

State of the District

John Redington, Board Vice-President
Milam and Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit

July 18, 2024



Experienced Staff



Gary Westbrook, General Manager

21+ YEARS AS POSGCD GENERAL MANAGER

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY BS- AG EDUCATION

PAST PRESIDENT TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP GROUNDWATER

COMMITTEE CHAIR, BOARD MEMBER TWCA



Kelli Timmerman, Office Manager

16 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN ACCOUNTING & BOOKKEEPING

ROCKDALE HIGH SCHOOL, BLINN COLLEGE & TEMPLE COLLEGE

WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE CITY OF ROCKDALE &

CITY OF ROUND ROCK



Experienced Staff



Courtney Gentry, Admin. Asst./Grant Programs

WITH DISTRICT SINCE 2021 AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHLEBOTOMY CERTIFICATE
BLOOD AND TISSUE CENTER AUSTIN
GULF COAST REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION
FRESENIUS DIALYSIS IN BRYAN, TX



Jaclyn Wise, Public Relations and
Education Coordinator

WORKED WITH THE DISTRICT SINCE 2017, HIRED FULL-TIME
NOVEMBER 2023

B.S. FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY IN RENEWABLE NATURAL
RESOURCES, FORESTRY

7 YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH GCD'S ON EDUCATION
INITIATIVES, OUTREACH EVENTS, AND PUBLICATIONS



Experienced Staff



Gregory Perry, Water Resources Manager

GREGORY HAS BEEN WITH POSGCD SINCE JANUARY 2023.

TEXAS A&M BS AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

PROCESS SUPERVISING, RESEARCH ENGINEERING, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE, PROCESS SAFETY MANAGEMENT, AND PROJECT PLANNING AT BLUEBELL

Michael Redman, Compliance Specialist

MICHAEL BEGAN WITH POSGCD JULY 2022

SCHREINER UNIVERSITY BIOLOGY: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
MASTER'S IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

10 YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH BARTON SPRINGS EDWARDS AQUIFER CD
AND

BANDERA COUNTY RIVER AUTHORITY & GROUNDWATER DISTRICT



Experienced Staff



Craig Andrews, Field Technician

CRAIG BEGAN AT POST OAK SAVANNAH GCD JAN, 2020

20+ YEARS EXPERIENCE GROUNDWATER MONITORING, DRILLING PROJECTS AND WELL INVESTIGATIONS FOR RW HARDEN AND ASSOC IN AUSTIN



Jeff Fisher, Field Technician

TEMPLE JUNIOR COLLEGE, ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. AVIATION SCIENCE AND RECEIVED HIS PILOT RATINGS

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY. CRIMINAL JUSTICE, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AS STATE TROOPER



