow for the export of water from the Brazos Valley GCD to Williamson County. One way in which the district is managing the impacts in this instance is by not approving the full amount to be pumped from the start. It will begin with about half of

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## DROUGHT CONDITIONS

As you can see from the September 14, 2025 U.S. Palmer Drought Severity Index Map (P.D.S.I.), generally speaking East Texas is experiencing near normal conditions. However, much of the area over the past 4–6 weeks has seen below normal precipitation. This is illustrated in the September 18, 2025 U.S. Drought Monitor “Texas” Map. As you can see it has begun showing the western portion of the District (Hardin and Tyler Counties) as abnormally dry. Fortunately, much of the area received above average precipitation during the first half of the year and most areas are on pace to meet or exceed normal annual precipitation amounts (which is 52 – 54 inches) with some areas of the District already exceeding the annual average.



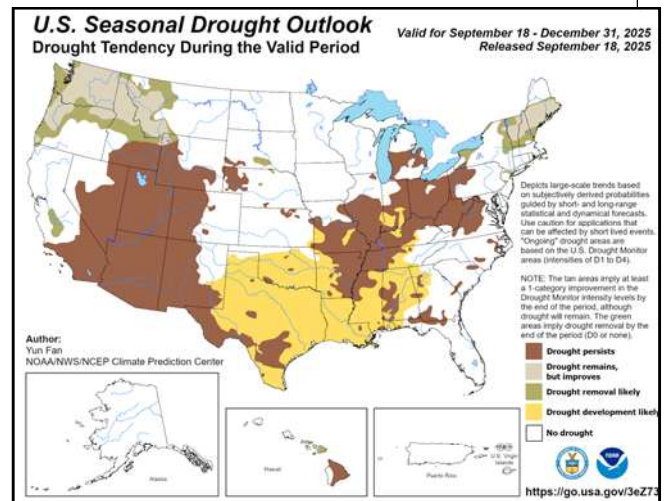
How the remainder of the year will play out with regard to rainfall is, of course, unknown. Even today, predicting the weather is very difficult. For example, it was predicted that we would have a very active hurricane season this year; however, for only the 2nd time since 1950, there were no named storms on the peak day of hurricane season. Overall, the drought situation state wide is currently “better” than it has been in several years.

If we go back to mid-April and look at the U.S. Drought Monitor Map (not shown) the data is drastically different. 82% of the state was experiencing drought conditions, of which 46% was in the severe or worse category, and nearly 17% in the highest category, D4 exceptional drought. Currently only 11% is experiencing severe or worse conditions, with only 0.29% in the D4 exceptional category.

## SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK

As you can see from the September 18, 2025, U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook map, due to the last 4–6 weeks of relatively dry weather (as mentioned above) the majority of Texas has begun to dry out and the development of some drought conditions are expected across most of the state over the next 90 day period.

It is possible that we will see the expected drought conditions pass quickly as the most recent short term precipitation probability maps (not shown) indicate average or above average chances of precipitations over the next several weeks. That being said, the 30 and 90 day precipitation maps still indicate that we may have a dry fall/early winter.



## CONSERVATION CORNER: WINTER CONSERVATION TIPS

Cooler weather is on the way which means winter isn't far off. Don't let the cold weather catch you unprepared! Although it doesn't happen too often here in Southeast Texas, once or twice a year we experience a freeze hard enough to cause water pipes to burst. Not only is it an inconvenience, but a burst water pipe can waste thousands of gallons of water before you even realize it has happened. However, you can cross that off your list of winter worries by taking a few simple precautions to prevent waste and conserve water.

Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses. Detaching a hose allows water to drain from the faucet. Otherwise, a single, hard overnight freeze can burst either the faucet or the pipe to which it's connected.

In the house, seal off access doors, air vents and cracks. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. It is very important to insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas. If you have pipes in an attic, unheated garage or cold crawl space under the house, wrap the water pipes before temperatures plummet. Hardware or building supply stores will have good pipe insulating materials available.

