

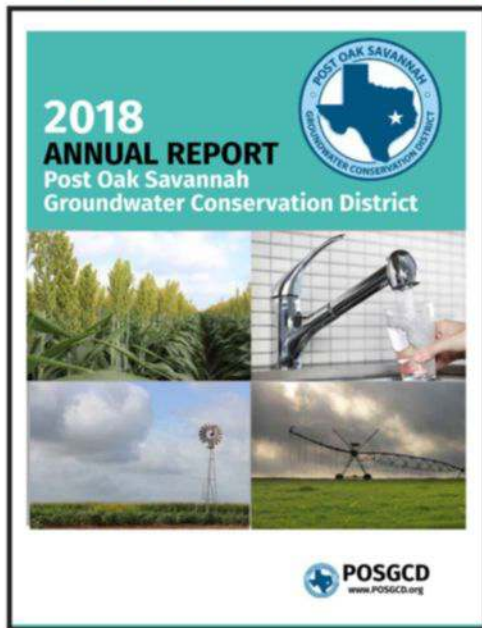
# Recharge

Your Groundwater Resource



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## Check Out Our 2018 Annual Report



### Annual Report Highlights

To read this years Annual Report go to:  
[www.posgcd.org/annual-reports/](http://www.posgcd.org/annual-reports/)

#### RAINWATER HARVESTING

In September of 2017, Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (POSGCD) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife) collaborated to offer a Water Conservation Program through the District. The program includes: a rainwater harvesting system, rainwater harvesting rebate program, drought-tolerant garden and irrigation demonstration sites, and series of educational workshops.



13 SYSTEMS  
INSTALLED

23 TOTAL  
CISTERNS



51,550 TOTAL  
STORAGE



658,323  
POTENTIAL  
GALLONS



- **13 Rainwater Harvesting Systems** were installed with grant funding that results in reduces pumping demands, erosion, and storm water runoff for our aquifers by 51,500 gallons through capture.

- **\$1,254,150 in grants** were awarded to local water utilities to replace damaged water lines to reduce water lost to leakage and increase water quality.

### Monitoring Wells



- **35% increase in number of wells monitored** with 10 acoustic measurement devices installed for constant, real-time measurement of water levels.

- **\$20,000 awarded to all 18 Fire Departments** in Burleson & Milam Co. for foam and foam dispersing ProPaks – reducing the water needed to extinguish fires by 50-90%!

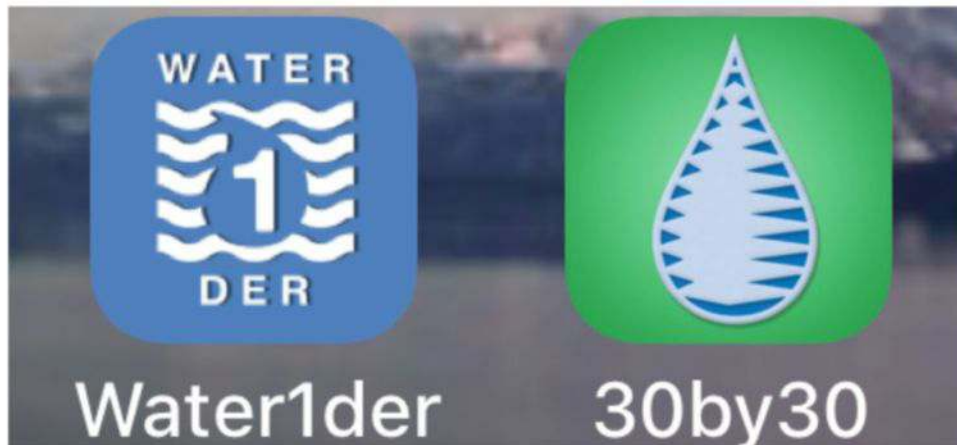


- POSGCD received a **Clean Financial Audit, the highest score available**, for the last year.

- **State Auditors Office of Texas for Groundwater Districts revealed POSGCD a perfect score with Fully Compliance** in all nine Texas Water Code requirements audited.



# FREE Water Conservation & Education Apps



## Water1der

Impress your friends and family with your knowledge with this trivia game app! This is a fun way to test learn with game topics like pollution, conservation, irrigation, watersheds, and the water cycle. For Apple Devices.

## 30BY30 App

Did you know the average American uses 100 gallons of water every day? This app challenges you to reduce your water usage by 30 gallons in 30 days by tracking your daily water usage and provide tips to help you along the way. For Android and Apple Devices.

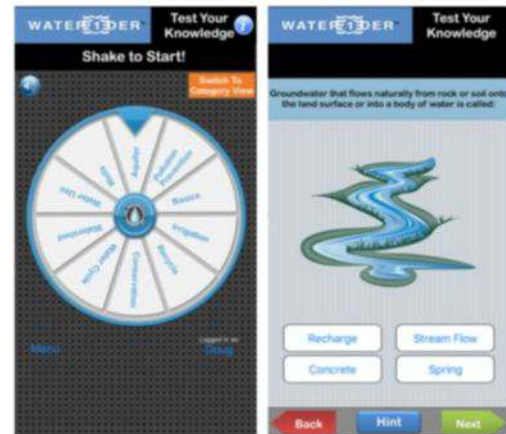


## Become an ACP Ambassador

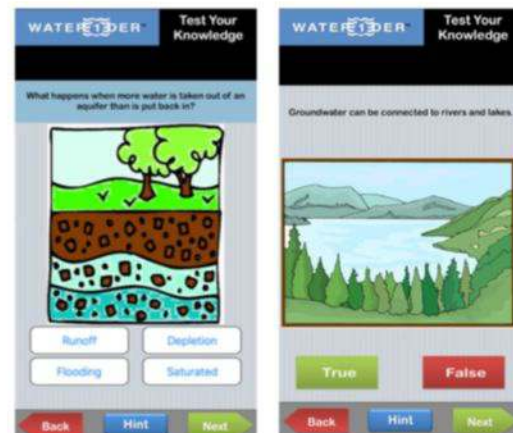
“Do you feel strongly about conserving groundwater and want to do more to help? The ACP Ambassador program is an opportunity for you to personally influence the conservation and protection of your groundwater!”

