# **Driller Guidance Tool** A Tool to Support The District's Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP)

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#### What is GWAP?

The Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) was created to assist owners of water wells in Burleson and Milam Counties by identifying water wells expected to experience loss of service due to water levels dropping below the pump which is caused by aquifer wide pumping and take corrective actions to prevent that loss of service.

#### The GWAP also:

- > Is designed to restore service in wells which may have already lost service
- > Provides all necessary financial and technical assistance to owners of identified or affected wells
- > Is fully funded from fees collected from commercial producers and exporters of water
  > Is a stand-alone program continually monitored by the POSGCD Board to ensure its continued success



#### **GWAP** Summary

	2020	2021	2022	2023 to Date
Wells Serviced	20	41	39	13
Total POSGCD Spent	\$76,161	\$233,954	\$448,481	\$109,960
Total Reimbursed to POSGCD From Vista Ridge & I-130 Projects	\$17 <i>,</i> 653	\$95,025	\$72,729	\$57 <i>,</i> 825



# Groundwater Assistance Program Annual Needs Assessment (GANA) 2021

- Evaluate risk of water level dropping below pump location within next ten years
  - Future pumping projection is based on a version of the GAM 12 Desired Future Condition Run
  - Simplified assumptions for the hydraulic boundary conditions, such as recharge
- Limitations
  - Well construction information
  - Unregistered wells
  - Pumping rates of all Producers



Example Hydrograph from GANA Report



#### Example Hydrograph from GANA Report (GWAP)



#### Spatial Location of High-Priority Wells



X WL > 15 ft above pump in 2032 (n=70)

- X WL < 15 ft above pump in 2032 (n=9)
- + Eligible without pump depth (n=16)
- Eligible without pump depth (n=427)
- GWAP Well (n=90)
- 10-year Drawdown (2022-2032)



#### Future GWAP Statistics

	Number of Wells			
Aquifer	High-Priority	Moderate- Priority	Total	
Sparta	3	0	3	
Queen City	1	0	1	
Carrizo	9	44	53	
Calvert Bluff	7	1	8	
Simsboro	3	0	3	
Hooper	3	0	3	
TOTAL	26	45	71	

# What is The Driller Guidance Tool?

The Driller Guidance Tool takes the GAM Model, based on the last round of the DFC process, and 30-year water level predictions to help Drillers and Property Owners make better informed decisions when drilling a well on a property. If recommendations are followed, the well will meet the requirements of GWAP. Limitations:

• Can only be used for wells that produce under 50 gpm

•Only predicts water levels for the Carrizo, Calvert Bluff, Simsboro and Hooper formations (Looking to expand to other aquifers in the future)



Public Web Map (halff.com)





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Scroll down to the Public Maps icon and click





#### Read the Disclaimer and click accept





**Uncheck the Monitoring Wells Layer** 





#### Use Search Bar in Upper Left Corner of Map to Locate Property





Click on Basemap In Upper Right-Hand Corner to switch to Hybrid; Then Click the Water Droplet Icon To Activate Driller Guidance Tool; Click on map where proposed well will be located





#### Driller Guidance Tool

Date: 6/2/2023 Latitude: 30,388310 Longitude: -96.771984 Surface Elevation (ft): 312.43

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Top Elev. (ft)	Bottom Elev. (ft)	Depth to Formation (ft)*	Formation Thickness (ft)*	Formation (Geologic Unit)
312.43	-100.46	0.00	412.89	Cook Mountain
-100.46	-333.17	412.89	232.72	Sparta
-333.17	-380.36	645.60	47.18	Weches
-380.36	-877.53	692.79	497.17	Queen City
-877.53	-962.08	1189.96	84.55	Reklaw
-962.08	-1360.39	1274.51	398.31	Carrizo
-1360.39	-2338.65	1672.82	978.26	Calvert Bluff
-2338.65	-2910.48	2651.08	571.83	Simsboro
-2910.48	-4007.37	3222.91	1096.89	Hooper

\*Depths / Thicknesses are not to scale

roposed Depth (ft):	Calculate	Targeted formation:
		Suggested depth: Top of screen:
		Pump depth:

\*\* To use this driller guidance tool, enter a proposed depth for a well in feet. The tool will calculate suggested pump depth, top of screen depth, and drilling depth. Clicking in the space outside the popup window will close the form and disable the tool. The tool is mainly intended to target the Carrizo, Calvert Bluff, Simsboro, and Hooper formations. If the proposed depth is outside of those formations, the pump depth might not be able to be calculated.

\*\*\* The Virtual Driller's Guidance Tool was developed in accordance with applicable professional standards but is not suitable for legal, engineering, or other purposes. The tool was designed to support POSGCD's Groundwater Assistance Program (GWAP) with the primary purpose to provide maximum elevation of pump intakes for wells in the Carrizo, Calvert Bluff, Simsboro, or Hooper geologic units at a specific well location. The depths and thickness of the geologic units are based on information from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Groundwater Availability Model (GAM). POSGCD is currently in the process of reviewing the geological representations in the GAM through a stratigraphic analysis of geophysical logs. The information provided in the tool is subject to change as the model develops over time. If the well will produce over 50 gallons per minute, please contact the District for further assistance

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\* Location, Depths of Formations, Geologic Unit





Type in Proposed Depth and click Calculate; Recommendations on how to construct well



# **Questions**?

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