Consider using electrical "pipe heating cable". These very thin cables run a low voltage current along the length of the cable, thereby warming the pipe. It is very useful in attics and crawl spaces if an electrical outlet is readily accessible. Newer manufactured houses often come with outlets underneath the home specifically meant for pipe heating cable. Take advantage of that feature. It is inexpensive (especially compared to the cost of a burst pipe) and comes in many different lengths for easy custom installations.

Don't forget any water lines you may have running to a garden or livestock trough. Be sure that these pipes get extra attention. Since we don't always notice these pipes, it could be hours or even days before you realize a pipe has burst. Make it a habit to inspect all your connections after any freeze event.

Be sure to know the location of the main water shutoff. If a pipe bursts this valve turns off the water, so find it now and be sure everyone in the family knows where it is and what it does. Also, it is a good idea to keep the plumber's telephone number handy, just in case. Write it down now before you need it in an emergency.

As counter intuitive as it may seem, in severe cold weather you may want to allow a faucet to drip a small continuous stream. Although this may seem to be a waste of water, it is better to lose these few gallons per hour than potentially hundreds of gallons per hour if the pipe bursts. Additionally, you can put a bowl or pail in place to catch the water which can be used to water plants the next day.

After a hard freeze keep an eye out for any signs of leaks. Sometimes the pipes don't burst, but a joint may be damaged by the expansion and contraction of the frozen water and cause a less noticeable leak. Don't forget to check your outside plumbing as well. A broken one inch water line to a livestock trough can easily allow hundreds of gallons of water to be wasted.

If you have a water line freeze and you know where the freeze occurred, you may want to try thawing it yourself. Do not under any circumstance use a torch with an open flame as this is a major fire hazard. Also, overheating a single spot can burst the pipe, and heating a soldered joint could cause it to leak or come apart completely. Be very careful. Also, try typing your specific situation into a web-browser to learn about the best way to solve your particular issue (i.e. "thawing frozen pvc pipes").

The easiest tool to use for thawing pipes is a hair dryer. Wave the warm air back and forth along the pipe, not concentrated on one spot. If you don't have a hair dryer, you can wrap the frozen section with rags or towels and pour hot water over them. It's messy, but it works.

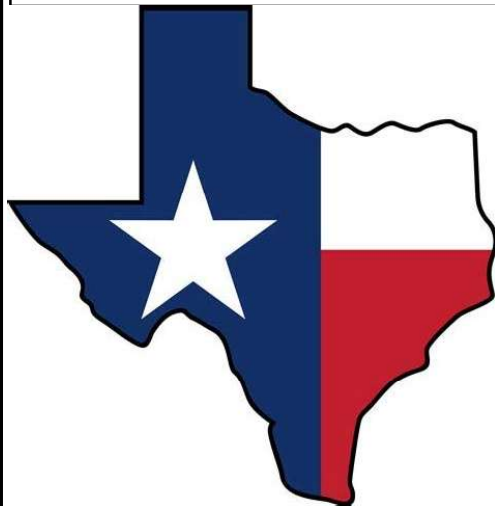
Remember, taking steps to prevent pipe freezes saves you time, inconvenience, and money, and prevents waste of a vital resource – Water.

For more information on water conservation ideas visit the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District's Web-site at <https://setgcd.org/> or the Texas Water Development Board's site at <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/>





## 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION COMES TO A CLOSE 90TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION PROMISING TO BE A DOOZY



The 89 legislative session came to a close this year with the successful passage of House Joint Resolution 7 (HJR 7) and Senate Bill 7 (SB 7). Both bills received unanimous passage through the Senate and nearly unanimous passage through the House. HJR 7 is being called a generational investment in our water infrastructure, allocating 1 billion dollars a year for the next 20 years. HJR 7 must be approved first by the Texas voters as it requires an amendment to the Texas Constitution and will be done so via Proposition 4 (Prop 4) on the November ballot. Please be sure to consider voting for Prop 4 as it will provide another avenue for water infrastructure projects to be funded, including water, wastewater, and flood mitigation.

