



GCGCD NEWS



SPRING 2017 Newsletter

GCGCD vs. POCG, Inc. Update

TCEQ has scheduled the proposal for decision in the Post Oak landfill case for consideration at the upcoming meeting, April 12th at 9:30 am. The commissioners have extended the oral argument time frame to twelve minutes for the Applicant, twelve minutes for the Protestants collectively, and seven minutes each for the Executive Director and the Office of Public Interest Council. The proceeding will take place at the TCEQ Building E, Room 201S, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX.

If planning to attend, note that this case is slated as Agenda Item # 2. Consideration for these decisions can sometimes be quite lengthy - so plan accordingly.

SOAH Docket No. 582-15-2498 2012-0905-MSW



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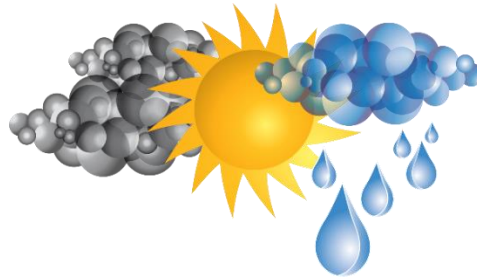
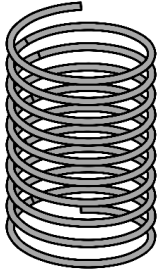


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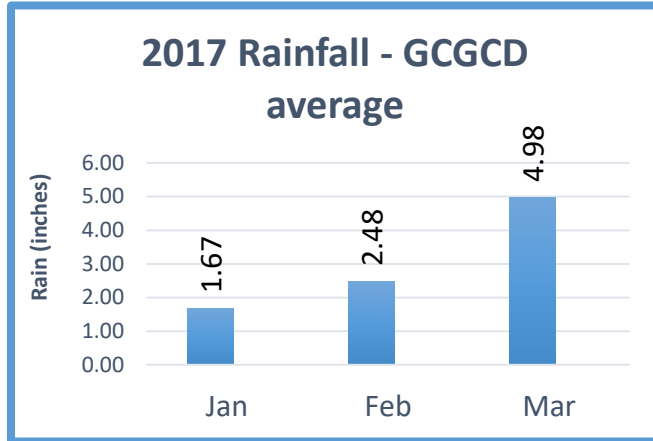


Visit our website for more information and much more!





So Far for the
YEAR 2017
9.13"



Site	Location	Jan	Feb	Mar
1	467 @ GoodLuck Rd	2.58	1.50	5.01
2	123 S @ Diamond Half	2.09	3.20	6.25
3	Fm 466 Near Pole Cat Creek	3.15	3.07	5.16
4	SHWSC Plant	2.75	3.50	3.00
5	SHWSC Well Field	0.04	3.00	4.25
6	Kallis Ranch Hwy 90 A	1.60	3.10	5.19
7	SHWSC Office	2.31	2.79	3.93
8	Kingsbury - CCWSC	0.40	1.00	5.85
9	Ayotte	1.52	1.63	5.15
10	New Berlin Feed	0.30	2.00	6.00

Monthly Avg across GCGCD 1.67 2.48 4.98

A Very Special **Thank You!**

To the Landowners – Both Current & New!
Your generosity & participation is so appreciated!!!
Thank you for helping us improve our weather network!

Hilmar Blumberg – Diamond Half Ranch
Bill Jones – Jones Ranch
SHWSC – Plant, Wellfield & Office locations
Mel Grones – Grones Ranch
David Baker – Baker Ranch
Kurt Strey – New Berlin site
Jeffrey Kallies – The Farm
CCSUD – Kingsbury
Colin Burgoon – Burgoon Ranch
Chris Ayotte – Ayotte Ranch
New Berlin Feed Store

We will still be recording data from our current stations for the rest of 2017.



Dr. Leyon Greene, TWDB, TexMesonet

Weather Network Update:

All seven sites have been staked out – just waiting on equipment to arrive!



