# ENTERING CARRIZO/WILCOX AQUIFER RECHARGE ZONE

# **GCGCD NEWS**



Long awaited lawsuit finally on court's docket

Notice of Hearing: GCGCD v. POCG

Cause NO. 19-1245-CV-C

Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District v. Post Oak Clean Green, Inc. with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality intervening update.

GCGCD's Motion for Partial Summary Judgement, Defendant's Plea to the Jurisdiction and Intervenor's Plea to the Jurisdiction has been set for oral hearing on February 3, 2021 at 9:30 AM before Judge Kirkendall.

Due to the continued restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court will be using Zoom platform to conduct the hearing. The court will be live streamed on a dedicated YouTube Channel for the public.

(GCGCD Rule 8.1) "In no event may waste or sludge be permitted to be applied in any manner in any outcrop area of any aquifer within the Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District".

# WINTER 2020-2021 Newsletter



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#### Notes from the GM

# Happy New Year Everyone!

With 2020 behind us - We are excited for 2021 - Lots of Big News! First and Foremost, we are anxiously awaiting our day in court - doing our best to protect our aquifers!

More big news -we are excited to announce that we will be relocating our office to the 3rd floor of First United Bank, Austin Street entrance. Keep checking our website for updates on virtual meetings, water level reports and our publication of summary data from the Desired Future Conditions Monitoring Well Program for Guadalupe County by Bill Klemt.



Kelley Vickers General Manager





#### WE'RE MOVING!





## Beginning March 1, 2021

GCGCD new office location:

200 North Austin Street, Suite # 301 Seguin, TX 78155

(Top Floor of First United Bank)



\*COVID protocols remain in place - call for updated info PO BOX 1221 Seguin, TX 78156 - (remains the same) 830-379-5969

# Carrizo Water Rights ownership data review status in progress...

Every January, GCGCD obtains the most current parcel ownership data from the Guadalupe County Appraisal District which is used to assign water rights associated with the saturated thickness model. Check our website for the latest updates WATER RIGHTS - Guadalupe County Groundwater (gcgcd.org) Updated Water Rights coming soon! The Annual Production Cap (APC) is not expected to change for calendar year 2021.

GCGCD Rule 5.4(d) The District is responsible for calculating, and regularly updating, by employing a computer program using the most reliable hydrological data available, the approximate total volume of saturated Carrizo sand within the District ... and the relative percentage of the total volume of the Carrizo sand within the District beneath every individual property in the District.

Need to <u>Register</u> your Domestic or Livestock Well?

It's Free and Required ©

Questions? Give us a Call (830) 379-5969

*Need to Permit a new well?* 

All Non-Exempt wells Require a Permit.

Download **APPLICATION** 



We're Happy to Help!

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#### GUADALUPE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - WINTER 2020-2021



The Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program provides high school youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and develop leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas. To help spread the word about this unique opportunity to grow the next generation of Texas water leaders contact <u>David Smith</u>, 4-H2O Program Coordinator

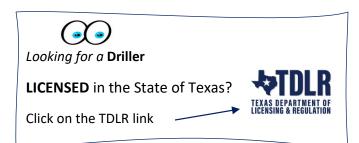
Informational brochure and application instructions available at: <a href="https://texas4h.tamu.edu/projects/water/">https://texas4h.tamu.edu/projects/water/</a> or at the Program website: <a href="http://www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com">http://www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com</a>





The House Committee on Natural Resources has been charged with several groundwater related topics for the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Click <u>here</u> to read the Interim Report.

Senate Committee name change - the Committee on Agriculture was eliminated and renamed the Committee on Water and Rural Affairs to Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.



#### **Regional Water Plans**

At the January 19<sup>TH</sup> TWDB meeting, the Board approved all 16 of the 2021 Regional Water Plans. These regional water plans will be used to develop the 2022 State Water Plan next year. Click <a href="heep">here</a> for more details and links to all of the approved plans.