“We’re looking for community members that are willing to partner with the district to share their knowledge, concerns, and interests and help the ACP grow in their neighborhoods. Ambassadors will be asked to attend a casual orientation to provide them with the tools they need to help answer questions about the ACP in their own neighborhoods.”

If you would like to become an ACP Ambassador, call our office at 512-455-9900 or email us at [admin@posgcd.org](mailto:admin@posgcd.org)



Post Oak Savannah GCD has teamed up with Groundwater Guardian, a program of The Groundwater Foundation that provides support and encouragement for communities and teams of all types (cities, counties, watersheds, organizations, agencies, schools, etc.) to begin groundwater awareness activities, motivation to continue these efforts, and recognition for their achievements. Groundwater Guardians can be anywhere there are people interested in groundwater!





# New Flag Poles & Landscaping for POSGCD Office

The Board of Directors are constantly looking for the most fiscally conservative ways to improve our District and the integrity of our works. With that in mind, two new additions have been made to our District grounds in recent weeks that we're proud to share with you. Both the American and Texas flags now fly in front of the office building after the honorable request was submitted by a district resident. They include solar powered lights to rotate around the poles to illuminate the flags both day and night and all they proudly represent.



As you know, our landscaping was designed to be both water and learning friendly – created to serve as a teaching and demonstration garden. At our most recent landscaping workshop, "Selecting the best Trees, Shrubs and Vines for the Post Oak Savannah and

how to plant them," an outdoor portion was included to provide attendees the opportunity to try out what they had learned earlier. These classroom volunteers and staff from Agrilife worked together to plant the trees and shrubs around the office building (lucky us)!

Our Board and staff are beyond grateful for those who made the grounds look so great and to have been able to host another workshop in these gardens. We hope you'll stop by for a visit soon and look forward to seeing new faces at our upcoming workshops!



Bob Ware

## BOB WARE RETIRES

**Mr. Robert "Bob" Ware**, recently retired from the Board, having served on the POSGCD Board since the District's creation in 2001. Mr. Ware is recognized for his distinguished career and dedication to the success of POSGCD and its many programs which benefit the citizens of the District. Bob was the last of the original group of Board members still serving. Mr. Ware and his wife have owned property in Burleson county since 1991. They are active members of the First United Methodist Church in Somerville, where Mr. Ware has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees and the church council. He is currently serving as Assistant Fire Chief with the Birch Creek Area VFD, where he was President from 2000-2008. He has also served on the Board of Directors for Burleson County MUD # 1 since 2000, and is the current President. Mr. Ware was proudly discharged serving abroad in the U.S. Army.



Ed Savage

## POSGCD NEW DIRECTOR

**On January 8, 2019, Post Oak Savannah GCD welcomed Mr. Ed Savage** as the new Board Member representing Rural Water interests from Burleson County. Mr. Savage is a resident of Burleson County and attended Texas A&M where in December 1989 he received his Bachelor of Science in Animal Science. Ed is the Waste Water Field Operations Manager for the City of College Station since 2001. Prior to this job, he was an Environmental Services Technician and Water/Wastewater systems operator for College Station. He also owns and operates Savage Water Services, LLC, which manages small rural water suppliers in Burleson and Washington Counties.

## RAINWATER HARVEST CLASS

**Rainwater Harvesting 101 Workshop, March 22, 2019, 1 – 4 PM and July 12, 1-4pm, at the District office in Milano.** Come learn the basics of rainwater harvesting and how you can install your own system at home! Attendees will qualify for the POSGCD Rainwater Harvest Grant. Join us on for our FREE workshop to learn the basics in Rainwater Harvesting 101! More information about the Program can be found on our website at: <https://posgcd.org/rainwater/>



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CARIZZO-WILCOX  
AQUIFER  
RECHARGE ZONE**

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## FIRST AQUIFER RECHARGE ZONE SIGN

If you are driving North on FM 487 into Rockdale, keep your eyes open for the first Aquifer Recharge Zone sign in the District.. Working with the City of Rockdale, Post Oak Savannah GCD wants to bring awareness to drivers that they are in the Recharge Zone of the Carizzo-Wilcox Aquifers.



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Visit our website for more information:

[www.posgcd.org](http://www.posgcd.org)

Look for our next  
newsletter in Summer 2019

### upcoming events

**April 2nd**

POSGCD Board Meeting

**May 7th**

POSGCD Board Meeting

**July 12th**

Rainwater Harvesting Class

**August 14th**

Milam & Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit

**August 12-15th**

FREE Well Water Testing



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### Are we providing information you need?

The district staff want to know what information you would like to see in this newsletter. Please contact us at 512.455.9900 or [admin@posgcd.org](mailto:admin@posgcd.org) to let us know how we can better serve you.

Groundwater conservation districts are the state's preferred method of groundwater management through rules developed, adopted and promulgated by a district.

**Texas Water Code, Sec. 36.0015**



POSGCD was created to conserve and regulate the use of groundwater through monitoring of aquifer levels and production and encourage conservation rules which limit pumping, thereby extending the quantity and quality of the water available in all of the aquifers in Milam and Burleson counties. POSGCD is a member of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD).