

LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.
317 E Hempstead St
Giddings, TX 78942**

HYBRID IN-PERSON/TELEPHONIC/VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

**IN-PERSON AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE OPTIONS
INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION ARE ATTACHED**

AGENDA

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal actions may be taken, are listed below. Items may or may not be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.

- 1) Call to Order:
 - a) Establish Quorum
 - b) Welcome and Introductions
 - c) Pledge of Allegiance
 - d) Texas Pledge

- 2) Public Comments*: Note: Board directors will not ask questions or take action during this item. Regarding comments on items not on today's agenda, responses from board directors are limited to factual statements, recitation of existing District policy, or request for the subject to be placed on a future agenda per Tex. Gov't Code § 551.042.
 - a) Non-Agenda Items
 - b) Agenda Items

- 4) Consent Agenda:

Consent agenda items are routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion or action on these items unless requested by a board director.

 - a) Minutes of the January 21, 2026 regular Board meeting.
 - b) Financial report through January 31, 2026.
 - c) Invoices received and payments greater than \$15,000.

- 5) Regular Agenda:
 - a) Announcements.
 - b) Discussion, consideration, and possible action on resignation of Director Sheril Smith and board vacancy.
 - c) Committee assignments.
 - d) Discussion, consideration, and possible action on digitizing District records and vendor selection.

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- e) Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the request to transfer wells, operating permits, transport permits, and associated permit agreements from Lower Colorado River Authority to Quanterra Holdings, LLC pursuant to District Rules 7.4, 7.5, and 7.6.
- f) Discussion, consideration, and possible action on resolution regarding applying for a Texas Water Development Board data collection grant.
- g) Presentation by Spheros Environmental regarding District socioeconomic study.
- h) Discussion, consideration, and possible action on District mitigation program.
- i) Education and Outreach Coordinator's report. No action will be taken.
- j) General Manager's report. No action will be taken.
 - 1. Form 100's – 17, Form 300's – 0
 - 2. Drought Conditions
 - 3. No pending permits
 - 4. Working to improve Board room audio with new microphones
 - 5. GM 12 met January 23rd and February 19th.
 - 6. Website and Database improvements
 - 7. BoR Grant extended thru February 2027
 - 8. Upcoming meetings – GMA 12
- k) Consideration of future agenda items.
- l) Set date and location of next meeting.

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- 6) Executive Session:
 - a) Executive Session of the Board pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, or any closed session permitted by law, regarding the District's pending or contemplated litigation.

Adjourn.

Date: 2-18-26

Peggy Campion
Peggy Campion, Assistant Secretary

Note: The Board may recess into Executive Session to consult with its attorneys regarding any posted matter in which the Board may seek the advice of its attorneys under Government Code 551.071 or for any action on the agenda for which a closed session is permitted by law, and will reconvene in open session for any appropriate action on any matter considered in Executive Session.

*Note on Public Comments: The Board will receive comments from the public on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District. However, the Board will not hear public comments related to any contested case hearing or other litigation matter that is subject to a prohibition on ex parte communications (including a contested permitting matter) between the conclusion of the public hearing for such matter and the date the Board considers a proposal for decision or renders a final decision on the matter. The Board will not take action on public comments, but may request that matters addressed during public comments be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING FOLLOW

LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 3:30 p.m.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE VIA THE PUBLICLY
ACCESSIBLE WEB LINK OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

Information on how to participate in the public meeting remotely is provided below. The agenda for this board meeting immediately precedes these instructions for participation. You can provide written public comment in advance of the meeting to lpgcd@lostpineswater.org or live during the meeting via the web link or conference call number provided below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE

The Meeting will begin at 3:30 PM

Participation via the audio and video conference will be allowed in the board meeting during public comment or any posted agenda item. If you plan to make public comment during any portion of the meeting, please do the following:

1. Contact the District at 512-360-5088 or lpgcd@lostpineswater.org to register as a speaker during public comment or on any agenda item by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 23rd. Please indicate whether you would like to speak during public comment and/or a specific item on the agenda. Any person participating in the meeting must be recognized and identified by the presiding officer before they speak.
2. Log in to the Zoom video conference *OR* dial in to the conference call using the information below:

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83861067997?pwd=Tqm99WrLYt9NwKgx2aqRiWOeKOgV6x.1>

Meeting ID: 838 6106 7997
Passcode: 471423

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To join by phone:
1-346-248-7799
Passcode: 471423#

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Board of Directors Agenda Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

The Board of Directors convened an in-person/telephonic/video conference meeting at 3:31 p.m. pursuant to public notice having been given at the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District meeting room in Giddings, Texas. The following members of the Board were present in person: Directors Melissa Cole, Herbert Cook, Patricia Jacobs, Fred Meijering, Debra Phillips, Nancci Phillips-Burgess and Nick Textor. Director Thomas Arsuffi joined the meeting via Zoom at a later time.

Staff members present: Elvis Hernandez, General Manager, Peggy Campion and Claire Marks.

Consultants present: Natasha Martin, Bobby Salehi, Attorneys and Dr. Gretchen Miller, Hydrogeologist via Zoom.

1. *Call to Order.* There being no Board officers, Herbert Cook, the longest tenured Board member in attendance call the meeting to order.

a. Director Cook established a quorum.

b. Director Cook welcomed the public.

c. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

d. The Texas Pledge was recited.

e. *Pursuant to District Rule 2.1, the Board will conduct its annual election for president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.* Natasha Martin, Attorney, provided a recommendation to the Board an election method procedure. Director Cole moved to adopt the method recommended by counsel. Director Burgess-Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Director Cole made a nomination for slate of all three officers with Director Textor for president, Thomas Arsuffi for vice-president and Herbert Cook for Secretary-Treasurer. Director Cook called for a vote by roll call, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the slate.

2. *Approval of January board meeting agenda.* Director Cole moved to approve the January board meeting agenda. Secretary-Treasurer Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. *Public Comments.* There were no public comments.

4. *Consent Agenda:*

a. *Minutes of the December 17, 2025 regular Board meeting.*

b. Financial report through December 31, 2025.

c. Invoices received and payments greater than \$15,000.00.

Director Phillips moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Cole seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Regular Agenda:

a. Announcements. Claire Marks, Education/Outreach Coordinator, gave an Education/Outreach update. Please see attached report.

b. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on 2026 Board meeting calendar schedule. Director Cole moved to approve the 2026 Board meeting calendar schedule. Director Jacobs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. It was noted that the February board meeting will be the 4th Wednesday of the month.

c. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on signature authority regarding banking. This item is removing retired Board members Kathryn Rogers and Michael Simmang as bank signatories and replacing them with Vice-President Arsuffi and Secretary-Treasurer Cook. Director Cole moved to remove Kathryn Rogers and Michael Simmang as bank signatories and add Vice-President Arsuffi and Secretary-Treasurer Cook. Director Jacobs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on resolution regarding signature authority for TexPool account. This item is removing retired Board members Kathryn Rogers and Michael Simmang as TexPool signatories and replacing them with Vice-President Arsuffi and Secretary-Treasurer Cook. Director Cole moved to remove Kathryn Rogers and Michael Simmang as signatories and replace them with Vice-President Arsuffi and Secretary-Treasurer Cook. Director Jacobs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

e. General Manager's Report. President Textor recognized General Manager Hernandez to present the General Manager's report.

f. Consideration of future agenda items. There were none at this time.

g. Set date and location of next meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on February 25, 2026, Lost Pines GCD District Office, 317 E Hempstead St., Giddings, TX 78942 at 3:30 p.m.

