

**Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District  
Manager's Report  
October 2018**

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> I travelled to the Nopal area to check the water levels in three wells on the Williams property. Water levels have been rising in the wells since adjacent fracking operations have ceased.

On October 12<sup>th</sup> I travelled to Pleasanton to attend the Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 13 meeting. A copy of the agenda is attached.

On October 30<sup>th</sup> I travelled to Austin to attend the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) Export Subcommittee meeting. Copies of the documents discussed are attached.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> I travelled to Austin to attend the TWCA Mitigation Subcommittee meeting. Copies of the documents discussed are attached.

During the month of October I worked on revisions to the Management Plan and prepared for the Public Hearing.

SSLGC's October production was about 881 ac-ft which is about 55% of the monthly allowable production.

CRWA's October production was about 197 ac-ft which is about 32% of the monthly allowable production.

SAWS October production was about 795 ac-ft which is about 82% of the monthly allowable production.

AQUA's September production was about 33 ac-ft which is about 8% of the monthly allowable production.

The Palmer Drought Index, as of October 30, 2018 indicates that the District was not under any drought conditions.

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On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, I went to Leesville to the Aldecoa well that keeps running. Found broken pipe under house.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, I went to Smiley and met B&S at Mr. Carl Sample's house well that is out of water. B&S installed a new pump and lowered pump.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, I went to Smiley to the Sample well to review mitigation work.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, I went to Little New York to the Schmidt well to see if I could reach well location, too wet.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, I went to Leesville and met with Mr. Donald Lott, after a long discussion, Mr. Lott agreed to follow mitigation guidelines. Also, explained to Mr. Lott it is too wet to work on well. Mr. Lott said by next March would be fine.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, I went to Seguin and met Deharde's to discuss mitigation work to be done.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, I went to Gonzales and met with Mr. John Liford, Chief Appraiser, to discuss a well that might need plugging. After discussion about well, I was able to determine that the well is in compliance and does not need to be plugged.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, I went to Smiley to the Hamilton well location to see if too wet.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, I went to Little New York and met B&S at Schmidt wells to discuss mitigation work to be done. Had to walk into locations. Still too wet to work on wells.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, I went to Smiley to meet B&S at Hamilton well location to discuss mitigation work to be done.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, I went to Smiley to meet B&S at Hamilton well location to jet well and set solar pump. Hit obstacle 3 feet below ground surface with small opening, possibly a valve. B&S went to get a backhoe to dig around well. Found an 8" coupler welded to the pipe.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, I went to Smiley and met B&S at Hamilton well location to cut top off coupler. After cutting top pipe off, found that there was a choke screwed into coupler it would not move. The well started to flow a little bit of water then it went to flowing a lot of water. Talked to Mr. Hamilton about cutting a ditch to let water leave location. He said that was ok. B&S went to go get ditcher. Still too much water coming out of well, very hot now.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, I went to Smiley and met B&S at Hamilton well location with a post driver to try and break choke loose. Did not work. Tried to pull choke out with skid steer while hammering on choke, but did not move. B&S rented a gas powered chop saw, but did not work. Also, rented a hydraulic metal cutting chain saw, but did not work. Then, I went to Nixon and met with B&S to discuss options on well.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, I went to Smiley and met B&S at Hamilton well location and drove a piece of 2" PVC pipe into choke then backed Benseal in 8" coupler and around 2" pipe to stop water from

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coming out of 8" pipe, cut 8" coupler in half, choke is welded to bottom of 8" pipe below 8" coupler. Water is coming out of pipe again. B&S went and got pump to hook to 2" pipe to try to suck water down enough to cut choke out. This worked after 5 hours of pumping.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, I went to Smiley and met B&S at Hamilton well location to drive 10" pipe around 8" casing. Drove down 2' below 8" casing and cemented 10" casing.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, I went to Smiley and met B&S at Hamilton well location to jet well and set solar pump. Solar pump would only go to 140', but works.

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On October 12<sup>th</sup>, I obtained water levels on four (4) wells on the Morton Ranch on CR 102.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, I located a new oil rid well on the Perkins Ranch (R Barr M) on CR 219 drilled by Rangnow Drilling.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, I obtained data on a new Wilcox observation well (Len Forester) in southern Caldwell County.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, I obtained a water level for Mr. Tim Few (per landowner request) on his well on CR 398.

I worked of and on contacting owners of new potential observation wells: Gisinger, Gyllenband, and Forester.

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