HB 7 updates the framework of the Texas Water Fund which will provide the Texas Water Development Board additional support in providing assistance on water projects across the state. This includes additional financial assistance through the Economically Distressed Areas Programs which will offer grants and low interest loans to underserved and low-income areas. Another similar bill, House Bill 500 (HB 500) will also provide a significant boost in funds to water related projects, a one time only allocation in the amount of 2.6 billion dollars.

The upcoming 90th legislative session is promising to be quite an interesting one with regard to groundwater legislations. The Trinity and Neches Valleys Groundwater Conservation District (TNVGCD) is in the process of addressing permit requests for over 40 high capacity wells to be drilled, with the water likely to be exported out of the district to urban areas around the greater Dallas area. When the notice of public hearing was published for this project it received quite a bit of attention including from Representative Cody Harris (who is also the Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee), Representative Trent Ashby, and Senator Robert Nichols. Additionally the TNVGCD received over 6,000 “notices of intent to contest” the permits. Needless to say, the proposed project is not very popular.

Representative/Chairman Harris held a public hearing at the Capitol in July on the proposed export project in the TNVGCD and several bills were filed (even though the first special session was not opened to groundwater issues). Although Governor Abbott did not open the 2nd Special Session for broad discussion on groundwater and export projects, he did open the session to allow discussion specifically for consideration of the proposed export project in the TNVGCD. House Bill 27 was filed to address this issue. It was sponsored by Representative/Chairman Harris and several others and would have required that the Texas Water Development Board complete a groundwater study related to the TNVGCD and imposed a moratorium on permitting any export projects until after the study was complete (approximately 2 years). The bill made it through the House very quickly, but ran into trouble in the Senate. It appeared that the bill wouldn’t make it out of the senate committee so an amendment was made so that it could progress out of committee with the hopes of a compromise bill later. The amendment removed the moratorium language and eventually died in the Conference Committee as a compromise was not made before an abrupt end of the 2nd Special Session.

What I am seeing and hearing from all of this is that as the need for water increases, the battles for water will too. And I believe that there will be some interesting “battles” in the next legislative session. There has been realistic talk about changes to the Rule of Capture. The Rule of Capture is the base common law that gives Texans that right to the water under their property. Many are pointing out that when the Rule of Capture was adopted via the Texas Supreme Court by way of the East vs. Houston & Texas Central R.R. case, there was no such thing as an export project, nor

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the volume being available until 2034, at which time it will increase to about 80% of the total, and then the final increase to the maximum in 2039. This will allow for the Brazos Valley GCD to monitor the project over time and to investigate impacts from the project as it grows.

The Vista Ridge project, the first of the large export projects brought online in Texas, caused such impacts in a short amount of time, that over the past two legislative sessions bills have been passed to allow GCDs to collect an export fee of 20 cents per 1,000 gallons (with a 3% a year increase) and encourage the use of these funds to be utilized in monitoring and mitigation of the impacts from these large volume projects. This actually allows for a GCD to cover the expense of lowering pumps or drilling new wells when needed. The most recent legislative session included a bill that would allow these funds to be used in a neighboring GCDs if the impacts from a project permitted by one GCD crossed over district lines and causes impacts in the neighbor GCD; however, this bill does not allow for these funds to be used in a neighboring county if there is no GCD in place there. I mentioned earlier that one of the well fields in the proposed TNVGCD export project crosses into Houston County which does not have GCD. This means folks impacted on one side of the county line (in Anderson County) could receive financial assistance to mitigate the impacts of the proposed project should their well be impacted, but the folks on the other side of the county line (in Houston County) will not have access to that financial assistance. If that isn't incentive to have a groundwater conservation district in your area, I don't know what is.

