

**NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
9:00 AM Tuesday April 14, 2026
North Plains Water Conservation Center
6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will be held on April 14, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the North Plains Water Conservation Center, 6045 County Road E., Dumas, Texas 79029. The presiding officer and a quorum of the Board of Directors of the District will be physically present at this location. Other Board members and employees of the District may participate remotely in the meeting by video conference as permitted by Government Code Section 551.127.

Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.

Opening Prayer

Pledge

Adjourn Regular Board Meeting for Public Hearing

Conduct public hearing on adoption of proposed Desired Future Conditions

- a. Opening comments by the presiding officer on procedures regarding the proposed adoption of desired future conditions.
- b. Proposed desired future condition presentation
- c. Receive public comment regarding the proposed desired future conditions.
- d. Adjourn formal hearing.

At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071).

Adjourn Hearing

Reconvene Regular Board Meeting after the public hearing referenced above is closed.

- 1) **Public Comment:** The public is invited to address the Board on any general water issue at the beginning of the meeting. The public is further invited to address the Board on a specific agenda item when the Board considers that item. The public is encouraged to fill out a public comment form prior to the start of the meeting and submit it to the staff at the front desk.

Public comment may only be offered during this Agenda item and may either be general in nature or may address any specific item on this Agenda. General comments shall be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes, or comments on specific Agenda items shall be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per Agenda item, not to exceed a total of 9 minutes.

- 2) **Consent Agenda**

- a. Review and approval of minutes of the Board meeting held March 24, 2026.
- b. Review and approval of District expenditures for March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.

- c. Consider approval of payment to Underwood Attorneys at Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.
- d. Consider approval of payment to Kemp Smith Law for professional services and out-of-pocket expenses from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.

3) Action Agenda

- a. Consider action regarding Proposed Groundwater Management Area 1 Desired Future Conditions.
- b. Receive Investment Report for January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.
- c. Consider final compliance approval of Water Well Permits as active and complete wells, review permits issued and permitting graphs from March 2026.
- d. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding agriculture water conservation demonstration programs and the North Plains Water Conservation Center including but not limited to the final report from David Sloane for the 2025 demonstration.
- e. Receive report regarding field inspection and services completed during March 2026.
- f. Receive report regarding 2025 Annual Production Reporting.
- g. Receive report regarding applications for financial assistance made by the District and updates on funding available to qualifying producers.
- h. Receive report and consider action as needed regarding the Meter Reimbursement Program.
- i. Consider General Manager's request to amend the 2025-2026 North Plains GCD Budget.
- j. Receive report and consider action regarding compliance matters before the District.
- k. Discuss *BLF Land, LLC et al. v. Allen Frerich, et al.*, No. 2:23-CV-133-Z (N.D. Tex. August 8, 2023).
- l. Closed Session. The Board of Directors of the District may go into a closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, to discuss:
 - i) Consultation with general counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation; a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly Conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code.
 - ii) Consultation with general counsel regarding pending compliance matters before the District. Exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §551.071 of the Government Code.
 - iii) Consultation with Legal Counsel to obtain legal advice on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.
- m. Consider recommendation(s) regarding matters discussed in closed session.

4) Discussion Agenda

- a. District Director Reports regarding meetings and/or seminars attended, weather conditions and economic development in each director's precinct.
- b. Committee reports
- c. General Manager's report
 - i) Upcoming meetings and conferences
 - ii) General Manager's activity summary

5) Discuss Items for Future Board Meeting Agendas and Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

6) Adjournment.

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ITEM 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

SUMMARY:

The public is invited to address the Board on any general water issue at the beginning of the meeting. The public is further invited to address the Board on a specific agenda item when the Board considers that item. The public is encouraged to fill out a public comment form prior to the start of the meeting and submit it to the staff at the front desk. The Board may limit the time that individuals speak.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact

PROPOSED MOTION:

No proposed action. This item is for informational purposes only.

ITEM 2A REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD
MARCH 24, 2026.

SUMMARY:

Review and approval of minutes of:

- Board meeting held March 24, 2026

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal note.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the Board approve the attached minutes of the Board meeting held March 24, 2026.

ITEM 2B REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DISTRICT EXPENDITURES MARCH 1, 2026 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026

SUMMARY:

Attached is a summary and detail of the un-audited District expenses from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, including the General Manager's expense reports for March, fund balances, cash and certificates of deposit, and the amount of funds owed by the tax collection entities. Copies of the above-mentioned items are attached to this summary for Board review.

- Western State Bank CD 20855 in the amount of \$250,000.00 matured in March 2026 and was renewed at 3.5% for 90 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget for this item.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the Board approve the attached summary and detail of the un-audited District expenses from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, including the General Manager's time and expense report.

ITEM 2C CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO UNDERWOOD ATTORNEYS AT LAW FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FROM MARCH 1, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026.

SUMMARY:

Underwood Attorneys at Law has submitted an invoice for legal services from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, totaling \$4,481.49. The General Manager has reviewed this invoice for legal services and has determined that the invoice is consistent with the services Underwood Attorneys at Law have performed for the District during the billing period. Since this invoice may reflect attorney-client privileged information, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors may wish to meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the Board approve payment to Underwood Attorneys at Law in the amount of \$4,481.49 for legal services March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.

ITEM 2D CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO KEMP SMITH LAW FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FROM MARCH 1, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026.

SUMMARY:

Kemp Smith Law has submitted an invoice for legal services from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, totaling \$21,194.14. The General Manager has reviewed this invoice for legal services and has determined that the invoice is consistent with the services Kemp Smith Law have performed for the District during the billing period. Since this invoice may reflect attorney-client privileged information, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors may wish to meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the Board approve payment to Kemp Smith Law in the amount of \$21,194.14 for legal services March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.

ITEM 3A DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON PROPOSED GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 1 DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS.

SUMMARY:

In accordance with Section §36.108, Texas Water Code, each member district of a groundwater management area is required to hold a hearing to receive public comment on the Proposed Desired Future Conditions adopted by the groundwater management area. Groundwater Management Area 1 (GMA 1) adopted proposed Desired Future Conditions on February 24, 2026. Notice of the hearing was provided in the Amarillo Globe News, the district's website, through public notice posted at the district office and at each county courthouse within the district. The notice contained the procedures for providing comment and the deadline associated with the receipt of comments. The draft Explanatory Report has also been made available to the public for review. The comment period must remain open for 90 days.

The following proposed DFCs approved by the district representatives of GMA 1 are described in terms of acceptable drawdown levels for each subdivision of the Ogallala Aquifer (Inclusive of the Rita Blanca Aquifer) and the Dockum Aquifer:

Ogallala (Inclusive of Rita Blanca) Aquifer:

- At least 40 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman counties.
- At least 50 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Carson, Donley, Gray, Roberts, Wheeler, and Oldham Counties; and within the Panhandle District portions of Armstrong and Potter Counties;
- At least 80 percent of volume in storage remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Hemphill County;
- Approximately 20 feet of total average drawdown after the 50-year period between 2020 and 2070 in Randall County and within High Plains District in Armstrong and in Potter Counties, with less than 23 feet of total average drawdown by 2080 at the end of the planning period.

Dockum Aquifer:

- At least 35 percent of the average available drawdown remaining after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 for Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman counties.
- No more than 30 feet average decline in water levels after the 60-year period between 2020 and 2080 in Oldham and Carson counties and the Panhandle District portions of Potter and Armstrong counties; and
- Approximately 40 feet average decline in water levels after the 50-year period between 2020 and 2070 in Randall County and within High Plains District in Armstrong and Potter counties, with less than 43 feet of average decline by 2080 at the end of the planning period.

A public hearing was held prior to the regular board meeting of the district to receive public comment. At the end of the 90-day comment period, the District will consider the public comments received and submit a summary report to Groundwater Management Area 1 for consideration by the full joint planning committee. The 90 day comment period will close at 11:59 pm on May 25, 2026. Final consideration and action by the North Plains GCD will be taken at the June board of

director's meeting. This item is provided so the board can discuss and comment regarding o any portion of the DFC process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget for this item.

PROPOSED MOTION:

This item is contemplated for discussion and review only. However, the board may take action as necessary.

ITEM 3B RECEIVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026.

SUMMARY:

The quarterly investment report for the period from January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026, reflects the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District investment transactions for all District funds subject to the District's Public Funds Investment Policy.

The report describes in detail the District's investment position as of March 31, 2026; states the maturity date of each separately invested asset that has a maturity date; and states the compliance of the investment portfolio of the District with the investment strategy expressed in the District's investment policy; and relevant provisions of Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code (the "Act").

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget for this item. The report is provided for the Board to track the District's investments.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The item is expected for reporting purposes.

ITEM 3C CONSIDER FINAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL OF WATER WELL PERMITS AS ACTIVE AND COMPLETE WELLS, REVIEW PERMITS ISSUED AND PERMITTING GRAPHS FROM MARCH 2026.

SUMMARY:

According to District Rule 2.13, after the site inspection is complete and it is determined that the well (and all wells within the Groundwater Production Unit) follow the District Rules and the well permit application, the general manager shall submit the well permit to the board for final compliance approval.

District staff processed 30 water wells that are ready for board consideration and approval. These permits, listed in the attached table, represent completed wells that have been inspected and comply with District Rules. The inspections verify that the wells were completed as required by their permits, including proper well location, well classification, maximum yield, and proper installations of check valves and flow meters. Copies of the individual permits are attached to this item.

A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT AND AFFIDAVIT OF ABSTENTION FROM VOTING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY ANY DIRECTOR WHO HAS A WELL BEING APPROVED.

Non-Exempt Well Permits issued since January 1, 2026, 69

Exempt Wells Registered Since January 1, 2026, 29

Non-Exempt Well Permits board approved since January 1, 2026, 88

PLE – Property Line Easement Received R – Replacement Well

	Well #	Class	Qrt	Section	N S	E W
	DA-13671	C	SE	8, 7-T, T&NO	438 S	464 E
	DA-14076	C	NE	16, 1, CSS	812 N	149 E
	DA-14077	B	NE	9, 2, B&B	215 N	118 E
	HA-13849	B	SW	127, 48, H&TC	763 S	651 W
	HN-14060	B	NE	8, 3, SA&MG	184 N	123 E
PLE	HN-14122	C	SW	111, 45, H&TC	781 S	66 W
	HU-14031	D	NE	0, 6, WM HEATH	2000 N	664 E
	HU-14058	C	SW	83, 5-T, T&NO	516 S	107 N
PLE	LI-12822	C	SW	1046, 43, H&TC	30 S	591 W
	LI-14037	D	SE	1137, 43, H&TC	157 S	687 E
	MO-13992	B	SW	371, 44, H&TC	478 S	912 W
	MO-14042	B	SE	30, 2-T, T&NO	628 S	711 E
	MO-14063	B	SW	345, 44, H&TC	485 S	873 W
	OC-0312	A	NW	14, R, B&B	843 N	10 W
	SH-13275	C	NE	54, 1-C, GH&H	826 N	646 E
R	SH-13384	D	SE	60, 1-C, GH&H	803 S	806 E
	SH-13892	B	NE	346, 1-T, T&NO	883 N	283 E
	SH-13893	B	NW	346, 1-T, T&NO	841 N	400 W
	SH-13913	B	NE	126, 1-T, T&NO	360 N	336 E
	SH-14012	B	SW	307, 1-T, T&NO	273 S	138 W
	SH-14013	C	NW	307, 1-T, T&NO	240 N	118 W
	SH-14014	B	NW	307, 1-T, T&NO	625 N	175 W

	SH-14020	B	SW	46, 2-B, GH&H	760 S	298 W
	SH-14021	B	SW	46, 2-B, GH&H	453 S	448 W
	SH-14022	B	SW	46, 2-B, GH&H	110 S	627 W
	SH-14052	B	SW	38, 1-C, GH&H	108 S	893 E
	SH-14055	B	SW	9, 1-C, GH&H	849 S	260 W
	SH-14078	B	SE	174, 1-T, T&NO	439 S	454 E
	SH-14095	C	SW	5, 3-T, T&NO	845 N	885 E
	SH-14132	B	SW	307, 1-T, T&NO	104 S	813 W

Harold Grall MO-13992, MO-14063

FISCAL IMPACT:

Test permit fees and the well permit fees are placed in the general fund and used to offset the administrative and technical review costs associated with the permits. Funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget.