For the period January 2016 – January 2017

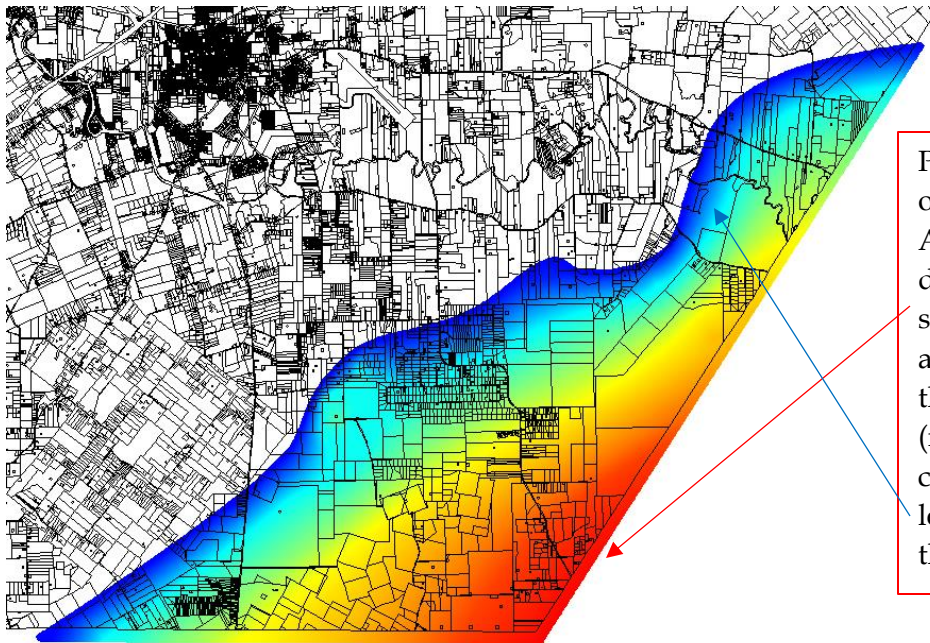
Water levels in the Carrizo aquifer have declined somewhat in the outcrop. The largest Carrizo measured water-level declines were in the CRWA area. Wilcox aquifer water levels are up slightly. Small to moderate long term water level declines in the Carrizo aquifer are expected because of SSLGC, SAWS, SHWSC, and CRWA well fields in Guadalupe and Gonzales counties.

William B. Klemt, geologist; February 2017
Summary of Aquifer Level Report for GCGCD

2017 GCGCD Carrizo Water Rights now available

To see how many acre feet of Carrizo Aquifer water allocated to your property over the aquifer for 2017 – Visit our website!

<http://www.gcgcd.org/water-rights.html>



Properties situated over the Carrizo Aquifer with the deeper sands (more saturated thickness) are represented by the warmer colors (reds). The cooler colors (blues) have less saturated thickness.



85th Legislative Session Bills we're watching closely



[HB 2958 – Author – Thompson](#)

Relating to temporary moratorium on permits for solid waste facilities.

Status: as of March 29th - Scheduled for public hearing on April 4th

[HB 2377 – Author – Larson](#)

Relating to the development of brackish groundwater and GCDs permitting of brackish groundwater in designated production zones.

Status: as of March 16th - referred to the Natural Resources

[HB 31 – Author – Larson](#)

Relating to regulation of groundwater; specifically permit requirements.

Status: as of March 13th – referred to Natural Resources

[HB 2948 – Author – Larson](#)

Relating to the state and regional water planning process.

Status: as of March 23rd – referred to Natural Resources

[HB 4050 – Author – Larson](#)

Relating to exports of groundwater from a groundwater conservation district.

Status: as of March 10th – Filed

[HB 2005 – Author – Larson](#)

Relating to the duty of the TWDB to conduct studies of and prepare and submit reports on ASR.

Status: as of March 22nd – left pending in committee after testimony was taken

[HB 4017 – Author – Larson](#)

Relating to administrative completeness requirements for permit and permit amendment applications for groundwater conservation districts.

Status: as of March 10th – Filed

[HB 174 – Author Lucio III / Ashby](#)

Relating to the authority of the TWDB to provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for water supply projects.

Status: as of February 14th - referred to Natural Resources

[HB 645 – Author – Lucio III](#)

Relating to regulation of production of wells for retail public utilities by a groundwater conservation district.

Status: as of February 22nd – referred to Natural Resources

[HB 3025 – Author – King, Tracy O.](#)

Relating to open, uncovered, abandoned, or deteriorated wells.

Status: as of March 6th – Filed

[HB 3028 – Author – Burns](#)

Relating to groundwater ownership and rights.

Status: as of March 6th - Filed

[HB 2378 – Author – Larson](#)

Relating to extension of an expired permit for the transfer of groundwater from a groundwater conservation district.

Status: as of March 16th – referred to Natural Resources

[HB 3037 – Author – Workman](#)

Relating to the definition of groundwater management areas to coincide with major and minor aquifers and the joint planning process in those areas.

Status: as of march 6th – Filed

[HB 3038 – Author – Workman](#)

Relating to the explanatory reports issued by district representatives in groundwater management areas.

Status: as of March 6th – Filed

[HB – 3043 – Author – Workman](#)

Relating to the joint planning process for groundwater management.

Status: as of March 6th – Filed

[HB – 4045 – Author – Cortez](#)

Relating to the regulation and permitting of groundwater.

Status: as of March 10th – Filed

[HB 4162 – Author – Larson](#)

Relating to exports of groundwater from a groundwater conservation district.