Next GMA 13 meeting - Feb 5<sup>th</sup> (Agenda & link to meeting on GCGCD website)

GMA 13 DFC Joint Planning Considerations:

- Aquifer Uses & Conditions: Complete
- Water Supply Needs & Water Management Strategies: Complete
- Hydrologic Conditions: Complete
- Environmental Impacts: Complete
- Subsidence: Complete
- · Socioeconomic Impacts: Complete
- · Impact on Interests & Rights in Private Property: Complete
- Feasibility:
  - Other Information:

GMA must propose to adopt DFC by May 1, 2021

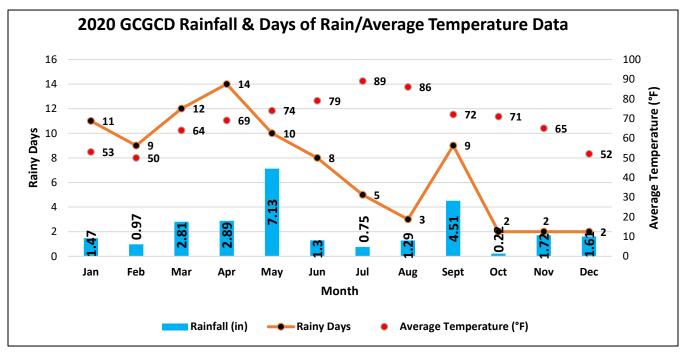
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## GCGCD 2020 Annual Rainfall = 26.66"







# January 2019 - January 2020 Aquifer Levels Report by William B. Klemt

Water levels were measured on January 20, 2021

Check our website: <a href="http://gcgcd.org/monitoring-wells.html">http://gcgcd.org/monitoring-wells.html</a>
to see the full water level report soon!

# Winter Pipe Safety Tips

- o Insulate pipes
- o Disconnect water hoses
- o Shut off sprinkler system in winter months
- o Don't let this happen to you!!







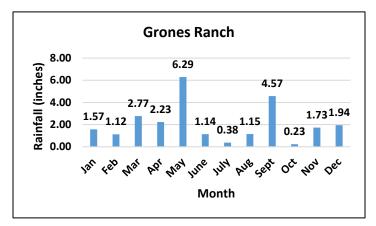


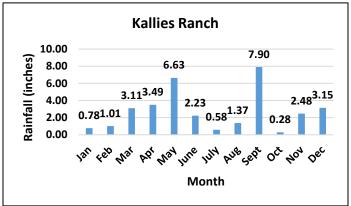
February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Groundhog Day - what are you hoping for?

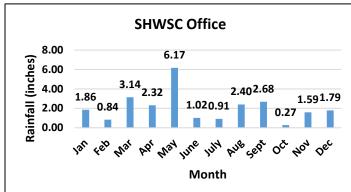
6 more weeks of Winter or an early Spring?

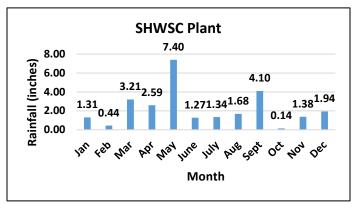


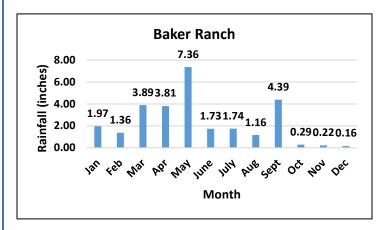
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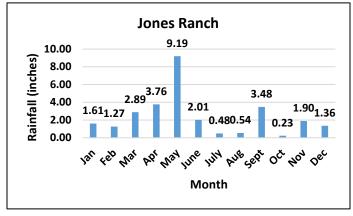