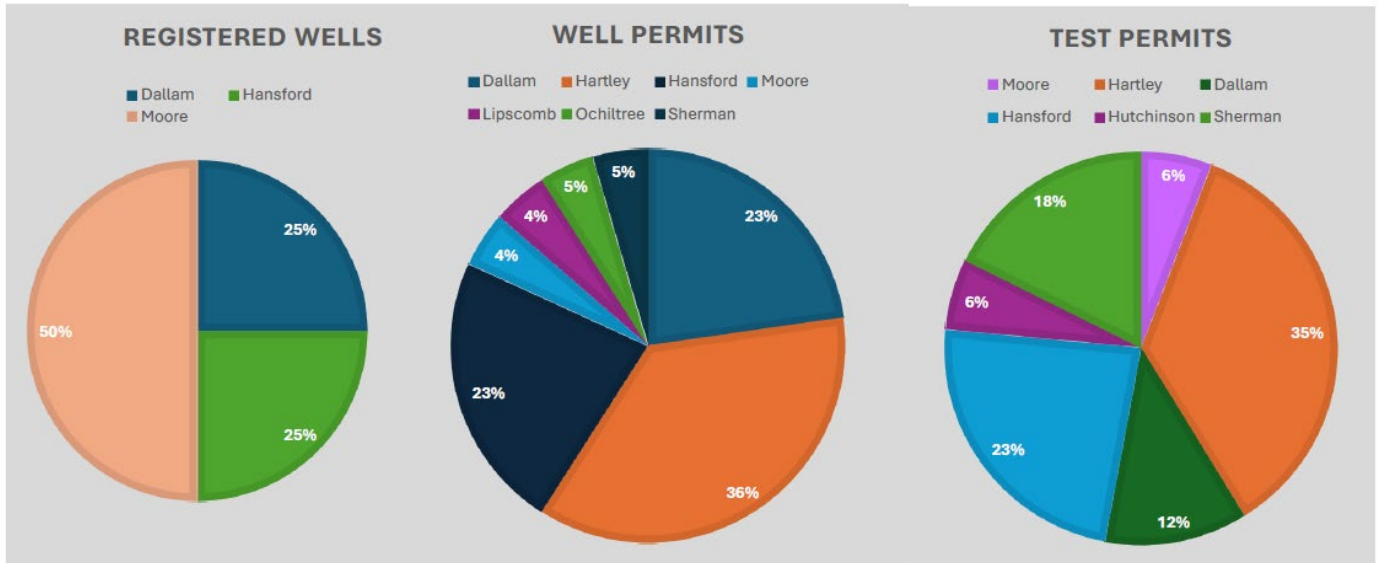
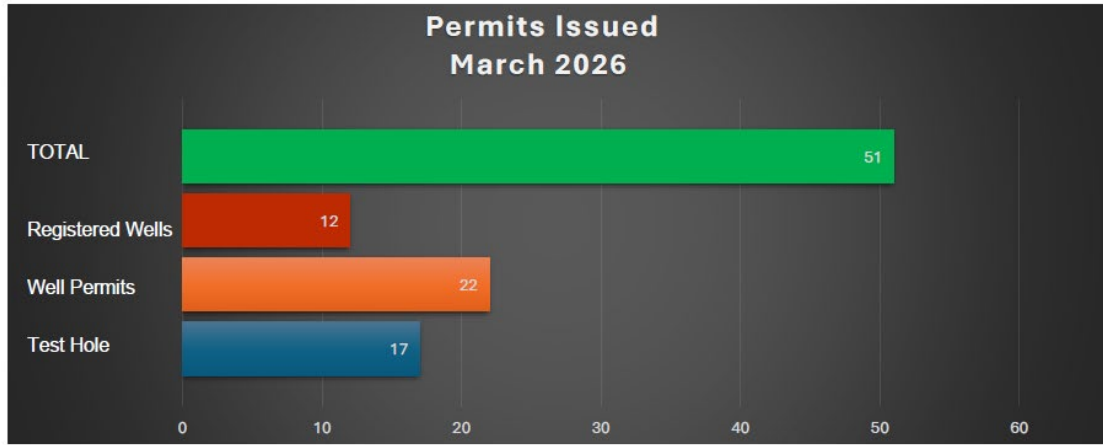
PROPOSED MOTION(s):

Move the Board approve the well permits excluding MO-13992 and MO-14063 represented in the table above as active and complete wells because the wells are properly equipped and otherwise comply with District rules.

Move the Board approve the well permits MO-13992 and MO-14063 with Harold Grall abstaining from the vote as represented in the table above as active and complete wells because the wells are properly equipped and otherwise comply with District rules.