6. Executive Session:

a. Executive session of the Board pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, or any closed session permitted by law, regarding the District's pending or contemplated litigation. The Board went into executive session at 4:04 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071, or any closed session permitted by law, to consult with its attorneys regarding pending or contemplated litigation. The Board went back into open meeting at 4:25 p.m. No action was taken during the closed meeting.

President Textor adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Approved:

G. Nicholas Textor, President

Herbert Cook, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
LPGCD **FINANCIAL REPORT 2026**

FUNDING	2026		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
	FUNDING	FEES TO DATE				
4000						
4950 Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4025 User Fee Funds Req.	\$ 1,901,656.32	\$ 241,159.75	\$ 215,034.75	\$ 26,125.00	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -				
TOTAL FUNDING MO.		\$ -	\$ 215,034.75	\$ 26,125.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOT. REVENUE	\$ 1,901,656.32	\$ 241,159.75				
% OF TOTAL						

EXPENSES	2026		FUNCTION BAL.	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
	BUDGET						
5000 LABOR							
5001 Staff	\$ 338,161.00	\$ 24,586.72	\$ 313,574.28	\$ 24,586.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5325.3 401A Match	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,127.79	\$ 13,872.21	\$ 1,127.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5325.1 Health Insurance	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 6,648.00	\$ 34,352.00	\$ 3,324.00	\$ 3,324.00	\$ -	\$ -
8136 Directors Comp.	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5425 FICA	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,861.65	\$ 28,138.35	\$ 1,861.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5000 TOTAL	\$ 499,161.00	\$ 34,224.16	\$ 464,936.84	\$ 30,900.16	\$ 3,324.00	\$ -	\$ -
% OF TOTAL	31%	7%					

6000 SUPPLIES							
6570 Office Supplies	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 456.08	\$ 4,793.92	\$ 456.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6626 Postage	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 146.04	\$ 5,103.96	\$ 146.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6571 E/O Program	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 9,677.00	\$ 323.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6000 TOTAL	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 925.12	\$ 19,574.88	\$ 925.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
% OF TOTAL	1%	5%					

7000 PROF. SERVICES							
7315 Hydro/Geologist	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7450 Legal	\$ 550,000.00	\$ -	\$ 550,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7270 Governmental Relations.	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 26,800.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ -
7040 IT Management	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,135.96	\$ 13,864.04	\$ 1,135.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7036 Audit Expense	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7000 TOTAL	\$ 913,000.00	\$ 6,335.96	\$ 906,664.04	\$ 3,735.96	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ -
% OF TOTAL	58%	1%					

8000 OPERATING EXP.							
8344.1 Auto Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 112.79	\$ 1,887.21	\$ 112.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8344.2 Insurance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 14,850.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8100 Cleaning/Lawn Services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8601 Payroll Processing Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 205.82	\$ 2,794.18	\$ 205.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8768 Telephone	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 491.98	\$ 7,008.02	\$ 380.78	\$ 111.20	\$ -	\$ -
8006 Legal Notice	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 8,925.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8795 Travel	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8795.2 meals	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 61.85	\$ 2,938.15	\$ 61.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8795.1 lodging	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 231.82	\$ 7,768.18	\$ 231.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8795.3 mileage reimbursment	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 240.70	\$ 9,759.30	\$ 240.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8690 registration fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,133.00	\$ 1,867.00	\$ 4,133.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8790 training fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8156 Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8694.1 office equipment	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 415.11	\$ 13,084.89	\$ 415.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8694.2 office furniture	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8694.4 venue	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6840 utilities	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 190.42	\$ 5,809.58	\$ 190.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8696 repairs	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8500 Contingency	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8600 Website/Database	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8000 TOTAL	\$ 153,500.00	\$ 6,658.49	\$ 146,841.51	\$ 6,547.29	\$ 111.20	\$ -	\$ -
% OF TOTAL	10%	4%					

9000 DEBT SERVICE							
9000 TOTAL							
% OF TOTAL							

TOT. BY MO. **\$ 48,143.73** \$ 42,108.53 \$ 6,035.20 \$ - \$ -

TOT. ALL FUNCT. \$ 1,586,161.00

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

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Register: 1010 · Checking - First National Bank

