

GCGCD NEWS



SPRING 2015 Newsletter

SOAH Prelim sets Contested Case Hearing Date

Monday, April 6th The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), an independent agency tasked with presiding over hearings for state agencies, conducted a preliminary hearing in Austin with regards to the application by Post Oak Clean Green, Inc. to TCEQ to obtain a permit to build a municipal solid waste landfill over the outcrop of the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifers in Guadalupe County.

The Preliminary hearing determined the parties of interest that will participate in the contested case hearing set to take place **January 4, 2016**. Those parties include: the applicant, Post Oak Clean Green, Inc., TCEQ Public Interest Council, TCEQ Executive Director, The Cities of Schertz and Seguin, Guadalupe County, Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation (SSLGC), Citizens group Stop Post Oak Dump (SPOD), citizen Kathy Brady, and of course Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District (GCGCD).

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Site of Proposed Landfill



Above photos courtesy of [Stop Post Oak Dump \(SPOD\)](#)

If built and operated as anticipated, the proposed municipal landfill will ultimately hold 87 million cubic yards of compressed waste, piled some 232 feet high, resting on a thin poly liner only 1/16" thick just 20 feet above the aquifer that supplies drinking water to potentially hundreds of thousands of people as well as livestock and agriculture uses.

The site, to be located off FM 1150 approximately 12 miles outside Seguin, is in the outcrop area of the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifers. Water, primarily rainfall and runoff from streams and rivers enters the aquifer at this recharge location. With many old abandoned oil and gas wells on the site - coupled with the potential for the thin liner to eventually fail, the risk of waste infiltrating the sole water source for multiple cities is too great. For that reason, several entities have joined the TCEQ contested case hearing proceedings seeking party status to attempt to stop Post Oak Clean Green, Inc. from attaining the necessary permits and ultimately building this solid waste facility over the precious resource so many are dependent upon to survive.

Presently, the affected parties are reviewing the Response to Comments (RTC's) that were submitted. At the conclusion of the SOAH hearing, scheduled to take place at the start of next year, the judges will submit a proposal of their decision to the TCEQ for formal consideration. The commissioners then approve, deny, or modify the proposal for decision. For more information on [contested case hearings](#) visit the TCEQ website.



GCGCD Rainfall locations & amounts (inches)

<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>
1	467 @ GoodLuck Rd	2.76	0.38	5.48
2	123 S @ Diamond Half	2.51	0.69	5.85
3	FM 466 Near Pole Cat Creek	2.89	0.87	5.37
4	SHWSC Plant	3.20	0.80	5.00
5	SHWSC Well Field	5.50	0.60	3.86
6	Kallis Ranch Hwy 90 A	1.84	0.64	5.97
7	SHWSC Office	2.34	0.73	3.86
8	Kingsbury - CCWSC	2.96	0.71	5.19

Monthly Avg across GCGCD 3.00 0.68 5.07

GCGCD Total Rainfall Average across District
January thru March = **8.75 inches**



District 3 – Donegan Resigns – New Appointee

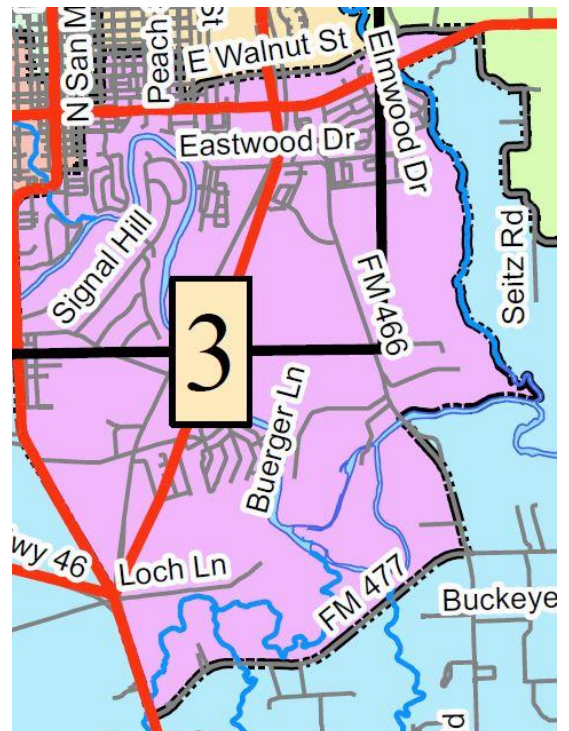
Emmett Donegan, who was sworn in to office in February of 2015 has resigned. The new District 3 position appointee will be A. Robert Raetzsch – scheduled to be sworn in at the next board meeting May 14th



Raetzsch, born and raised in Seguin, Texas has been a practicing attorney for 35 years.

A graduate from Texas Lutheran University, Raetzsch is active in Seguin and a trusted member of the community.

General elections are scheduled for November of this year. Positions up for re-election include District 4 William Jones and District 6 Hilmar Starcke.



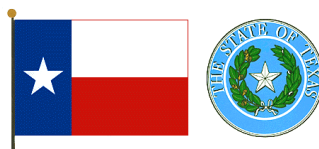


84th Legislature

Bills relating to Groundwater GCGCD is tracking

Too Numerous to list all – but here are a few

S.B. 1817	Relating to limitation of the location of solid waste facilities	Author: Zaffarini
H.B. 2767	Relating to the powers, duties, and administration of GCD's	Author: Keffer
S.B. 1413	Relating to the powers, duties and administration of GCD's	Author: Estes
H.B. 30	Relating to development of brackish groundwater	Author: Larson
H.B. 200	Relating to regulation of groundwater	Author: Keffer
H.B. 898	Relating to confidentiality of certain water well reports	Author: Ashby
H.B. 1191	Relating to regulation of commercial development of groundwater in certain areas	Author: Issac
H.B. 655	Relating to the storage and recovery of water in aquifers	Author: Larson
H.B. 930	Relating to water well drillers and pump installers	Author: Miller of Comal
H.B. 950	Relating to the review of GCD's by state auditors	Author: Lucio III
H.B. 1232	Relating to study by TWDB regarding mapping of groundwater in confined and unconfined aquifers	Author: Lucio III
H.B. 1248	Relating to renewal or amendments of certain permits issued by GCD's	Author: Lucio III
H.B. 1635	Relating to the management of groundwater classification of and formulation of DFC's by GCD's	Author: Guillen
H.B. 2132	Relating to certain permit exemptions for GCD's	Author: Craddick
S.B. 1588	Relating to management of water resources in Texas	Author: Estes



UPCOMING EVENTS – April 11, 2015

3rd Annual Geronimo & Alligator Creeks Clean Up

Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership



To Join in the Clean Up [Register On-Line](#)

GCGCD supports the efforts of the Watershed Protection Program



Next GCGCD board meeting
will be Thursday, May 14th at
4:30 pm at the SSLGC



Although Happy about Spring Rain we're
not out of this drought yet! For current
drought maps and indices visit our website
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