Status: as of March 10th – Filed

[SB 1053 – Author – Perry](#)

Relating to an appeal of a desired future condition in a groundwater management area.

Status: as of March 6th – referred to Agriculture, Water, & Rural Affairs

[SB 2155 – Author – Zaffirini](#)

Relating to the issuance or amendment of a permit or a solid waste landfill facility or hazardous waste land disposal unit to be located in a special flood hazard area.

Status: as of March 10th - Filed





Region L Update

**2017 - 2021 Regional Water
Planning Fifth Cycle Information**
available on TWDB website

Here are the Answers to some Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Do I need a permit to drill a well?

A: Only if it is NON-EXEMPT. Example – Irrigation wells require permitting. Domestic and Livestock wells do not.

Q: What is an Exempt Well?

A: A well that is used solely for domestic use or for providing water for livestock or poultry that is either drilled, completed, or equipped so that it is incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons of groundwater a day.

Q: How do I obtain a permit from GCGCD?

A: Go to our website <http://gcgcd.org/permits.html> for application form - Give us a call or email us and we will be glad to help you with the application process.

Q: Is *Registering* my well and *Permitting* my well the same thing?

A: NO, ALL wells must be registered with the District. Only non-exempt wells require permitting.

Q: Is there a fee to Register my well?

A: NO, well registration is free. For more information on how to register your well, visit our website <http://gcgcd.org/well-registration.html>

Q: How do I know if my well is already registered with the District?

A: Simply contact us and we will look it up. We are continuously updating our well database and we need your help to keep our records up to date and accurate. Give us a call at 830-379-5969 or email us at gcgcd@gcgcd.org



Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership

It's that time of year again!!!

The 5th Annual Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Clean Up

Saturday April 8th from 9 am - Noon

Come Join the Effort to Help Restore this watershed!

To register: <http://www.geronimocreek.org/>

Thank you to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for organizing this event. Once again, GCGCD is proud to sponsor this great cause!

Canyon Regional Water Authority

Both Wilcox Aquifer wells are completed but not currently on line. CRWA Carrizo production for 2017 as of March 31st is 14.6% of total permitted amount. CRWA GCGCD permits for both Carrizo and Wilcox Aquifers are slated for renewal in 2017.

Crystal Clear Special Utility District

CCSUD Wilcox permits are valid through June 2018. Wilcox wellfield has yet to be developed. There has been no production to date. CCSUD currently holds no Carrizo permits with GCGCD.

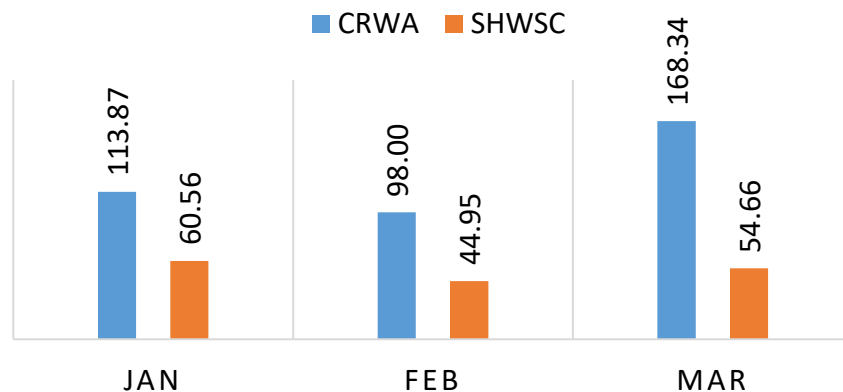
Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation

As of March 31, 2017, Carrizo production equals 14.48% of total permitted amount. Carrizo permits are valid until March 2021. Historic use Carrizo permits "sunset" January 1, 2025.

Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation

Carrizo and Wilcox permits are valid until June 2019 and August 2020, respectively. To date there has been no production from either formation by SSLGC within our District.

2017 CARRIZO PRODUCTION (ACRE FEET)



UPCOMING EVENTS –

- April 8th** Geronimo/Alligator Creeks Clean Up – 9 am – noon
April 12th TCEQ Proposal for Decision, Bld. E, Rm 201S, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin @ 9:30am
April 13th GCGCD board Meeting – GVEC Community Room, 927 N. Hwy 46 Seguin @ 4:30 pm
April 20th Irrigation Permit Hearing for 50 af/yr from Wilcox aquifer – GCGCD office @ 1 pm
May 3-4th Texas Aquifer Conference – Omni Austin Hotel @ Southpark, 4140 Governor's Row
May 4th Region L meeting – SAWS @ 9:30 am
June 5-6th Texas Water Law – 26th Annual Conference @ Omni Southpark, Austin



Just for FUN!!

Can you find these words?

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