From 01/01/2026 through 01/31/2026

Sorted by: Date and Order Entered

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
01/02/2026	8797	GM Ellis Law Firm	7000 · Professional Ser...	January	2,600.00			40,190.92
01/02/2026	8798	Graybar Financial Se...	8000 · Operating Expe...	Inv. 19549540	111.20			40,079.72
01/02/2026	8799	TX Health Benefits P...	5000 · Labor:5325 · E...	January	4,464.84			35,614.88
01/02/2026	8800	Insurance Net, Inc.	8000 · Operating Expe...	Inv. 9947 9946...	150.00			35,464.88
01/05/2026	8803	City of Giddings	8000 · Operating Expe...	utilities	215.65			35,249.23
01/05/2026		Peggy Champion	5000 · Labor:5025 · G...	DD	2,637.73			32,611.50
01/05/2026		Elvis Hernandez	5000 · Labor:5025 · G...	DD	4,577.76			28,033.74
01/05/2026		Claire Marks	5000 · Labor:5025 · G...	DD	2,288.61			25,745.13
01/05/2026			2225 · Payroll Liabilities		2,904.57			22,840.56
01/05/2026			5000 · Labor:5325 · E...		140.66			22,699.90
01/05/2026			5000 · Labor:5325 · E...		210.98			22,488.92
01/05/2026			5000 · Labor:5325 · E...		322.47			22,166.45
01/05/2026	8804	TAGD	8000 · Operating Expe...		150.00			22,016.45
01/05/2026	8805	Kristina Turner	8000 · Operating Expe...	Cleaning	350.00			21,666.45
01/05/2026	8806	G and C Printing and...	8000 · Operating Expe...	INv. GC127063	16.39			21,650.06
01/06/2026	8807	Alliance Benefit Gro...	5000 · Labor:5325 · E...	INv 180539 18...	524.00			21,126.06
01/07/2026			8000 · Operating Expe...		415.11			20,710.95
01/07/2026		Recharge Water LP	1200 · Accounts Recei...				26,125.00	46,835.95
01/10/2026			8000 · Operating Expe...		102.91			46,733.04
01/12/2026		Manville WSC	1200 · Accounts Recei...				13,525.44	60,258.48
01/12/2026		Manville WSC	1200 · Accounts Recei...				73,006.24	133,264.72
01/12/2026			1034 · Checking Expor...		73,006.24			60,258.48
01/12/2026		Rambo Materials	1200 · Accounts Recei...				158.84	60,417.32
01/12/2026	8808	Norman Jones	7503 · Rainwater Harv...	Rainwater Harv...	3,275.00			57,142.32
01/12/2026		Bastrop County WCI...	1200 · Accounts Recei...				337.54	57,479.86
01/12/2026			2280 · Customer Depo...				2,600.00	60,079.86
01/14/2026		Lee County WSC	1200 · Accounts Recei...				4,180.00	64,259.86
01/15/2026			8000 · Operating Expe...		103.65			64,156.21
01/15/2026		City of Lexington	1200 · Accounts Recei...				1,410.75	65,566.96
01/15/2026		Aqua WSC	1200 · Accounts Recei...				40,600.34	106,167.30
01/15/2026	8809	Ryan Eller	8400 · Mitigation Fund...	VOID: Mitigati...		X		106,167.30
01/15/2026	8810	Ryan Eller	8400 · Mitigation Fund...	Mitigation Rei...	10,304.22			95,863.08
01/15/2026		City of Bastrop	1200 · Accounts Recei...				13,655.02	109,518.10
01/15/2026		Hunters Crossing	1200 · Accounts Recei...				210.06	109,728.16
01/20/2026	8811	ZochNet	8000 · Operating Expe...	Inv. 620400	249.95			109,478.21
01/20/2026			2225 · Payroll Liabilities		3,040.70			106,437.51
01/20/2026			5000 · Labor:5325 · E...		140.66			106,296.85
01/20/2026			5000 · Labor:5325 · E...		210.98			106,085.87
01/20/2026		Peggy Champion	5000 · Labor:5025 · G...	DD	2,637.75			103,448.12
01/20/2026		Dana Goertz	5000 · Labor:5025 · G...	DD	821.35			102,626.77