Experienced Board

MILAM COUNTY COUNTY

BRIAN WALLIS

JOHN REDINGTON

KIT WORLEY

ROBERT JEKEL

LEE PELZEL

INTEREST

MUNICIPAL

INDUSTRIAL

AGRICULTURE

RURAL WATER

AT LARGE

BURLESON

JEFFREY ZGABAY

BUSTER EVERS

JAY WILDER

ED SAVAGE

BECKY GOETSCH



BOARD COMMITTEES

** EACH WITH 4 MEMBERS- 2 FROM EACH COUNTY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS COMMITTEE

RULES COMMITTEE

GRANT COMMITTEE

BUILDING COMMITTEE

EDUCATION COMMITTEE



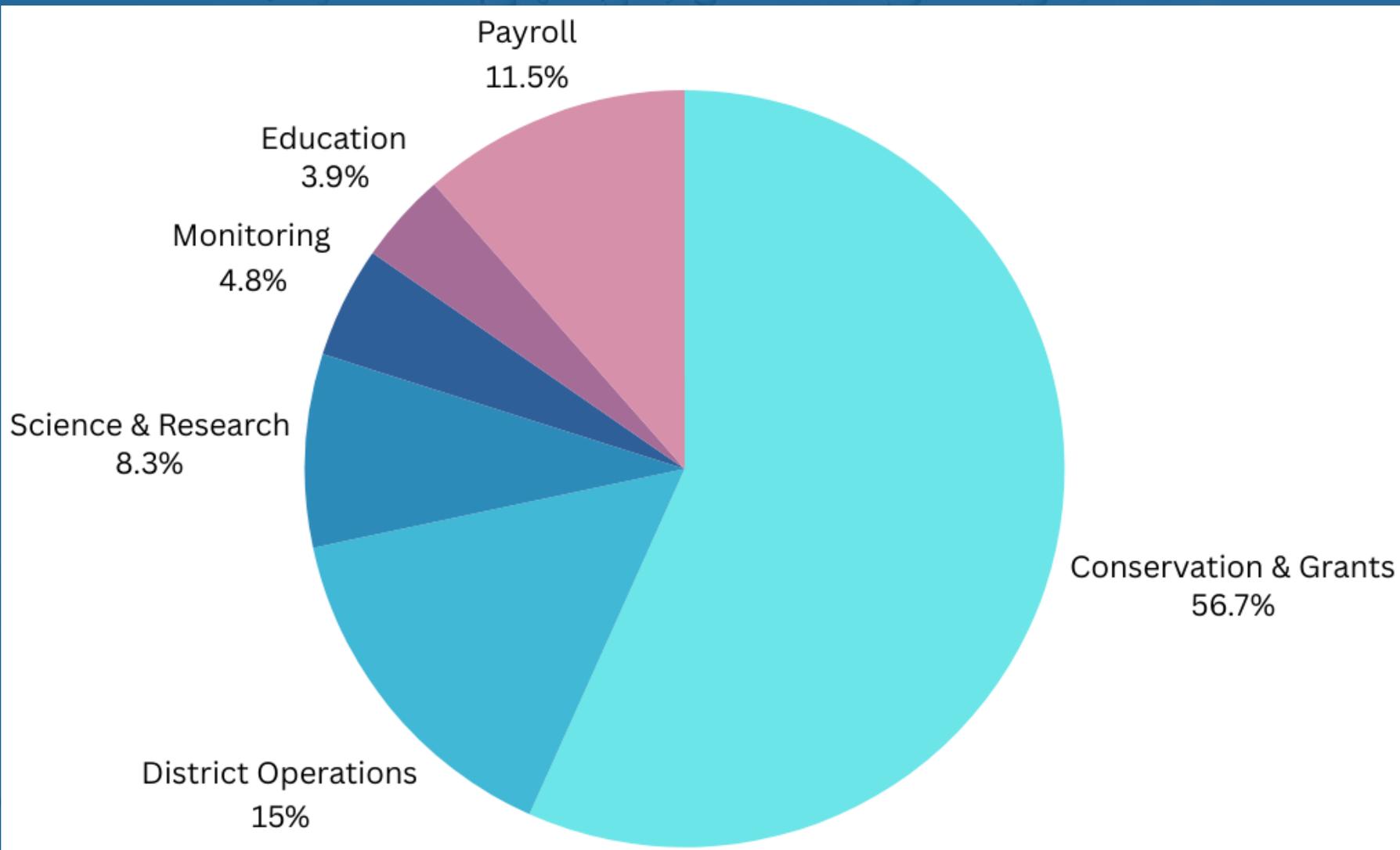
STAFF AND BOARD ACHIEVED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS

- PUBLIC INFORMATION TRAINING
- OPEN MEETINGS TRAINING
- CYBERSECURITY TRAINING
- FINANCIAL OFFICERS TRAINING
- FILINGS WITH TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ)
- FILINGS WITH TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE
- CONTINUED ACCESS TO HYBRID MEETINGS