In closing, stay tuned! There is going to be no simple solution to solve all of Texas' water needs, no silver bullet so-to-speak. We will need to do our best to find fair solutions on how to address groundwater rights

## **When Mark Twain Said “Whiskey Was For Drinking, Water Was For Fighting” He Couldn't Have Been More Prescient**

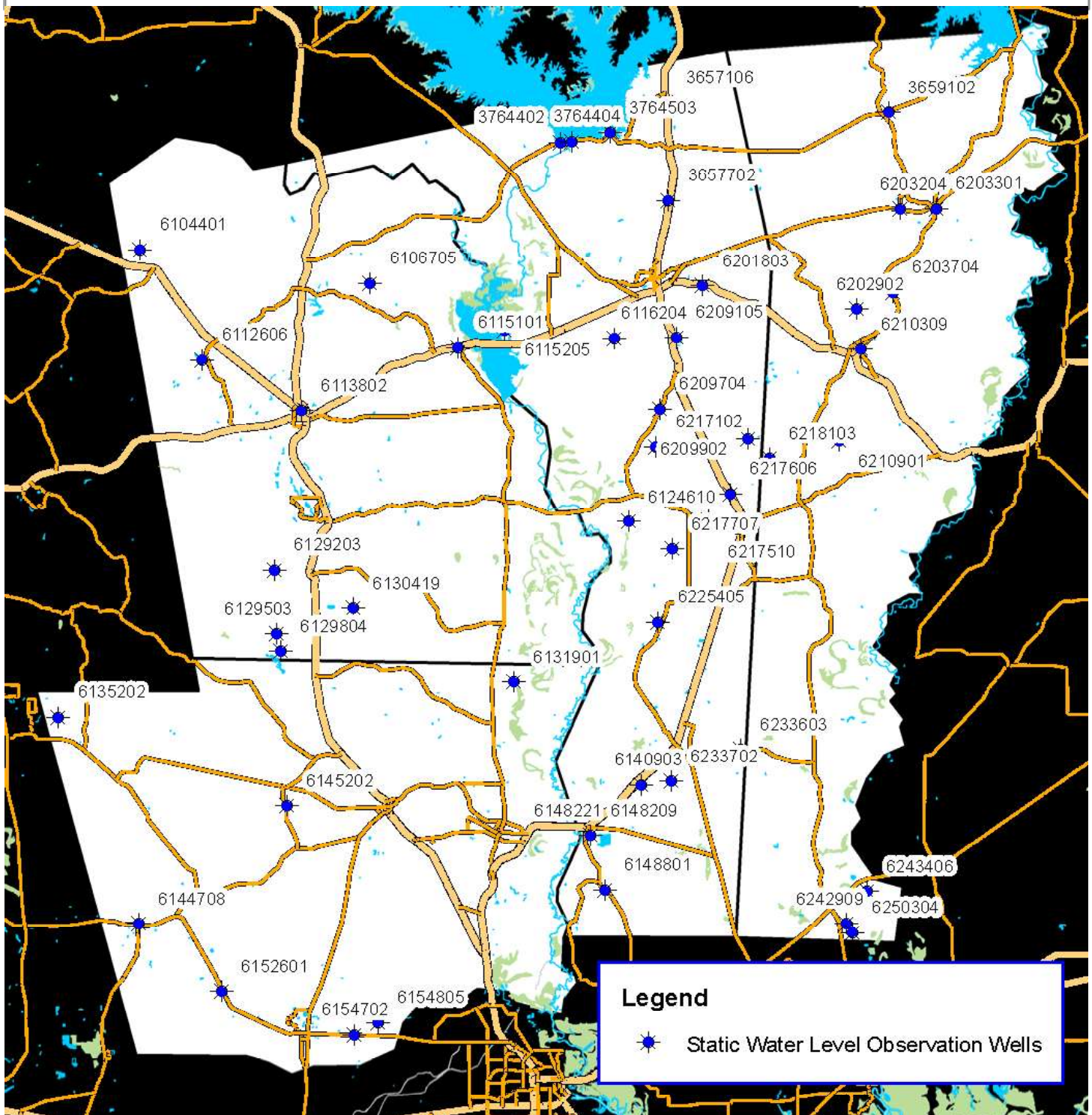
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the ability to pump thousands of gallons per minute from a well. This wasn't even conceivable when the East vs. Houston & Texas Central R.R. case gave us the Rule of Capture in 1904. I think we can expect bills to be filed similar to those that were filed for the 1st Special Session (even though they were not able to be addressed during the session because it was not open to groundwater issues) and I think it is going to be quite a doozy. These were some of the bills filed in the 1st Special Session:

- HB 215 – This bill put potential liability on well owners who are pumping more than 25,000 gallons per day (gpd). This significantly impacts the Rule of Capture, which currently provides complete protection for an entity no matter how much water is being pumped (with a few exceptions).
- HB 216 – This bill would have limited new export projects to a maximum of 5% of the Managed Available Groundwater (MAG). The MAG is a byproduct of the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) planning process and essentially gives GCDs a water budget.
- HB 217 – This bill would have provided GCD's liability immunity for permitting decisions. As it currently stands, the Rule of Capture protects a landowner who is pumping groundwater from neighboring landowners no matter the impact (again with a few exceptions); however, a groundwater conservation district has no protection from one of the neighboring landowners suing them for issuing a permit.
- HB 218 – This bill would have required that export projects are approved by neighboring GCDs before permits are issued.

I heard a comment, second hand - so take with a grain of salt, that Senator Perry said that nobody will be happy with regards to groundwater after the next session. I hope this means that his goal is a middle ground of some sort and nothing too drastic. I think when neither side is happy after negotiations, it is because both sides had to give a little.

## Static Water Level Observation Well Locations & State ID



### What Is A Static Water Level?

The Static Water Level is the distance from the surface of the ground down to the water table when a well is not being pumped. This is sometimes called the resting water level. For example, a static water level reading of -25 feet means that the distance from the ground down to the water table is 25 feet.

In the data on the following page, I have included a column indicating the amount of static water level change from the previous year. If the number is positive, it means that the water level rose in that particular well. If the change is a negative number, it means that the water level is lower than the previous year. Typically, large drops or rises are indicative of shallow wells that are susceptible and reactive to wet and dry periods. Conversely, deep wells are very stable and often show little change in static water level even after long periods of drought or periods of excessive precipitation.



