

# Recharge

Your Groundwater Resource



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## 7th Annual Milam & Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit a Great Success!



Even with Covid 19 in our community, people from Milam and Burleson counties as well as other areas attended this years Groundwater Summit in person and live on-line. Water specialists and experts, POSGCD Board, and staff were among the speakers. The Aquifer Conservancy Program, the Vista Ridge Project, POSGCD Management Strategies and Groundwater Monitoring were just some of the topics covered at the event!

### Summit Highlights

- Steve Young and Robert Mace compared the projected and actual impacts of Vista Ridge pumping in our district.
- Bobby Bazan and Craig Andrews showed how data collected from Monitoring Wells gives us some of the best indications of the health of the aquifers in our District and how this information is used for groundwater modeling.
- Joel Pigg and Jaclyn Robertson gave an update on POSGCD/ Texas AgriLife programs in the District.
- Gary Westbrook covered issues in Groundwater Management Area 12 and how they effect the District.
- Sidney Youngblood gave a detailed update through talk on the State of our District.
- Adeline Fox and Stacey Steinbach introduced the crowd to the benefits of The Texas Water Conservation Association.
- We heard from Judge Schroeder and Judge Young as well as State Rep Terry Wilson 's Chief of Staff, Jeff Frazier II.

It has been a busy year for all of us in the District as we face the many challenges caused by Covid 19, but our dedicated staff and the Board members



Michael Irlbeck, EPCOR USA Inc gave a very informative talk on the history of Water in Texas.

To watch this years Summit  
Videos go to:  
[www.posgcd.org/groundwater-summit/](http://www.posgcd.org/groundwater-summit/)



Steve Young, INTERA gave several informative and technical presentations about the aquifers in our District.



Students from the AgriLife 4-H Water Ambassadors Program attended and helped out at this years summit. Shown from left to right; Kyle Workman (Len Co.), Trent Morris (Madison Co.), Summer Halber (Brazos Co.), Tori Lowe (Brazos Co.), Jaxson Green (Brazos Co.) and Robert Miller (Milam Co.).



Craig Andrews, POSGCD Field Tech used videos to show exactly what goes on in a well.



# Groundwater Summit Highlights



Post Oak recognized the now retired Ralph Sifuentes for his years in service as a Field Technician. Not in attendance were the recently retired Board Members, Chris Whittaker and Durwood Tucker, also recognized for their outstanding service to our District. We thank them all for their contributions and dedication to protecting our groundwater resources and wish them all the best in retirement.



The Executive Director of the Meadows Center for Water & the Environment, Robert Mace, spoke about rural land trends and the impact on groundwater. Watch his presentation (but beware, you might even enjoy it): <https://vimeo.com/show-case/7469202>



Post Oak Board Members, Steven Wise and Becky Goetsch, shared information about how the district approaches groundwater management and the strategies used to balance conservation with landowner rights. They also gave an update about one of those strategies, the Aquifer Conservancy Program, and the 45,000 acres committed to conserve. More information can be found at: [www.posgcd.org/acp](http://www.posgcd.org/acp)



continue to stand ready to serve the community.

**Video presentations of this years Summit are available for viewing on our website:**



Board President, Sidney Youngblood, spoke about the state of the district, highlighting the District's projects and progress made in the last year.

## AFTER THE SUMMIT: Well Owners Received their Results to Water Testing

*Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District*



*Well Water Testing*

Well owners could submit water samples at the Groundwater Summit through the "Well Educated" Program organized by the Texas Well Owner's Network and Texas AgriLife Extension office for FREE water quality testing (a \$65 value). Paid for in full by Post Oak Savannah GCD.

After the Summit, POSGCD provided two programs designed to help residents become more familiar with well maintenance, conservation, water quality, water treatment and septic system. At these events, results of the water tests were distributed to those who participated in the Well Water Testing Programs. Field experts were available at these events presentations to talk with individual well owners. We would like to thank each one of the over 100 district residents who took part in this valuable program. If you missed out this year, keep an eye out for future opportunities on our website! [www.posgcd.org](http://www.posgcd.org)

Texas Well Owner's Network has many helpful publications and other resources at their website [twon.tamu.edu](http://twon.tamu.edu)



# POSGCD Staff Participate in Continuing Education

Post Oak staff members attended the 10th Annual Texas Groundwater Summit held in San Antonio from August 31 to Sept 1, 2021. It was hosted by the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) and brings together a diverse group of groundwater professionals to discuss emerging trends and new research in groundwater management.