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01/20/2026		Elvis Hernandez	5000 · Labor:5025 · G...	DD	4,577.81			98,048.96
01/20/2026		Claire Marks	5000 · Labor:5025 · G...	DD	2,288.68			95,760.28
01/20/2026		Bastrop County WCL...	1200 · Accounts Recei...				1,798.45	97,558.73
01/21/2026	8812	TX Health Benefits P...	5000 · Labor:5325 · E...	February Insur...	4,464.84			93,093.89
01/22/2026	8813	LRE Water, LLC	7000 · Professional Ser...	Inv. 32645	20,982.20			72,111.69
01/22/2026		City of Giddings	1200 · Accounts Recei...				3,971.00	76,082.69
01/22/2026		Lincoln WSC	1200 · Accounts Recei...				496.38	76,579.07
01/22/2026		Lincoln WSC	1200 · Accounts Recei...				496.38	77,075.45
01/24/2026			8000 · Operating Expe...		102.91			76,972.54
01/27/2026		City of Hutto	1200 · Accounts Recei...				31,600.80	108,573.34
01/27/2026	8814	GM Ellis Law Firm PC	7000 · Professional Ser...	Inv. LPGCD-1...	2,600.00			105,973.34
01/27/2026	8815	Strattmont Group	7040 · IT Management		1,135.96			104,837.38
01/27/2026	8816	Graves Dougherty H...	7000 · Professional Ser...		44,213.39			60,623.99
01/27/2026		City of Smithville	1200 · Accounts Recei...				36,914.67	97,538.66
01/27/2026		Thomas Turf Grass	1200 · Accounts Recei...				3,000.00	100,538.66
01/27/2026	8817	Graybar Financial Se...	8000 · Operating Expe...	Inv. 19704446	111.20			100,427.46
01/27/2026		Epcor	1200 · Accounts Recei...				19,332.50	119,759.96
01/28/2026			8000 · Operating Expe...		193.41			119,566.55
01/28/2026	8818	Card Service Center	-split-		1,916.61			117,649.94
01/28/2026	8819	State Bar of Texas	8000 · Operating Expe...		3,384.00			114,265.94
01/28/2026	8820	Giddings Times & N...	6571 · E/O Program	E & O	323.00			113,942.94
01/30/2026		SLR Property I, OP	1200 · Accounts Recei...				12,069.75	126,012.69
01/30/2026			7502 · Bureau of Recla...				79,164.00	205,176.69