**MOST RECENT STATIC WATER LEVEL DATA**

| State Wel<br>ID | County | Date Drilled | Well Depth | Early W.L. Reading /<br>Year of W.L. Reading |      | Spring_2024 | Fall_2024 | Spring_2025 | 1 year<br>change |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 6131901         | Hardin | 1940         | 53         | -38.79                                       | 1942 | -4.45       | -40.35    | -6.62       | -2.17            |
| 6135202         | Hardin | 2003         | 363        | -64                                          | 2003 | -56.87      | -57.35    | -55.72      | 1.15             |
| 6144708         | Hardin | 1957         | 72         | -24.12                                       | 1942 | -26.15      | -26.88    | -25.86      | 0.29             |
| 6145202         | Hardin | 2009         | 220        | -12                                          | 2009 | -6.60       | -11.00    | -6.90       | -0.30            |
| 6152601         | Hardin | 1948         | 764        | -21                                          | 1948 | -24.59      | -27.14    | -28.15      | -3.56            |
| 6154702         | Hardin | 1951         | 1027       | -23.94                                       | 1966 | -28.18      | -29.05    | -28.00      | 0.18             |
| 6154805         | Hardin | 1998         | 618        | -60                                          | 1998 | -30.2       | -32.55    | -27.77      | 2.43             |
| 6154704         | Hardin | 2023         | 900        | -37                                          | 2023 |             | -32.88    | -30.25      |                  |
| 3657106         | Jasper | 1938         | 20         | -8.7                                         | 1997 | -4.90       | -8.90     | -5.90       | -1.00            |
| 3657702         | Jasper | 1994         | 378        | -117.7                                       | 1997 | -118.00     |           | -115.55     | 2.45             |
| 3764402         | Jasper | 1962         | 300        | 114.3                                        | 114  | 110.83      | 110.42    | 108.15      | 2.68             |
| 3764404         | Jasper | 1982         | 260        | -66                                          | 1982 | -46.85      | -46.93    | -43.40      | 3.45             |
| 3764503         | Jasper | 1981         | 260        | -33.2                                        | 1997 | -33.73      | -35.02    | -29.54      | 4.19             |
| 6115205         | Jasper | 1984         | 442        | 39.96                                        | 1984 | 41.24       | 40.08     | 41.92       | 0.68             |
| 6116204         | Jasper | 1965         | 220        | -51.7                                        | 1997 | -50.86      | -51.78    | -50.17      | 0.69             |
| 6124610         | Jasper | 1998         | 200        | -33.16                                       | 2008 | -30.34      | -31.26    | -29.56      | 0.78             |
| 6148209         | Jasper | 1947         | 1295       | -66.79                                       | 1956 | -189.45     | -191.51   | -200.97     | -11.52           |
| 6148221         | Jasper | pre 1956     | 671        | -22.47                                       | 1956 | -26.95      | -28.43    | -27.15      | -0.20            |
| 6148801         | Jasper | 1903         | 1084       | -6.85                                        | 1960 | -4.02       | -9.12     | -6.10       | -2.08            |
| 6201803         | Jasper | 1995         | 884        | -85.1                                        | 1997 | -82.85      | -83.20    | -81.55      | 1.30             |
| 6209105         | Jasper | 1967         | 15         | -4.15                                        | 1997 | -0.55       | -3.38     | -1.86       | -1.31            |
| 6209704         | Jasper | 1952         | 40         | -35.84                                       | 1997 | -34.18      | -34.45    | -33.61      | 0.57             |
| 6209902         | Jasper | pre 1997     | 40         | 22.8                                         | 1997 | -16.02      | -22.10    | -12.75      | 3.27             |
| 6217510         | Jasper | pre 1997     | 140        | -15.9                                        | 1997 | -17.57      | -18.60    | -15.25      | 2.32             |
| 6217606         | Jasper | 1964         | 70         | -7.8                                         | 1997 | -0.85       | -6.15     | -1.55       | -0.70            |
| 6217707         | Jasper | 1950         | 28         | -9.35                                        | 1997 | -2.37       |           | -4.80       | -2.43            |
| 6225405         | Jasper | 1983         | 120        | -58                                          | 1997 | -58.12      | -58.45    | -57.30      | 0.82             |
| 6233603         | Jasper | 1940         | 18         | -14.7                                        | 1997 | -5.77       | -13.27    | -9.10       | -3.33            |
| 6140903         | Jasper | 2002         | 802        | -119                                         | 2002 | -116.85     | -116.20   | -120.15     | -3.30            |
| 6233702         | Jasper | 1995         | 540        | -65                                          | 1995 | -64.32      | -62.45    | -66.58      | -2.26            |
| 3659102         | Newton | 2000         | 170        | -98.76                                       | 2009 | -97.92      | -94.58    | -92.55      | 5.37             |
| 6202902         | Newton | pre 1999     | 24         | -13.03                                       | 1999 | -4.30       | -12.15    | -5.68       | -1.38            |
| 6203204         | Newton | 1979         | 645        | -65.4                                        | 1994 | -67.40      | -66.60    | -65.35      | 2.05             |
| 6203301         | Newton | 1964         | 1050       | -38.75                                       | 1992 | -36.30      | -37.20    | -36.53      | -0.23            |
| 6203704         | Newton | 1989         | 640        | -169                                         | 1989 | -173.31     | -173.70   | -171.65     | 1.66             |
| 6210309         | Newton | 1964         | 1218       | -61.38                                       | 1993 | -64.40      | -64.10    | -63.47      | 0.93             |
| 6210901         | Newton | 1951         | 300        | -13.68                                       | 1964 | -16.50      | -17.26    | -15.42      | 1.08             |
| 6218103         | Newton | 1980         | 208        | -32.3                                        | 1992 | -34.28      | -37.60    | -33.64      | 0.64             |
| 6242909         | Newton | 1981         | 590        | -39.15                                       | 1992 | -37.50      | -38.60    | -37.25      | 0.25             |
| 6243406         | Newton | 1981         | 598        | -30                                          | 1981 | -25.60      | -27.57    | -25.60      | 0.00             |
| 6250304         | Newton | 1983         | 420        | -40                                          | 1989 | -37.44      | -38.45    | -37.00      | 0.44             |
| 6104401         | Tyler  | 1935         | 860        | -169.39                                      | 1960 | -159.75     | -159.88   | -159.52     | 0.23             |
| 6106705         | Tyler  | 1984         | 288        | -145                                         | 1984 | -148.05     | -148.35   | -149.40     | -1.35            |
| 6112606         | Tyler  | 1960         | 250        | -121.64                                      | 1964 | -123.45     | -123.87   | -123.38     | 0.07             |
| 6113802         | Tyler  | 1951         | 582        | -155                                         | 1953 | -167.70     | -165.25   | -165.75     | 1.95             |
| 6115101         | Tyler  | 1964         | 68         | -31.66                                       | 1964 | -32.96      | -33.15    | -32.62      | 0.34             |
| 6129203         | Tyler  | pre 1953     | 30         | -22.73                                       | 1953 | -13.28      | -23.00    | -15.50      | -2.22            |
| 6129503         | Tyler  | 2008         | 250        | -20                                          | 2008 | -16.12      | -23.55    | -16.50      | -0.38            |
| 6130419         | Tyler  | pre 1965     | 22         | -13.01                                       | 1965 | -2.05       | -10.05    | -3.55       | -1.50            |
| 6129804         | Tyler  | 1972         | 580        | -22.92                                       | 2003 | -29.15      | -30.23    | -27.80      | 1.35             |



