

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Manager's Report
April
2017

On April 4th I attended the Region L Minimum Standards Workgroup meeting in San Antonio. This Workgroup was charged with addressing the categorization of Water Management Strategies (Recommended, Alternate, Needs Further Study). Additionally, this charge is directly related to the issues of establishing (or not) minimum standards for Water Management Strategies, and maintaining management supplies while avoiding over-planning.

On April 10th I travelled to Austin with Tim Andruss of the Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District to attend the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs Hearing. I submitted a letter to the Committee in opposition to Senate Bill CSSB 1392. The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) overall position on this bill was opposed as indicated in the following survey on specific requirements in the bill:

- GMA Delineation of subdivisions of a groundwater reservoir boundaries: 24 opposed, 12 support, 1 abstained.
Position: Neutral
- GCD Adoption of DFCs for each subdivision of a groundwater reservoir: 19 opposed, 12 support, 6 abstained.
Position: Neutral
- Adoption of similar spacing and production rules by GCDs within a subdivision of a groundwater reservoir: 25 opposed, 7 support, 5 abstained. **Position: Opposed**
- Adoption of similar (not common) rules: 22 opposed, 13 support, 5 abstained. **Position: Neutral**
- Removal of a GCD's ability to preserve historic or existing use permits: 31 opposed, 3 supported, 3 abstained.
Position: Opposed.
- Lowering of tax rate that GCDs can levy for maintaining and operating expenses from \$.50 to \$0.375. 15 opposed, 4 support, 18 abstained. **Position: Opposed**
- Prohibition of the use of fees collected from export permits being used for any purpose other than science: 23 opposed, 7 support, 7 abstained. **Position: Opposed**

On April 13th I travelled to Lockhart to post the Public Hearing Notice on Amendments and Additions to District Rules 16 and 21.

On April 21st and 24th I travelled to the Belmont and Delhi areas to scope out locations for Carrizo Aquifer monitor wells.

On April 28th Laura Martin and I travelled to Red Rock to participate in the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Water Fair. Our presentation included information on aquifers, pollution, and water conservation and the students participated in making edible aquifers. Approximately 104 teachers and students attended the event.

SSLGC's April production was about 989 ac-ft which is about 61% of the monthly allowable production.

CRWA's April production was about 216 ac-ft which is about 35% of the monthly allowable production.

SAWS April production was about 967 ac-ft which is about 99% of the monthly allowable production.

AQUA's March production was about 28 ac-ft which is about 7% of the monthly allowable production.

The Palmer Drought Index, as of April 25, 2017 indicates that we are currently not under any drought conditions.

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Mitigation Fund Manager's Report
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On April 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, I went to Smiley to meet B&S at the Tom Lester Jr. (I141) well. The water well is running out of water.

On April 6th, I went to Yoakum to meet with Chandler Drilling to discuss rules. Then I went to Waelder on a call about Richter Water Well Drilling drilling a new well. Drilling procedures were all good, except using pond, non potable water for drilling.

On April 7th, I went to Waelder and took a sample of pond water from the Richter drilling location. Then I went to Smiley to meet with B&S and Mr. Winston Williams at the Charlie Campbell Estate to discuss the district's desire to monitor all three of the water wells on the property and reinstalling and jetting the windmill water well.

On April 8th, I went to Nixon to meet with B&S to discuss mitigation.

On April 9th, 10th, and 11th, I went to Smiley and met B&S and Mr. Williams to jet water well & re-install windmill pump assembly.

Also, on April 10th, I went to Harwood to look at a water well drilled by Mr. John Evans approximately 4 years ago that did not have a corresponding well log submitted.

On April 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th twice, I went to Smiley to meet J&S Water Wells at the Patteson location to monitor the plugging of a water well drilled improperly.

Also, on April 17th, I went to Waelder to check on the Richter water well location.

Then, on April 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, I went to Gonzales on a call for a new drill for Lone Star Drilling.

On April 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, I went to Smiley to check on J&S Water wells moving their rig to drill a cathodic well. On the 21st it was determined they did not drill the cathodic well.

On April 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th, I went to Delhi to meet B&S and Mr. Kevin McClary to drill a water well. On the 24th the well was cemented properly. On the 25th, I met B&S to set the pump. On the 26th, I met B&S to plum tank & trench electric line.

On April 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th, I went to Pilgrim where J&S Water Wells moved their rig to drill a rig supply well. On the 28th, the well was drilled and cemented properly.

On April 28th, I went to Nixon and met B&S to discuss mitigation.

Throughout the month I also checked on wells on County Road 190 in Smiley that Mr. Leon Davis drilled and still not completed properly at that time. No wells logs submitted.

Also, I met with Royal's Windmill & Pump at my office in Harwood to discuss rules.

Additionally, I had several telephone conversations with Royal's Windmill & Pump and DeHarde Water Well service about rules.

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Field Technician Report
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On April 3rd, I collected water samples from wells in South West Gonzales County.

On April 4th, I collected water samples from wells in Central Gonzales County.

On April 10th, I collected water samples from wells in North and East Gonzales County.

On April 11th, I collected water samples from wells in South Central Gonzales County.

On April 12th, I collected water samples from wells in South East Gonzales County.

On April 26th, I rechecked the Tinsley well and drove 90A, CR 361, CR 357, CR 354, CR 381, and FM 532 to locate non-registered wells. I located 9 potentially non-registered wells.

On April 28th, I drove to Century Oak Estates on Hwy 304 to look for any drilling activity. I drove to CR 442, CR 443, CR 496, CR 459, CR 460, CR 458, and Hwy 90 to locate non-registered wells. I located 6 potentially non-registered wells.