Permits issued in March 2026

Well #	Class	County	Section	Owner/Producer
DA-14395	Sp Ex	Dallam	74, 1, M E HAYS	LANCE SCHMIDT
DA-14397	Sp Ex	Dallam	1, 1, SPRR	MATT MOORE
DA-14402	Sp Ex	Dallam	88, M E Hays, CRL	GARETH & FONDA LOU EICHER
DA-14406	C	Dallam	40, 5, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
DA-14407	C	Dallam	40, 5, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
DA-14408	C	Dallam	38, 5, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
DA-14424	B	Dallam	23, 1, BS&F	HENRY FRIESEN
DA-14425	B	Dallam	23, 1-T, T&NO	JOHN NEUFELD
HA-14396	C	Hartley	125, 44, H&TC	J&JF FARMS
HA-14403	B	Hartley	18, 5, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14404	B	Hartley	18, 5, CSS	BLF LAND LLC
HA-14410	B	Hartley	77, 48, H&TC	TERRY LUSK
HA-14415	C	Hartley	12, 3, B&B	TODD SKALSKY
HA-14417	C	Hartley	34, CS, PSL	STRATMAS FARMS
HA-14418	C	Hartley	250, 44, H&TC	STRATMAS FARMS
HA-14419	B	Hartley	DP Purvines, NONE, NONE	STRATMAS FARMS
HN-0799	B	Hansford	222, 2, GH&H	JOALICE CLAWSON LIVING TR
HN-14398	Sp Ex	Hansford	181, 2, GH&H	AG PARTNERS
HN-14399	Sp Ex	Hansford	135, 2, GH&H	LEE CLUCK WILHELM
HN-14400	Sp Ex	Hansford	135, 2, GH&H	LEE CLUCK WILHELM
HN-14411	D	Hansford	226, 2, GH&H	JOALICE CLAWSON LIVING TR
HN-14412	D	Hansford	226, 2, GH&H	JOALICE CLAWSON LIVING TR
HN-14420	C	Hansford	17, 1, WCRR	ROSE M ROBERTS TRUST
HN-14426	C	Hansford	222, 2, GH&H	JOALICE CLAWSON LIVING TR
LI-14413	D	Lipscomb	81, 10, HT&B	REGINALD LAUBHAN
MO-14409	Sp Ex	Moore	161, 44, H&TC	WINSTON WIRFS
MO-14414	Sp Ex	Moore	161, 44, H&TC	JORGE BALDEROS
MO-14416	Sp Ex	Moore	352, 44, H&TC	FELIPE UGALDE
MO-14421	Sp Ex	Moore	95, 44, H&TC	PEDRO PARRA
MO-14422	Sp Ex	Moore	352, 44, H&TC	DANIEL GARCIA
MO-14423	Sp Ex	Moore	270, 44, H&TC	ALEJANDRO ORTIZ
MO-14427	B	Moore	313, 44, H&TC	JERRY THOMPSON
OC-14401	C	Ochiltree	55, 11, W Ahrenbeck	JUSTIN & CASSIE NEUSCH
SH-14405	B	Sherman	58, 1-T, T&NO	JOHN NEUFELD



ITEM 3D RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ACTION AS NEEDED REGARDING AGRICULTURE WATER CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND THE NORTH PLAINS WATER CONSERVATION CENTER INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A FINAL REPORT FROM DAVID SLOANE FOR THE 2025 DEMONSTRATION.

SUMMARY:

WCC

0.00” of rain at the WCC since the last board meeting on March 3, 2026.

Prewatering has been completed on both circles, with one inch applied to each, wrapping up the evening of April 1. The target planting date for early corn silage is April 15, pending weather conditions. Dusty and David are also considering running water through the drip system to ensure everything is functioning properly.

David contacted Rex Brandon at Pioneer, who confirmed the following hybrids for the demonstration plots:

- P12517V (same as west pivot, west half)
- P13777V (same as east pivot, south half)
- P14270V
- P15517V

These selections will allow for comparisons across sprinkler, mobile drip, and SDI systems. The remaining consideration is whether to use the same hybrid on both circles to effectively compare Upterra versus non-Upterra treatments.

Outreach Activities

Over the past month, Paige and Baylee have been busy preparing for the annual 4th Grade Water Festival, scheduled for the first week of May. Their work has included coordinating with schools to confirm attendance and T-shirt details, finalizing locations, gathering food cost estimates, preparing activities, and designing student giveaways. This year’s event has received sponsorship support of \$1,500 from Valero and \$500 from Brett Stegall.

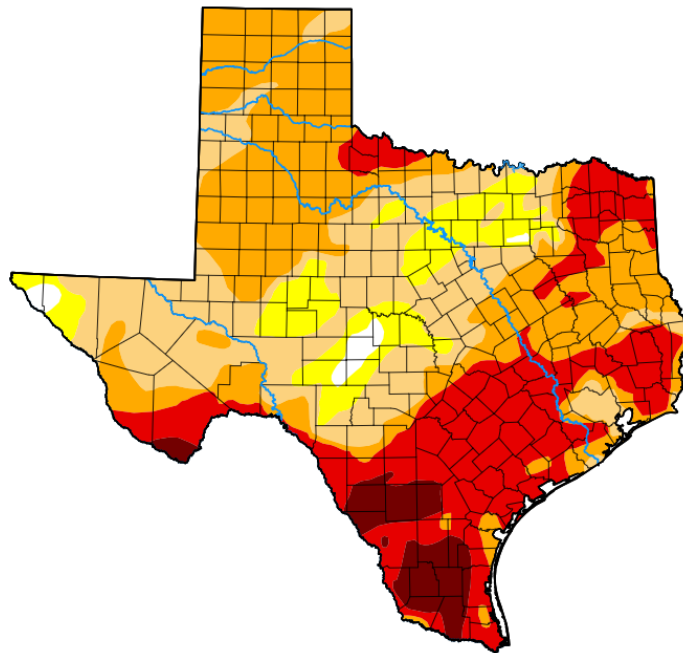
Curtis has also been working with Dusty and David to prepare the WCC for the upcoming season. Since the last board meeting, \$29,800.57 has been distributed through the Master Irrigator cost-share program, with inspections still ongoing.

Upcoming Outreach Events

Outreach staff be attending these upcoming events:

- April 15th -16th - I|E TAGD Committee Training
- May 4th – Water Festival Perryton
- May 5th – Water Festival Dumas
- May 6th – Water Festival Dumas
- May 7th – Water Festival Dalhart

Drought Map



Map released: Thurs. April 2, 2026

Data valid: March 31, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the 2025-2026 budget.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The board may make one or more motions based on the report.

ITEM 3E RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING FIELD INSPECTION SERVICES COMPLETED IN MARCH 2026.

Aquifer Science Activities – Odell Ward P.G., Braden Cadenhead, Angel Quiroz, Jacob Fernandez, James “Tackle” Guile

The field staff worked diligently to keep up with pre-drills, post-drills, and compliance-related inspections. The field staff is working hard to complete calendar tasks for production, meter inspections, and over-production inspections across the district. This is a very busy time for the district departments, as they work together to complete tasks and keep the process on schedule. Pre-drill inspections remain at 21, the same as last month, but up 29% from March of 2025.