Well Producers 2026 YTD BASED ON PERMITTED VOLUME

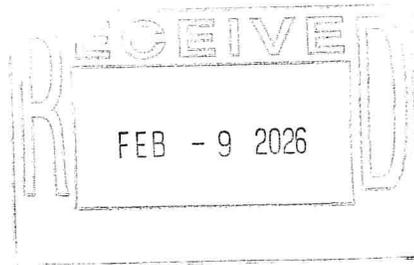
Producer	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD TOTALS	ACRE FT	% of TOT Prod.	% of PERMIT	MO. AVE. AF	
Producers & Producer/PA																		
Aqua WSC																		
30,000.0 Gal/1000	312504.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	312504.00	599.04	0.01%	2.5%	959.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Barton Co. WCD #1																		
32.0 Gal/1000	380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	380	1.17	0.00%	0.4%	1.2	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Barton Co. WCD #2																		
1,714.0 Gal/1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	0.0%	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
City of Barton																		
12,007.0 Gal/1000	60657	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60657	108.84	0.12%	1.4%	183.8	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
City of Elgin																		
6,177.0 Gal/1000	40881	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40881	124.88	0.03%	2.0%	124.8	
Export vol.	18085	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18085					
City of Oldhams																		
3,800.0 Gal/1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	0.0%	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
City of Lexington																		
1,362.0 Gal/1000	5588	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5588	17.09	0.01%	1.3%	17.1	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
City of Smithville																		
3,326.0 Gal/1000	17900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17900	54.93	0.03%	1.4%	54.9	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Galvestone																		
14,600.0 Gal/1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	0.0%	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Initial Injections																		
224.0 Gal/1000	5753	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5753	17.66	0.01%	7.5%	17.7	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
City of Hutto																		
3,302.0 Gal/1000	33101.85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33101.85	101.59	0.06%	3.0%	101.8	
Export vol.	33101.85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33101.85					
Manville WSC																		
12,842.0 Gal/1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	0.0%	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Lea Co. WSC																		
4,000.0 Gal/1000	32043.468	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32043.468	98.34	0.08%	2.5%	98.3	
Export vol.	32043.468	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32043.468					
Lea Co. FMSD																		
100.0 Gal/1000	803	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	803	2.48	0.00%	2.5%	2.5	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Lincoln WSC																		
476.0 Gal/1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	0.0%	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
LC94 LPP																		
6,900.0 Gal/1000	81819	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81819	251.09	0.16%	3.9%	251.1	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
LC94 Grims																		
8,000.0 Gal/1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	0.0%	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Hunter Crossings																		
87.0 Gal/1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	0.0%	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
SAI/ALCOA WELLS into city																		
3,000.0 Gal/1000	60710.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60710.4	188.31	0.12%	4.3%	188.3	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Lumbert (transm)																		
Recharge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	#DIV/0!	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Thomas Turgrass																		
25,000.0 Gal/1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	0.0%	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Thomas - 4 springs																		
2,200.0 Gal/1000	14624	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14624	44.88	0.03%	2.0%	44.9	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Avera Ranch																		
1,800.0 Gal/1000	15439	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15439	47.38	0.03%	2.5%	47.4	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Avera Ranch																		
444.0 Gal/1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00%	0.0%	0.0	
Export vol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Rancho																		
202.0 Gal/1000	44736.8												44736.8	137.29	0.03%	88.0%	137.3	
Total Monthly Gal/acre/1000	681833.81	0.00	61.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	648791.58					
Operating Permit Total AF													1,991.07					
151,071.0 AFV													169.07					



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 Project No.: R26-00057-00
 Project Name: CDSC-4203LPG03 On-Call Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Hydrogeological Services for 2026

Professional Services through January 31, 2026

Task 0001 Task 1

Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount
Darling, Wallace	8.00	174.00	1,392.00
Totals	8.00		1,392.00
Total Labor			\$1,392.00

Consultants

Outside Professional Fees			
1/31/2026	William R. Hutchison, Ph.D., P.E., P.G.	Project No: 23-01 Task Name: Lost Pines GCD Litigation Support	2,062.50
Total Consultants			2,062.50 \$2,062.50

Total this Task \$3,454.50

Task 0003 Task 3

Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount
Darling, Wallace	26.75	174.00	4,654.50
Miller, Gretchen	6.75	220.00	1,485.00
Totals	33.50		6,139.50
Total Labor			\$6,139.50

Total this Task \$6,139.50

Task 0004 Task 4

Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Miller, Gretchen	1.75	220.00	385.00	
Wade, Kacey	23.00	150.00	3,450.00	
Wong, Stephanie	15.00	176.00	2,640.00	
Totals	39.75		6,475.00	
Total Labor				\$6,475.00
		Total this Task		\$6,475.00
		Total this Invoice		\$16,069.00