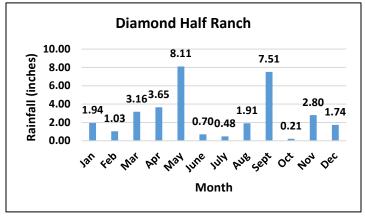


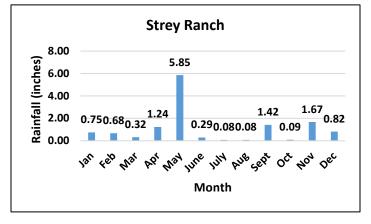




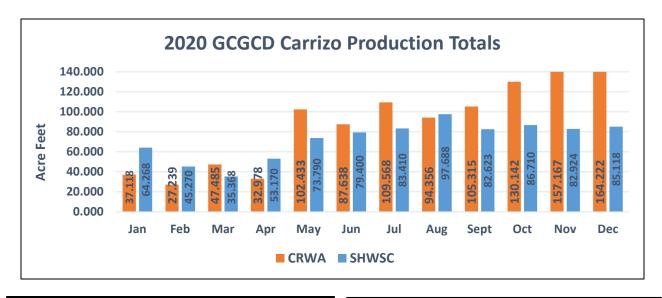


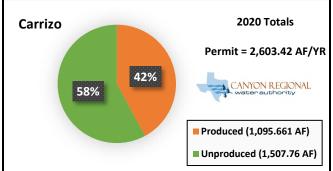


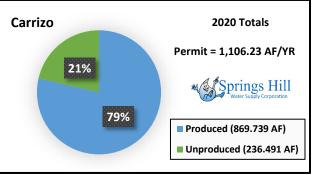


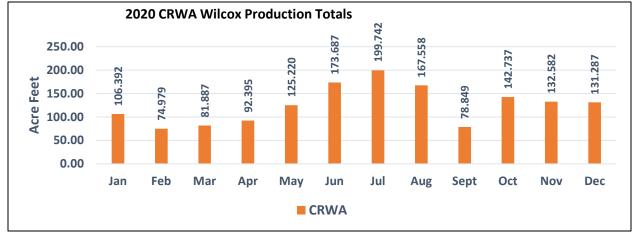


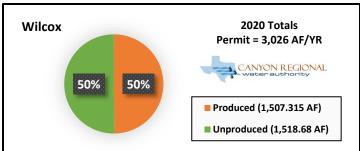
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Geoscience seminar topic this year will be the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer.

#### TGWA 2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW

#### \*May 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> @ the San Marcos Embassy Suites & Convention Center

\*TGWA is hoping that by May 2021 folks can safely gather at this event. COVID protocols are continuously tracked by staff – check TGWA website for updates and <u>registration information</u>.



*Need to take Continuing Education Courses*? TGWA is an excellent resource for CE classes offering interesting, relevant topics every year. Info on Virtual Classes



#### TWCA's 2021 Annual Convention will be going virtual!

Scheduled for **March 3-5, 2021**, the virtual convention will feature numerous keynotes, a speaker series, staggered committee meetings, networking events, and a happy hour with a trivia game.

Registration, sponsorship opportunities, and a draft schedule will be available soon.

Keep checking TWCA website for more info!



#### TWDB Hosts Stakeholder Meeting on Brackish Groundwater Comingling

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) invites you to a stakeholder meeting about the potential for groundwater comingling as it relates to brackish groundwater development. The stakeholder meeting will be hosted by James Golab and Van Kelley on **February 5 at 1:00 p.m. CST**.

Please register in advance. More information about the project is available on the project website.

#### TWDB Hosts Statewide ASR-AR Suitability Survey Webinar

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) invites you to a webinar about the Statewide Survey of Aquifer Suitability for Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) or Aquifer Recharge (AR) Projects. The webinar will be presented by Andrea Croskrey, Kristi Shaw, and Thomas Brown on **February 17 at 12 p.m. CST**.

Please <u>register</u> in advance. More information about the project and access to the report are available on the <u>project website</u>.

#### TWDB ASR/AR Suitability Report

This year, TWDB contracted with HDR Engineering to fulfill requirements of HB 721 (86th) to conduct a statewide survey to identify the relative suitability of Texas' major and minor aquifers for aquifer storage and recovery projects or aquifer recharge projects. Click <a href="here">here</a> to view a story map summarizing the study and its results, and click here to access the project page with the final report.



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#### GUADALUPE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – WINTER 2020-2021

Check our website for more information about virtual meetings.

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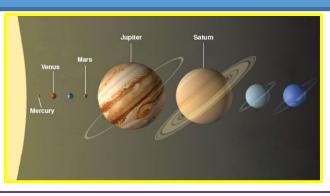


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#### **Did You Know?**

You might have witnessed last December an extremely rare astronomical event known as the Great Conjunction. Basically, the planets Jupiter and Saturn appear closer together in the night sky showcasing a vibrant conjunction that is also known as the "Christmas Star". The last time the two planets passed at this close distance was in 1623 nearly 800 years ago. While the conjunction looked close from our vantage point, the planets remain hundreds of millions of miles away. For those fortunate to be around, they can catch the next alignment on March 15, 2080.

Perhaps you were lucky to witness the "triple conjunction". This term is used when three planets meet close together – this time Jupiter, Saturn, and Mercury. The triple conjunction occurred on January 10<sup>th</sup> and took the form of a small triangle in the southwest sky appearing around 30 to 45 minutes after sunset.

Missed that one as well? Do not fret because a triple conjunction involving Mercury, Venus, and Jupiter will happen this **February** 13<sup>th</sup> – day before Valentine's Day!

The next two triple conjunctions (Mercury, Mars & Saturn) can be viewed April 20, 2026 & June 16, 2028 (Mercury, Venus & Mars).

Source: NASA, CBS News

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