2024 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

2024 BUDGET \$4,765,338



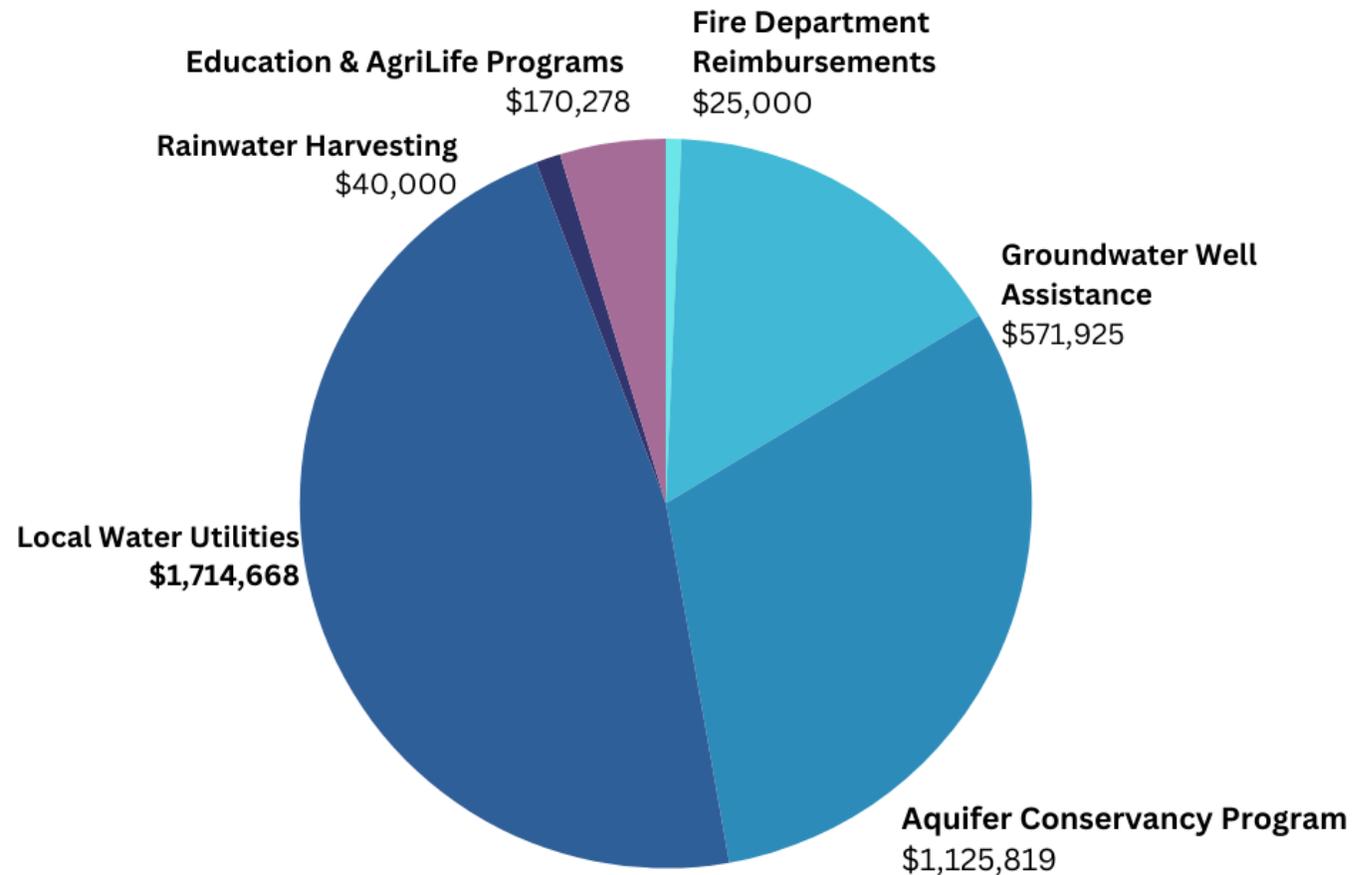
Grant Money Back to Local Landowners

- **LOCAL WATER UTILITY GRANTS, \$1.7M AWARDED 2024 (OVER \$19M SINCE 2006)
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT REIMBURSEMENT GRANT UP TO \$25,000 / YEAR
- WELL PLUGGING GRANT PROGRAM – POSGCD WILL PAY UP TO \$3,500 PER WELL
- **AQUIFER CONSERVANCY PROGRAM- OVER \$1.2M / YEAR TO LANDOWNERS
- AQUIFER IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – BRUSH CONTROL, AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION \$361,096 PER YEAR
- **WELL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – OVER \$1.4M AND 140 WELLS SERVICED
- RAINWATER HARVESTING GRANTS-\$5,000 MAX/FAMILY, \$40,000 PER YEAR
- ** REPRESENTS PROGRAMS BEING EVALUATED IN 2024



Money back into the Communities

TOTAL \$3,647,690



VISTA RIDGE TEMPORARY PERMIT AMENDMENT

APPROVED BY BOARD APRIL 11, 2023

- >PURPOSE: TO DECREASE PRODUCTION FROM CARRIZO AQUIFER
- >2023 CARRIZO PRODUCTION DECREASED FROM 15,000 ACRE FT. TO 12,612
- >TERM: EXTENDED THROUGH APR. 2024
- >NO CHANGE TO TOTAL AMOUNT OF WATER PERMITTED
- >VISTA RIDGE TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT AMENDMENTS TO REDUCE CARRIZO PRODUCTION
- >REQUIRES COMPLETION OF PREVIOUSLY PERMITTED SIMSBORO WELL
- >REQUIRES ALL DATA AND MEASUREMENTS ON PRODUCTION/WATER LEVELS
- >MONTHLY UPDATES TO BOARD

ONGOING REPORTS TO BOARD TO ENSURE SUCCESS



NEW TOOL FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCIENCE

WATER LEVEL VIEWER TOOL

FOLLOWS UP ON DRILLER'S GUIDANCE TOOL

INCORPORATES CURRENT MONITORING DATA

INCREASES INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC

INCREASES EFFICIENCY OF STAFF & CONSULTANTS

ALLOWS CUSTOMIZED EVALUATIONS OF WATER LEVELS

** DOES NOT REPLACE CURRENT ANNUAL DFC EVALUATIONS **



State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH)

SANDOW LAKES RANCH (SLR) APPLICATIONS

- ALL INFORMATION ON DISTRICT WEBSITE
- APPLICANT REQUESTED TO GO TO SOAH
- VERY STRUCTURED, DETAILED, AND LONG PROCESS
- AWAITING PROPOSAL FOR DECISION (PFD)
- PROCESS RESUMES



GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER STUDIES

JOINT EFFORT WORKSHOP ON GROUNDWATER/ SURFACE WATER
INTERACTIONS AND WATER USES IN THE BRAZOS RIVER BASIN

HOSTED BY:

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

POST OAK SAVANNAH GCD

BRAZOS VALLEY GCD

BLUEBONNET GCD

BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY

REGULATORY AGENCIES AND STAKHOLDERS WILL DISCUSS
PROPERTY RIGHTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SCIENCE

DECEMBER 2024



THANK YOU FOR SUCCESS!

- MILAM AND BURLESON COUNTIES JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS
- MILAM AND BURLESON COUNTY RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORS
- POSGCD BOARD AND STAFF
- TEXAS STATE LEGISLATORS AND STAFF
- MEMBERS OF TAGD AND TWCA