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Task	0001	Task 1			
Professional Personnel					
			Hours	Rate	Amount
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/2/2026	1.50	174.00	261.00
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/13/2026	5.50	174.00	957.00
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/15/2026	1.00	174.00	174.00
	Totals		8.00		1,392.00
	Total Labor				\$1,392.00
Consultants					
Outside Professional Fees					
AP 1398	1/31/2026	William R. Hutchison, Ph.D., P.E., P.G. / Project No: 23-01 Task Name: Lost Pines GCD Litigation Support		2,062.50	
	Total Consultants			2,062.50	\$2,062.50
				Total this Task	\$3,454.50

Task	0003	Task 3			
Professional Personnel					
			Hours	Rate	Amount
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/8/2026	2.75	174.00	478.50
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/9/2026	4.25	174.00	739.50
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/12/2026	3.75	174.00	652.50
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/13/2026	2.00	174.00	348.00
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/14/2026	2.75	174.00	478.50
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/15/2026	6.75	174.00	1,174.50
10232	000:000 - Darling, Wallace	1/16/2026	4.50	174.00	783.00

10281	000:000 - Miller, Gretchen	1/13/2026	1.00	220.00	220.00
10281	000:000 - Miller, Gretchen	1/16/2026	.50	220.00	110.00
10281	000:000 - Miller, Gretchen	1/19/2026	1.25	220.00	275.00
10281	000:000 - Miller, Gretchen	1/20/2026	2.00	220.00	440.00
10281	000:000 - Miller, Gretchen	1/23/2026	2.00	220.00	440.00
	Totals		33.50		6,139.50
	Total Labor				\$6,139.50
				Total this Task	\$6,139.50

Task 0004 Task 4

Professional Personnel

			Hours	Rate	Amount
10281	000:000 - Miller, Gretchen	1/16/2026	.50	220.00	110.00
10281	000:000 - Miller, Gretchen	1/30/2026	1.25	220.00	275.00
10238	000:000 - Wade, Kacey	1/6/2026	7.00	150.00	1,050.00
10238	000:000 - Wade, Kacey	1/7/2026	4.00	150.00	600.00
10238	000:000 - Wade, Kacey	1/8/2026	7.00	150.00	1,050.00
10238	000:000 - Wade, Kacey	1/9/2026	5.00	150.00	750.00
10211	000:000 - Wong, Stephanie	1/27/2026	1.00	176.00	176.00
10211	000:000 - Wong, Stephanie	1/29/2026	6.00	176.00	1,056.00
10211	000:000 - Wong, Stephanie	1/30/2026	5.25	176.00	924.00
10211	000:000 - Wong, Stephanie	1/31/2026	2.75	176.00	484.00
	Totals		39.75		6,475.00
	Total Labor				\$6,475.00
				Total this Task	\$6,475.00
				Total this Project	\$16,069.00

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Via Email and Hand Delivery

December 30, 2025

Mr. Elvis Hernandez, General Manager
Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District
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elvis@lostpineswater.org

Re: Application to Transfer Ownership of Certain Wells and Permits to Quanterra Holdings, LLC

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

On behalf of Quanterra Holdings, LLC, we are pleased to submit the enclosed application to transfer ownership of certain groundwater wells, operating permits, and transport permits ("Application") from the Lower Colorado River Authority ("LCRA") to Quanterra Holdings LLC ("QH" or "Applicant"). Please find in the enclosed materials and the associated OneDrive folder (see link in the accompanying email) the Application submitted by QH. Please let the undersigned know if you have any issues viewing or downloading the Application.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the General manager process and set the Application on the earliest possible Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District ("District") board meeting agenda.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
LEGACY GROUNDWATER, LLC

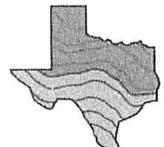


Brent Covert
President

cc: Riverson Leonard, Quanterra Holdings, LLC
Ronald Pollack, Quanterra Holdings, LLC
Jon Czas, Quanterra Holdings, LLC
Lyn Clancy, Lower Colorado River Authority

