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Burleson and Milam Counties Groundwater Summit July 18, 2024



The Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (POSGCD) is thrilled to announce our Annual Groundwater Summit this summer! Join us for a day of insightful presentations, engaging panel discussions, and networking opportunities with experts in water management, policy, and hydrogeology.

The Summit will be held at the Caldwell Civic Center, 103 TX-21, Caldwell, TX, on July 18, 2024, from 9 AM to 4 PM, with sign-in beginning at 8:00 AM. Attendees will enjoy a light breakfast and lunch while delving into discussions on the challenges with water projects' impacting our region, working within our legal frameworks, and legislative updates in preparation of the upcoming legislative session. If you submitted a water sample, the test results will be available for pick-up during two afternoon breaks: 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM and 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM.



Open to all, we welcome you to attend and learn more about issues impacting our groundwater resources in Central Texas. Register by scanning the QR code or visiting - www.posgcd.org/summit-2024.

Board President Resigns - What Happens Next?

Ward Roddam, who has served as the Board President of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (POSGCD) for the past four years, has announced his resignation effective July 1, 2024, to focus on his new role as Mayor of Rockdale, Texas. Ward expressed his gratitude for his fellow board members and District staff, stating, "I have truly enjoyed my time as a director and am proud of the work we've accomplished together." (Cont. pg 3)



What You Don't Want to Miss at the Summit

One of the sessions at the Summit will feature Hydrogeologist Dr. Steve Young and Regulatory Compliance Specialist Michael Redman. They will talk about a new rule passed by the Board of Directors requiring review of all production wells every five years starting January 2025. Although permits last for 40 years, this rule makes sure these permittees are in compliance and better monitor potential impacts due to pumping. Dr. Young and Mr. Redman will explain the process, including what actions would be taken if Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) and/or Protective Drawdown Limits (PDLs) were exceeded, and how impacts on groundwater resources are considered or decided.



Another exciting panel, **“Legislative Update: Recent Developments and Future Directions,”** is an insider look at recent changes in groundwater laws and what to expect in the upcoming legislative session starting in January. The panel features Sarah Kinkle, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs at the Texas

Water Conservation Association; Robby Cook, legislative consultant and former state representative for District 17; and Gary Westbrook, General Manager of POSGCD. Walk away from this panel with a better understanding of our place in the legislative side of management and the importance of being a part of the law-making process.

The highlight of the Summit is the **“Property Rights vs. Regulation: Managing Groundwater Amid Population Growth in Central Texas”** panel. Moderated by John Dupnik of the Texas Water Development Board, the panel includes Alan Day, General Manager of Brazos Valley GCD; James Totten, General Manager of Lost Pines GCD; and Gary Westbrook, General Manager of our District. This panel will expand on last year’s discussion about the Vista Ridge project and address the challenges Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) and Groundwater Management Areas (GMAs) face in balancing property rights with regulatory needs amidst explosive population growth in the state putting pressure on our aquifers. Learn more about how neighboring districts operate and explore ways to address these complex issues. Whether you’re a landowner, policymaker, or simply concerned about our groundwater resources, this panel is



9:00 - 9:10	WELCOME Honorable Keith Schroeder, Burleson County Judge
9:10 - 9:55	STATE OF WATER IN TEXAS: TRENDS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK Tony Smith, Water Resources Engineer, Carollo Engineers
9:55-10:05	BREAK
10:05-11:35	PROPERTY RIGHTS VS. REGULATION: MANAGING GROUNDWATER AMID POPULATION GROWTH IN CENTRAL TEXAS Moderator: John Dupnik P.G., Deputy Executive Director of Water Science and Development, Texas Water Development Board; Billy Howe, Associate Director of Government Affairs, Texas Farm Bureau Federation; Alan Day, General Manager, Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District; Gary Westbrook, General Manager, Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District; James Totten, General Manager, Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District
11:35-12:05	5-YEAR PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS OVERVIEW Dr. Steve Young, Specialist, Intera
12:05-12:35	LUNCH BREAK
12:35-12:45	WELCOME BACK Honorable Bill Whitmire, Milam County Judge
12:45-1:45	LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS Sarah Kinkle, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Texas Water Conservation Association; Robby Cook, Former Representative and Legislative Consultant, Riceland Consulting
1:45-2:00	BREAK Pick up water sample results
2:00 - 2:30	PROGRAM PROGRESS: HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES ON DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES Michael Redman, Regulatory Compliance Specialist; Gregory Perry, Water Resources Specialist; Jaclyn Wise, Public Relations and Education Coordinator GCD
2:30-2:45	GROUNDWATER MONITORING UPDATE Gregory Perry, Water Resources Specialist, Post Oak Savannah GCD
2:45- 3:00	BREAK Pick up water sample results
3:00-4:00	“WELL INFORMED” - WATER SAMPLE RESULTS EXPLAINED AND TREATMENT OPTIONS Joel Pigg, Program Coordinator, Texas Well Owner Network

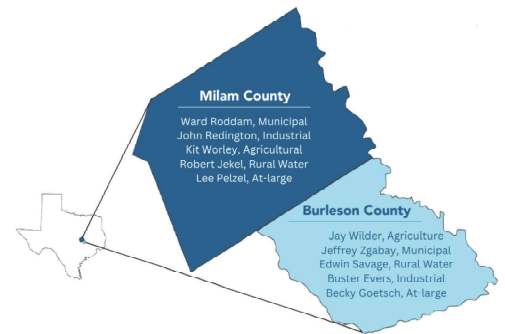
MASTER OF CEREMONIES Adam Foster, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Board President Resigns (Cont.)

The Board of Directors and staff at POSGCD appreciate Ward's leadership and contributions. We wish him all the best in his new role and look forward to his continued positive impact in our community.

What happens next?

Board members serve four-year staggered terms to ensure an equal number of directors from each county are up for reappointment simultaneously. Mr. Roddam's term was set to expire on December 31, 2025. The new member appointed to fill the vacancy will serve the remainder of this term. However officers, including the president, are elected by the Board and serve one-year terms and can be from either county. When an Officer resigns, the Board holds an election at the next meeting to select a replacement.



The County Commissioners Court of the county that appointed the vacating member is responsible for selecting a new member. Since Mr. Roddam represented municipal interests in Milam County, Honorable Judge Whitmire will appoint his replacement. There is no specific timeline for this process, and the resigning Director will continue to serve until the vacancy is filled. For detailed information on these procedures, please refer to the Board Policies outlined in Sections 1, 2, and 3, available on our website: www.posgcd.org/governing-documents.



Fun at Burleson County Health & Ag Safety Day!

Jaclyn Wise and Greg Perry had a station at the Burleson County Health and Agricultural Safety day organized by AgriLife. We had a "water safety" station with a fun, interactive watershed model to show pollution types using various cooking seasonings and sprinkles to discuss groundwater protection. The kids' excitement was contagious, and we all had a great time learning! Big thanks to Burleson Co. Extension for the invite!



Is your school, community group, club, or association interested in learning about groundwater and water conservation?

Our staff offers presentations on topics like rainwater harvesting, groundwater rights & management, continuing education courses for realtors, and so much more! Contact Jaclyn Wise, jwise@posgcd.org to schedule a session!

Save the Date

July 3, 2024	Last Day to Submit Water Samples
July 4, 2024	Office Closed
July 18, 2024	POSGCD Summit
Aug. 9, 2024	Groundwater Rights for Real Estate Seminar

AgriLife Classes Coming Soon!

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