

Groundwater Level Monitoring: Collection and Dissemination

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What is a groundwater monitor well?

Used to measure or monitor the level, quality, quantity or movement of subsurface water

- Unused/unequipped – for levels
- In good condition
- Documentation on well completion
- Owner permission

Why monitor groundwater levels?

Provide data for groundwater management

- Desired Future Conditions (DFCs)
- Calibrate and execute groundwater models
- Accumulate data on hydrologic stresses

Provide information for well/land owners

- Depth of water for drilling wells
- Proximity of water level to pump level

Where to monitor groundwater levels?

Wherever people are using a groundwater resource

- Updip and downdip of same unit
- Multiple layers at same location
- High pumpage areas

Who monitors groundwater levels?

- United States Geological Survey (USGS)
- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs)
- Universities
- Consultants
- Drillers
- Non-profit groups
- Private citizens

How to monitor groundwater levels?

- Observe the surrounding area
- Steel tape, electric line, air line, transducers
- Take multiple measurements
- Document measurement as depth from land surface

When to monitor groundwater levels?

- At least annually – increased frequency provides better data
- Low pumping seasons (winter)
- Automated recorder wells provide continuous monitoring

Accessing the Data

- Reports and Full Groundwater Database (GWDB)
Download at:
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/data/gwdbbrpt.asp>
- Water Data Interactive (WDI) Groundwater Data
Viewer at:
<http://www2.twdb.texas.gov/apps/WaterDataInteractive/GroundwaterDataViewer/>



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Groundwater Database (GWDB) Reports

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Groundwater Database (GWDB) contains information on selected water wells, springs, oil/gas tests (that were originally intended to be or were converted to water wells), water levels, and water quality to gain representative information about aquifers in Texas to support water planning from a local to a more regional perspective.

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Reports

Aquifers

Groundwater Management Areas

Groundwater Conservation Districts

Groundwater Data

- [Numbered Reports](#)
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- [Automated Groundwater Level Wells](#)
- [Groundwater Database \(GWDB\)](#)
- [Submitted Drillers Reports \(SDR\) Database](#)
- [Water Data Interactive \(WDI\) Groundwater Data Viewer](#)

Groundwater Models

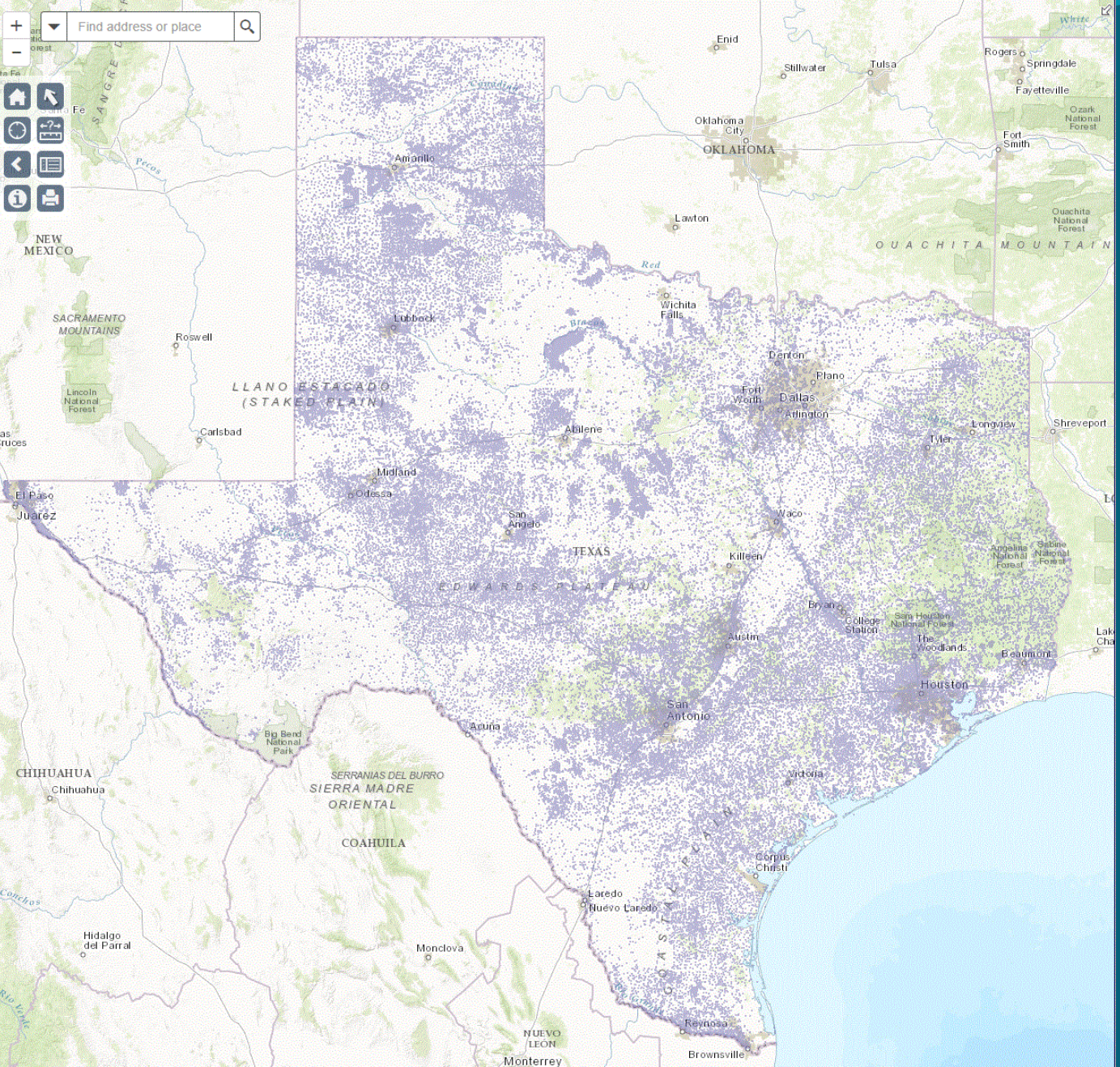
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Regional Water Planning Areas

Special Projects

Rules and Statutes

Frequently Asked Questions



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