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*Did you know that the Gulf Coast Aquifer is also known as the Coastal Lowlands Aquifer System. Also, it is not confined to the State of Texas. It extends from the Texas/Mexico border all the way over to the Florida Panhandle.*



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                    |                                                      |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| October 9, 2025    | SETGCD – Regular meeting of the Board, in Jasper, TX |
| October 13, 2025   | Columbus Day – District office closed                |
| November 11, 2025  | Veteran's Day – District office closed               |
| November 13, 2025  | SETGCD – Regular meeting of the Board, in Jasper, TX |
| Nov. 27 & 28, 2025 | Thanksgiving – District office closed                |
| Dec. 25 & 26, 2025 | Christmas – District office closed                   |
| January 1, 2026    | New Years Day–District office closed                 |
| January 8, 2026    | SETGCD–Regular meeting of the Board, location TBD    |
| January 19, 2026   | MLK Day–District office closed                       |
| February 12, 2026  | SETGCD–Regular meeting of the Board, location TBD    |
| February 16, 2026  | President's Day–District office closed               |

### WATER FACTS

- In an average gallon of average ocean water, there is about 1 cup of salt. However, it does vary, with the Atlantic Ocean being saltier than the Pacific Ocean.
- Everyone has heard that our bodies are largely water but did you know that a newborn is about 78% water and an adult is 55% - 60% water.
- A lot can live in a single drop of water. There can be millions of bacteria and viruses in one drop and can even have fish eggs, plankton and small worms.
- Another name for water is dihydrogen monoxide.
- Nuclear power plants typically use about 720 gallons of water per megawatt-hour of electricity produced. Solar power uses significantly less at about 1 gallon per megawatt-hour and wind energy uses virtually none.