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All of Burleson County is eligible because it is over the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer; however, only the land in the red shaded area is eligible if your land is in Milam County.



- Must own land in the District
- Land located above Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer
- Own both the land and the water rights
- Landowner has not leased water rights

All property located over Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers (see the map below)

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP**  
 June 1 - Aug 31



**WHAT IS THE POST OAK SAVANNAH AQUIFER CONSERVANCY PROGRAM (ACP)?**

The Aquifer Conservancy Program is a way for landowners in the District to work with POSGCD to conserve the groundwater for future generations! As Texas continues to grow, demands on groundwater resources increase. In response to these concerns, together with local landowners we have developed this proactive solution.

**The purpose of ACP is:**

- Empower landowners through stewardship
- Conserve groundwater for future generations
- Establish a legacy of conservation
- Complement current sustainable practices
- Add a long-term conservation practice



Your Groundwater Resource

# Recharge



Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District  
 310 East Avenue C  
 P.O. Box 92  
 Milano, Texas 76556

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 ECRWSS  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
 PAID  
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**upcoming events**

- July 2nd**  
POSGCD Board Meeting
- August 6th**  
POSGCD Board Meeting
- Coming in July** (Check the website for date and time)  
Rainwater Harvesting Class
- August 14th**  
Milam & Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit
- August 12-15th**  
FREE Well Water Testing

# Who Owns the Water Under Your Land and How to Protect it?

In this issue: groundwater rights, water demands, and what you can do to save water.

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Let's chat!  
 Phone: 512.455.9900  
 Email: admin@posgcd.org

Visit our website for more information:  
[www.posgcd.org](http://www.posgcd.org)

Look for our next  
 newsletter in Fall 2019

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

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# Who Owns the Water Under Your Land?

**According to Texas State Law, the landowner does!** The true answer is, you do, unless you have leased your water rights to a third party, or when you bought your land the water rights were not conveyed with the purchase of your land.

Very much like Mineral (oil and gas) rights, either you own them, you have leased them to an oil company, you sold your rights or they were not part of the purchase.

In 1917, the Conservation Amendment to the Texas constitution was passed. That amendment requires the state to engage in the development, preservation and conservation of all natural resources, including water, and authorizes the Texas Legislature to pass laws that may be necessary and appropriate to conserve water.

The Texas Legislature determined the best way to conserve groundwater in Texas was to create and utilize Groundwater Conservation Districts throughout the state. In 1949, the use of GCDs was recognized, and the first GCD was created in 1951.

In 1985, 1997 and 2001, the Texas Legislature passed additional laws to encourage the establishment of more GCDs including Chapter 36 and Senate Bill One. The Texas Legislature

addressed ownership of groundwater in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. It clearly states that **landowners have ownership rights over the water which allows them to sell or lease the rights, pump the water or leave it in place.**

## How Does This Affect You?

As a Texas Landowner in our District, you have several options as it pertains to the water under your land.

- You can pump the water for your own domestic or household uses in an Exempt Well up to 17.5 Gallons per minute.
- You can pump the water for Agriculture, Oil and Gas, Livestock, Industrial, etc in a Non-Exempt well. You are restricted to pumping 2-Acre Feet (325,000 gallons) of water per acer/per year of land you own.
- You can lease/sell your water rights to a third party.

**And now there is a new option**, you can place the water under your land into a conservancy. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District has created the **Aquifer Conservancy Program**. This program is completely voluntary. And by choosing to participate you will be placing your water rights into a stewardship conservancy to protect that

water for future generations. This is NOT a lease. You, the landowner, maintains the ownership of your water rights, but you agree not to lease or permit that water during the term of the commitment.

**Of course, you can continue to use your water for your own household uses and for livestock from an exempt well.**

In addition to conserving your water, the District will pay you for every acre you place into conservancy. In essence, we will reward you not to pump your water!

You choose the terms of your commitment:

- Five years- \$5/acre/year**
- Ten years- \$ 8/acre/year**
- Twenty years- \$10/acre/year**

Sign up this year and receive a \$10 per acre signing bonus!

Another benefit of this conservancy program is you may cancel the contract for the following personal situations:

- **At the Expiration of the Term**
- **Death of the Owner or Landowner**
- **Transfer of land to Heirs**
- **Sale of the Property**

The new owners will be given the option to continue in the program if they so choose.

## WHEN & HOW DO I SIGN UP?



Each year there will be a 90-day sign-up period. You can sign up at the POSGCD website, [www.posgcd.org](http://www.posgcd.org). The first sign-up will be June 1, - August 31, 2019.

To sign up, each landowner will execute a conservation stewardship agreement. Landowners will also receive a sign for their property so they can proudly show they are a part of the Aquifer Conservancy Program! Just go to our website. [www.posgcd.org](http://www.posgcd.org)

## For More Information

or  
**To Sign Up For the ACP**  
Go on our website for more information,  
and the on-line sign up form.  
[www.posgcd.org/pacp](http://www.posgcd.org/pacp)



## Mark Your Calendar for the 6th Annual Groundwater Summit

You don't want to miss the 2019 Summit. Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of workshops, entertaining speakers, great company and food. Lunch and snacks are provided. **Free Water Testing for well owners.**

**This is a \$65 Value**

*"I learned useful and interesting information about the aquifers, their monitoring, water rights, conservation districts and fracking."*

Jennifer B. - 2018 Summit Attendee



## FREE Water Quality Sampling Campaign

Get your well water tested FREE. Pick up your sampling packet at the Groundwater Summit on Aug 14 or at your AgriLife Extension office on Aug 13. Samples must be dropped off on August 15th between 8am and 1:30pm at the Burleson County or Milam County Agrilife Extension Office.

**Sign up by calling your local Agrilife Extension office or POSGCD at 512-455-9900**

Milam County Agrilife Extension Office  
Across from the Courthouse  
100 East First St - Cameron TX 77836  
(254) 697 7045

**Free admission  
to the Groundwater  
Summit**

Burleson County Agrilife Extension Office  
Burleson County Court House - Ground Floor  
100 W Buck St Ste 105 - Caldwell TX 77836  
(979) 567- 2308

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