Brooke Paup, Chairwoman of the Texas Water Development Board explained Groundwater Statics related to brackish aquifers, groundwater planning, and agriculture water conservation initiatives. Other speakers updated members on Legislative Policies that effect Groundwater, Tools GCD 's and Counties can use for Addressing Growth, Surface Water - Groundwater interactions, and more

Our very own Water Resource Specialist, Bobby Bazan, was recognized for the impact he's making on Texas groundwater! Not only was he elected Secretary of TAGD this year, but was asked to be a guest speaker at the summit and present information about the Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) as a new approach to groundwater management! We are proud to have him represent the District. POSGCD now enjoys the distinction of having two staff members who have served as officers in TAGD as Gary Westbrook served as President from 2005 to 2007.



Senator Charles Perry, District 28, Chairman of Senate Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs Committee, one of the Keynote speakers spoke about the changes in Groundwater needs in Texas and the demands that puts on GCD's in the State.



Our own Bobby Bazan, Water Resource Specialist, Post Oak Savannah GCD spoke about the POSGCD Groundwater Well Assistance Program. Above - Charles Dunning, Welintel, Bobby Bazan, POSGCD and Dr. Joe Yelderman, Baylor University

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE - POSGCD IS EXPANDING OUR OFFICE

### Permitting and Compliance Officer

The Permitting and Compliance Officer reports directly to the General Manager. This position oversees well registration and permitting application, approval, and issuance processes to ensure proper permitting and documentation of groundwater use as well as verifying accuracy of well permits and reporting, communicating with well registrants on reporting and compliance issues, and verifying and enhancing the District's well permit database. They would be responsible for receiving, evaluation, and assimilation of all aspects of reporting of production from District Permittees. Responsible for assessment of compliance of all permit requirements of Permittees. They would also be responsible for oversight and supervision of permitting including moderate to substantial complex permitting work.

### Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant reports directly to the General Manager and performs a wide variety of activities and functions for the District. They would provide primary administrative and secretarial support for the General Manager, and from time to time other officers of the District. Perform telephone and office reception duties. Operate a computer and performs files maintenance and assists in preparation of Agenda for Board Meetings. In addition, they would attend District meetings in order to record minutes, compile, transcribe, obtain approvals, and distribute minutes of meetings.

Additional information about the positions are available on the website <https://posgcd.org/category/social-media-blog/>



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

EarthKind Landscapes: Friday, Oct. 29 (1PM – 4PM)

EarthKind class (topic TBD): Apr. 16, (1PM – 4PM)

Irrigation for Rainwater Harvesters: Friday, Mar. 4 (time TBD)

Rainwater Harvesting 101: Nov. 19, tentative (1PM – 4PM)

Program updates, information, and registration links can be found by visiting: [posgcd.org/rainwater](https://posgcd.org/rainwater)

Contact Jaclyn Robertson with questions, (512) 409-7028 and [jrobertson@posgcd.org](mailto:jrobertson@posgcd.org).

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**Visit our website for more information:**

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

**Look for our next newsletter**

**upcoming events**

**November 4th, 2021 10am**  
GMA 8 Meeting

**November 9th, 2021**  
POSGCD Board Meeting and Public Hearing

**November 12th, 2021 10 am**  
GMA 12 Meeting

**November 19th 1-4pm**  
Rainwater Harvesting Class

**January 14th 1-4pm** Tentative Date for  
Rainwater Harvesting Class

**March 3rd 1-4pm** Irrigation for Rainwater  
Harvesting



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| Sidney Youngblood, President | Ward Roddam   |
| Steven Wise, Vice President  | Dana McClaren |
| Tommy Tietjen, Sec/Treas     | Jay Wilder    |
| Lee Alford, III              | Bob Wilson    |
| Becky Goetsch                | Ed Savage     |

**Staff**

Gary Westbrook, General Manager  
Elaine Gerren, Administrative Assistant  
Bobby Bazan, Water Resource Specialist  
Doug Box, Education Coordinator  
Craig Andrews, Field Technician

**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).