Field Team County Assignments

Braden Cadenhead- MO, LI

Angel Quiroz- HA, OC

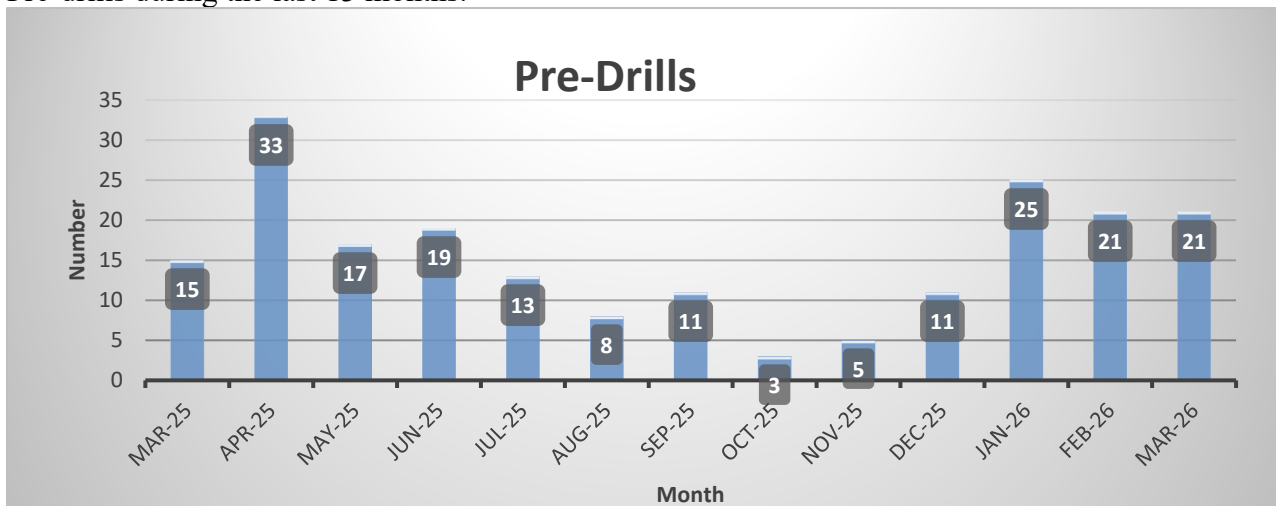
Jacob Fernandez- DA, HN

Tackle Guile- SH, HU

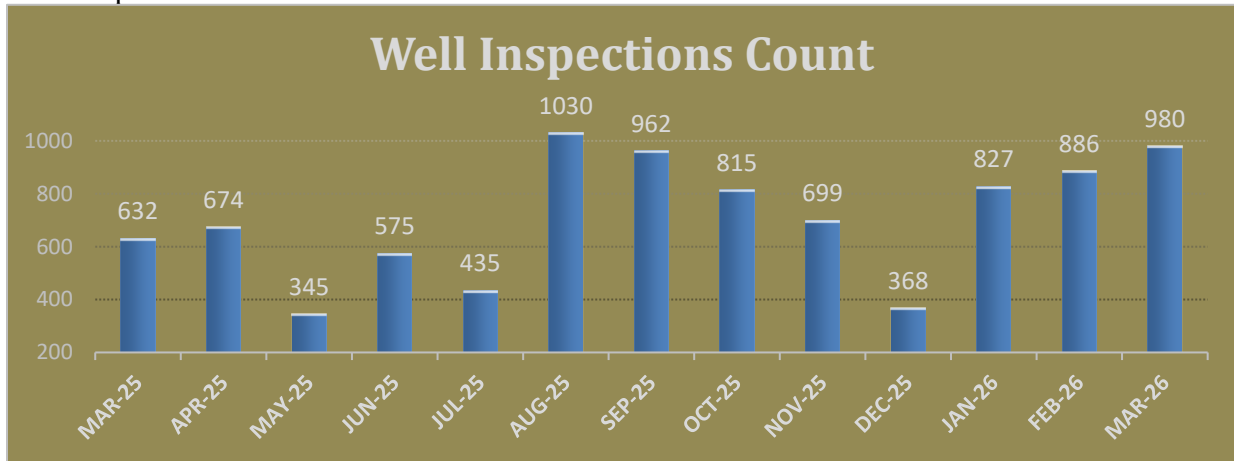
Well, inspections by type were completed in March 2026.

Type of Inspection	Number
Pre-Drill Inspection	21
Post Drill Inspection	3
General Well Inspections	956
Winter Water Level Measurements	0
Total Wells Inspected	980

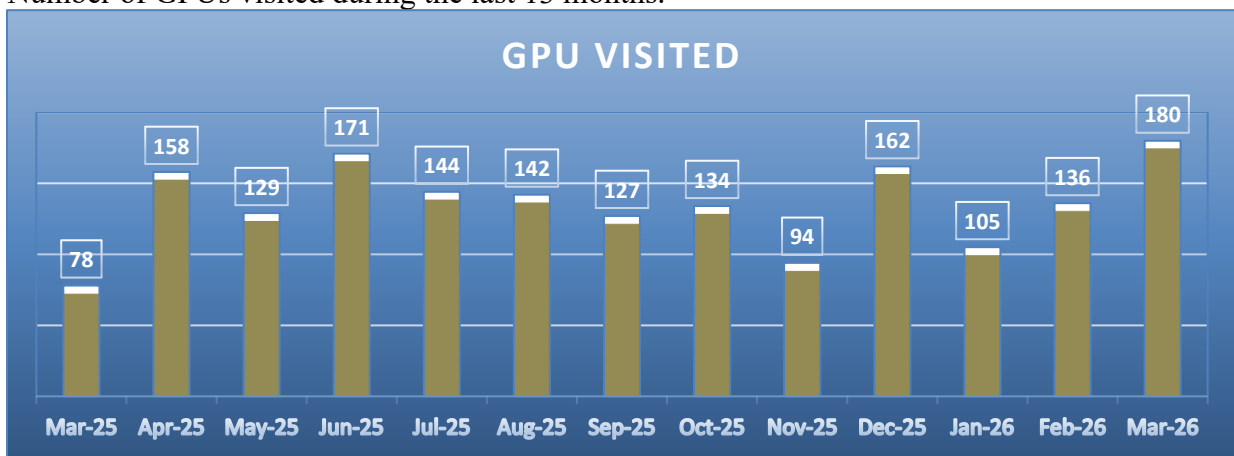
Pre-drills during the last 13 months.



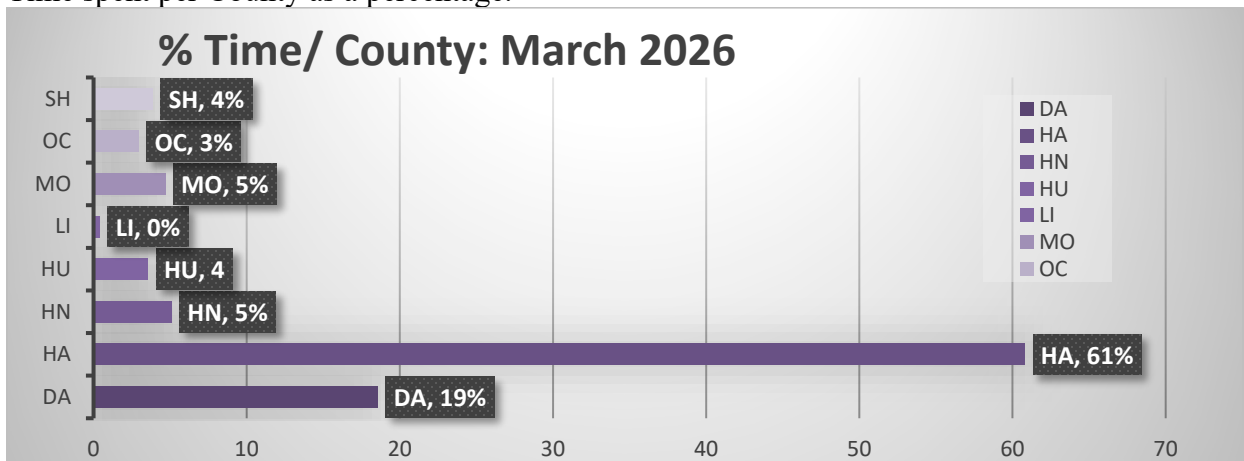
Well inspections the last 13 months.



Number of GPUs visited during the last 13 months.



Time spent per County as a percentage.



Field Truck Mileage and Fuel Summary:

Month	Mileage	Fuel (gal)	Cost	\$/Mi
Sep-25	8,309	802	1,874	0.43
Oct-25	7,317	566	1,421	0.40
Nov-25	8,644	464	1,177	0.39
Dec-25	8,383	729	1,664	0.44
Jan-26	12,884	847	1,924	0.44
Feb-26	12,958	938	2,263	0.41
Mar-26	11,780	775	2,272	0.34

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding in the 2024-2025 budget to cover related expenses.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The report is for information purposes only.

ITEM 3F RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING 2025 ANNUAL PRODUCTION REPORTING.

SUMMARY:

On December 1, 2025, approximately (2941) 2025 Annual Production Reports were made available through a personal link, mailed or emailed to recipients, as requested. As of April 5, 2026, Six Hundred and Fifty-four (654) Production Reports have been received by email, mail or in person and Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven (2287) reports have been submitted online of which Six Hundred and Ninety-six (696) were entered, reviewed and approved by admin staff.

2025 Reports	2941
Received via email, mail or in person	654
Received via online portal	2287
Reports not yet filed	0
Reports filed late	44

Attached is a list of report recipients who have filed their 2025 production reports late. Also attached are the documents that will be sent out to the 14 report recipients who reported late. There are no changes to the Late Filer Letter nor the Settlement Agreement from what the board approved last year which was \$50 per day per GPU up to \$500. Additionally, if they accept the settlement agreement within 30 days of the date of the letter, they can file 2026 production by January 15, 2027 and be refunded the settlement funds.

District staff will be working through April to review and finalize all reports.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding in the 2025-2026 budget to cover related expenses.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board reapprove the late filer letter and settlement agreement as presented.

ITEM 3G RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MADE BY THE DISTRICT AND UPDATES ON ANY FUNDING AVAILABLE TO QUALIFYING PRODUCERS

SUMMARY:

The District has received grant funds from various sources including The Texas Water Development Board, United States Geological Survey, and the Natural Resource Conservation Services.

The primary source of grant revenue has been the Agriculture Water Conservation Fund funded by the Texas Water Development Board. The district has been receiving grants since 2004. To date, the district has received a total of \$3,981,859 in ag conservation grants. \$960,496 for the Master Irrigator program, \$2,785,550 for meter cost share and \$235,813 for education and demonstration projects.

The current contracts/grants with TWDB are:

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>TWDB Cost Share</u>	<u>Paid to Date</u>	<u>Available Bal.</u>	<u>Outstanding/Assigned Payments</u>
2413582894	Meters	\$200,000	\$75,160.58	\$124,839.42	\$12,458.48
2013582449	MI	\$250,000	\$160,024.85	\$60,174.58	\$60,000.00
2103582576	MI	\$250,000	0.00	250,000.00	\$245,250
2513582949	MI	\$160,496	0.00	160,496.00	\$160,496

These funds will be paid out to eligible recipients during the 2026 and 2027 fiscal years.

If all graduates of the 2026 MI class were to submit applications for the full match of \$10,000 each we will be short \$9,504.00.

The Master Irrigator Consortium Subcontract with Texas A&M is in the amount of \$400,000 and the project is matching funds for the Master Irrigator matching funds. The final details of the timing and availability of the funds has not been clearly established at this time however conversations are going forward.

The District has applied for the following grants with The Texas Water Development Board

<u>TWDB Fund</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Project</u>	<u>TWDB Share</u>	<u>Application Date</u>
GCD Science Grant	Aquifer Research	<u>\$218,051</u>	<u>\$158,051</u>	<u>March 13, 2026</u>
Ag Conservation Fund	Master Irrigator and Education	<u>\$515,000</u>	<u>\$265,000</u>	<u>March 18, 2026</u>

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the 2025-2026 budget.

PROPOSED MOTION:

This item is for reporting purposes

ITEM 3H RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ACTION AS NEEDED REGARDING THE METER REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.

SUMMARY:

The District has one contract (#2894) with the Texas Water Development Board designated for the purpose of providing reimbursement funds for meters. The TWDB share of the contract is in the amount of \$200,000. The project completion date is December 15, 2027.

Contract Number	TWDB Share	Budget FY 25-26	Paid to Date FY 25-26	Outstanding
2413582894	\$200,000	\$70,000	\$68,917.05	\$12,458.48

Our annual budget for FY 25-26 is \$70,000. With \$12,458.48 outstanding applications, we will need an additional \$20,000 to finish out this fiscal year. That will leave us with \$104,839.42 for fiscal year 2026-2027 under this contract which is a sufficient amount for FY 26-27.

Your other option is to pause the program until the new fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is **NOT** sufficient funding in the 2025-2026 budget to cover all pending reimbursements.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the board authorize the continuation of the meter reimbursement program through September 30, 2026 with a maximum budget of \$90,000

ITEM 3I CONSIDER GENERAL MANAGER’S REQUEST TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

SUMMARY:

The General Manager has reviewed the current budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 and requests the following budget amendments:

Budget Item Description	Current Budget Amount	Increase or (Decrease)	Proposed Budget Amount	Explanation
8006 Conservation Outreach TWDB Meter Grant	\$70,000	\$20,000	\$90,000	Increase line item to cover outstanding reimbursements
6001 – Per Diem	\$35,000	(5,000)	\$30,000	Decrease to cover Meter Reimbursements
6002 – Mtgs Conf & Travel	\$31,500	(8,000)	\$23,500	Decrease to cover Meter Reimbursements
6603 – Conf. Mtgs & Travel	\$45,000	(7,000)	\$38,000	Decrease to cover Meter Reimbursements
Total overall 2025-2026 budget change	\$181,500	0.00	\$181,500	

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is included in the 2025-2026 budget to reclassify.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Move the Board amend the 2025-2026 budget as follows:

- Decrease - 6001 \$5,000; 6002 \$8,000 and 6603 \$7,000
- Increase - 8006 \$20,000

The budget amendments reflect no change in the District’s overall budget.

ITEM 3J RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING COMPLIANCE AND CONTESTED MATTERS BEFORE THE DISTRICT.

SUMMARY:

This item is provided for the General Manager to report updates from the previous Board meeting (if any) and any new matters regarding compliance and contested matters brought before the District.

Compliance for Board Consideration Update from Previous Meeting(s)

Name	Well Number(s) & GPU	Board Decision and Status Since Last Meeting
BLF	8266, 8263, 8268, 8267 – Exceeded 2023 annual production limitation.	Unresolved.
BLF	HA-5814 GPU 8287 not properly plugged by board due date.	Unresolved
BLF	3354, 3366, 5248, 5256, 5260, 5770, 8239, 8255, 8263, 8267, 8268, 8274, 8281, 8282, 8291, 8297, 8799, 8801, 8802, 8803, 9623 & 9713. Late 2023 Annual Production Report(s)	Unresolved
BLF	GPUs: 8263, 8266, 8268, 9623, 9933, 9935 – Exceeded 2024 annual production limitation.	Unresolved
Chuck Schoonover	DA-0436 GPU 6433 – pipe diversion bypassing meter	The board will be updated at the meeting
Chuck Schoonover	GPU 6433 – DA-0435 Flow meter not functioning on operating well. Reading does not change	The board will be updated at the meeting.
Dean Cooke (TCW Supply, Inc.)	GPU 9644 – HU-0609 Flow meter not functioning on operating well. Check valve and LPD buried	The board will be updated at the meeting.

April 2026 Compliance for Board Consideration

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding in the 2025-2026 budget for this item.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The board may act as necessary.

ITEM 3K DISCUSS BLF LAND, LLC et al v. ALLAN FRERICH, et al., NO. 2:23-CV-133Z (N.D. Tex. AUGUST 8, 2023).

SUMMARY:

This will be a closed session discussion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Sufficient funding is available in the 2025-2026 budget.

PROPOSED MOTION:

The Board may act, as necessary.

ITEM 3L CLOSED SESSION

SUMMARY:

The Board of Directors of the District may go into a closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, to discuss:

- i) Consultation with Attorney – Attorney/Client Privileged Consultations (§ 551.071).
- ii) Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding pending compliance matters and attorney-client privileged communications exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to § 551.071 of the Government Code.
- iii) Consultation with Legal Counsel to obtain legal advice on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

ITEM 3M CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION(S) REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED
IN CLOSED SESSION.

ITEM 4A DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

ITEM 4B COMMITTEE REPORTS

i) Ag Committee March 23, 2026 –

- (1) Received update on MI Program – 25 graduates with positive comments and good interaction – virtual presentations were challenging
- (2) David Sloane gave an update on the farming plan for the 2026 season
 - (a) Corn on both pivots – early plant date for forage and late plant date for grain
- (3) Report on the mobile drip installation – working with Nutridrip to get design completed and prewatering done before installation. Mobile drip will be installed on span 7 and 5. Nutridrip bid was approved
- (4) Approved the soil moisture probe plan – 30 total probes will be utilized. 24 in the drip fields, 4 in the pivots and 2 for the mobile drip
- (5) Discussed choice of hybrids for the variety demonstration and sourcing of the seed – Harold will obtain seed for the pivots, Pioneer will also provide seeds for variety trial. Discussion was had on number of seeds
- (6) David Sloane proposed soil sampling for biological activity Upterra vs No Upterra – anticipated Upterra could sponsor this. Cost is estimated to be \$60-\$100 per test. David's proposal was 4 samples from the pivots (4 now and 4 at end of season) Eric will do the nutrition sample and David offered to talk to Upterra
- (7) Soil sampling for fertilizer application – HG has done this and will get the information to David.
- (8) Inquired if there would be manure application – answer was no
- (9) The satellite imagery tool called Irriwatch will be utilized this year. This is a daily thermal satellite imagery, which will provide more frequent and superior readings than other platforms. The drip design will be overlaid to give the best insights possible. The Bleu's fields images were provided as samples. This platform along with soil probes will provide an in-depth look at specific points in the field. The layers will provide information such as actual ET and NDVI along with daily crop growth, a crop growth to date, soil moisture status, leaf nitrogen status and daily temperature readings.
- (10) A comprehensive water management system called Vandwater has been provided free of charge to the district to demonstrate how this software can track, manage and report water use activity. The product is compatible with all meter types. To use the application a small token is attached to the water meter with unique identification information. Dusty has begun to use the app and is becoming more acquainted with the features. The system allows the producer to track the allowable vs the actual water use. The system was developed with compliance of production limitations in Kansas.
- (11) Scott Larsen with AgSense inspected the WCC and is having Valley develop a proposal for a demonstration of their new product. We have not received any proposal at this time.

- (12) The committee discuss the provisions of a new contract with Irrigronomy. The committee approved the proposed contract which was then submitted to the full board for approval
 - (13) The committee discussed with David if he was interested in serving as the Master Irrigator lead and he advised the committee he could not do it personally however; he felt with enough start up money, the foundation could do it. This item was left pending
- ii) **Property Committee met March 23rd and 24th**, to review bids for roof repairs at the WCC. All bids received to date were rejected and the following specifications were made for future bid solicitations:
- (1) Replace all closure strips on eaves, common ridge and hip ridges
 - (2) Replace all screw fasteners
 - (3) Replace/repair ridge vent systems
 - (4) Install 3 new downspouts complete
 - (5) Install 4 gutter corners
 - (6) Clean debris and existing downspout plugs from existing gutter system

Bids will be requested from Dewitt Roofing, Ron Dewitt and Trejo roofing, Jessy Trejo

The gutters at the ditrict office have been cleaned and the outdoor lights at the WCC have been repaired.

ITEM 4C GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- i. Upcoming meetings and conferences
- ii. General Manager's Activity Summary

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- June 2-3, 2026, TAGD Spring Business Meeting –San Marcos, TX (Public Funds Investment Act Training)
- June 17-19, 2026, TWA Summer Conference – Horseshoe Bay, TX
- July 21-23 GMDA Summer Conference – (Texas GCDs are the sponsors) – Lubbock, TX
- July 30, 2026, Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A), Amarillo, TX
- GMA 1 August 18, 2026 – Amarillo, TX
- September 1-3 Texas Groundwater Summit – San Antonio, TX
- September 23, 2026, Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A)
- October 7-9, 2026, TWA Fall Conference – San Antonio, TX
- Water for Texas TWDB – January 25-27, 2027, Austin, TX



GENERAL MANAGER ACTIVITY SUMMARY

MARCH 2026

Each Monday the full staff will gather in the General Managers office and highlight each department's anticipated or scheduled activities for the week. The various departments are then aware of the schedule and activities that might affect staff members' availability that week or in the near future. Vital dates of interest include but are not limited to the board meeting schedules, regional meetings, and state meetings.

The Texas Water Association's 82nd Annual Convention was held in Fort Worth, TX. With more than 500 water professionals, policymakers, and leaders from across the state for three days of discussion, collaboration and networking.

Keynotes & Presentations. Attendees heard from keynote speakers, including Rep. Ramón Romero, Jr. (Texas HD 90), Col. Calvin A. Kroeger (Commander, USACE, Fort Worth District), Director Ashley Morgan (TWDB), Commissioner Morgan Johnson (PUC), and Regional Administrator Scott Mason (U.S. EPA, South-Central). Industry experts and leaders shared insights on issues impacting Texas water, offering valuable perspectives and discussion from across the water community.

Speaker Sessions of Interest to Groundwater Issues

- **Are Desired Future Conditions Delivering? Criticisms & Opportunities**
Moderator: Leah Martinsson, Water Policy Consultant; *Panelists:* Amy Bush (RMBJ Geo, Inc.), Alan Day (Brazos Valley GCD), Robert Mace (The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment), and Stacey Reese (Stacey Reese Law, PLLC)
- **Case Law Updates** – Katie Jeffress (Baker Botts, LLP) and Jake Steen (Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.) Power point presentation is found in the attachments.
- **Groundwater Panel** – *Chair:* Drew Satterwhite (Canadian River Municipal Water Authority) and *VC:* Mike Turco (Harris-Galveston Subsidence District)
- Gary Westbrook with Post Oak Savannah gave an overview of the district, and went into some detail about their remediation program and their aquifer conservancy program. Power point presentation is found in the attachments.

Annual Awards Luncheon. A key highlight of the Annual Convention is the Annual Awards Luncheon. This year, TWA recognized some of the biggest water champions in our state. Join us in congratulating the 2026 Annual Awards Recipients whose leadership and service have made a lasting impact.

2026 Annual Awards Recipients

TWA 82nd Annual Convention Dedication

- Texas Governor Greg Abbott

TWA President's Award

- Ben Haguewood (Office of Governor Greg Abbott)
- Sarah Kinkle (Texas Water Association)
- Blaire Parker (San Antonio Water System)

Leadership in Water

- Michael J. Booth (Booth & Associates)
- Emily Lindley (Gray Cardinal Strategies)
- Bobby Janecka
- Glenn Jarvis (Law Offices of Glenn Jarvis)

Membership & Services Volunteer of the Year

- Connie Curtis (San Jacinto River Authority)

Lifetime Membership Award

- Dr. Peggy Glass
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Texas Water Association's Legislative Committee held their first meeting at the end of March and first of April.

The agenda was quite lengthy however; verbal participation was minimal. Based on what little discussion there was, the legislative director has requested the committee members vote on several topics as proposed subcommittees which include: State Water Planning; Groundwater Export and Large Scale Production; Joint Planning, DFC Management and Achievement, Production Caps, and Sustainability; and Data Centers. The committee members are asked to identify the top 5 issues that the legislative committee should consider taking up in addition to the four subcommittees already listed. The top 5 topics correspond with the agenda (see attached) and begin with item 32 – 74. The deadline to submit my response is Friday April 24th. If you wish to discuss this topics in greater detail, please feel free to reach out. All input is appreciated.

The remainder of the month was dedicated to grant application preparations, continued database expansion and activity exploring and preparing for the 2026 production season.

ITEM 5 DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING AGENDAS AND SET
NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

ITEM 6 ADJOURN