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LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

APPLICATION TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN GROUNDWATER WELLS AND GROUNDWATER OPERATING AND TRANSPORT PERMITS FROM LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY TO QUANTERRA HOLDINGS, LLC

Pursuant to Rules 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6 of the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) as amended October 15, 2025, Quanterra Holdings, LLC (“QH” or “Applicant”), a Wyoming limited liability company, as Applicant and new Well Owner, as defined by District Rule 1, files this Application to Transfer Ownership (“Application”) of certain groundwater wells and groundwater operating and transport permits (the “Well Rights and Permits”) associated with the approximately 5,000-acre Griffith League Ranch Boy Scout property owned by Capitol Area Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America, located in Bastrop County, Texas (the “Real Property”) from current Well Owner Lower Colorado River Authority (“LCRA”) to QH. In support thereof, Applicant provides the following information:

PART I: OWNERSHIP OF WELLS

The Applicant provides the information required by District Rule 7.4 related to the transfer of ownership of certain wells from LCRA, a conservation and reclamation district of the State of Texas, as current Well Owner, to QH, as new Well Owner.

Rule 7.4.A(1) - The new Well Owner shall submit to the District:...the name, address and phone number of the new Well Owner	Quanterra Holdings, LLC 680 Cache St., Ste. 100-10219 Jackson, WY 83001 (727) 480-9080
Rule 7.4.A(2) - The new Well Owner shall submit to the District: ... a copy of the written instrument transferring ownership of the well to the new Well Owner	Appendix B includes a redacted copy of relevant portions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, as amended
Rule 7.4.A(3) - The new Well Owner shall submit to the District: ... a change of ownership fee, if one has been established under Rule 2.3	Examination of the District Fee Schedule (last amended May 14, 2024) posted on the District website shows no change of ownership fee has been established.

LCRA holds certain groundwater rights at the Real Property. LCRA has obtained authorization from District to construct a total of eight wells, listed in the chart below with their LCRA well numbers and District well numbers, on the Real Property:

LCRA Well No.	District Well No.
Well No. 1	58-55-5-0032
Well No. 2	58-55-5-0033
Well No. 3	58-55-4-0016

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LCRA Well No.	District Well No.
Well No. 4	58-55-4-0017
Well No. 5	58-55-4-0018
Well No. 6	58-55-4-0019
Well No. 7	58-55-4-0020
Well No. 8	58-55-4-0021

None of the above-listed wells has yet been constructed, and none will be constructed prior to the transfer of well ownership to QH.

PART II: OPERATING PERMITS

DISTRICT RULE 7.5(B)

QH provides the information below as required by District Rule 7.5(B) for the transfer of eight (8) Operating Permits to QH. The Operating Permits were approved by the District and issued to LCRA (the "Operating Permits") and amended by the District on December 18, 2024. The Operating Permits are associated with the above-listed Well Numbers 58-55-5-0032 (Well No. 1); 58-55-5-0033 (Well No. 2); 58-55-4-0016 (Well No. 3); 58-55-4-0017 (Well No. 4); 58-55-4-0018 (Well No. 5); 58-55-4-0019 (Well No. 6); 58-55-4-0020 (Well No. 7); and 58-55-4-0021 (Well No. 8). A copy of each Operating Permit, as amended, for each well, is attached to this Application in **Appendix A**.

Rule 7.5(B)(1) The name, address and phone number of the new applicant
Name: Quanterra Holdings, LLC
Address: 680 Cache St., Ste. 100-10219, Jackson, WY 83001
Phone: (727) 480-9080

Rule 7.5(B)(2) A copy of the written instrument transferring the wells to the proposed transferee
Please see **Appendix B** for a redacted copy of relevant portions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, as amended.

Rule 7.5(B)(3) A copy of the proposed written instrument transferring ownership of the Operating Permits to the proposed transferee
Please see **Appendix B** for a copy of the Special Warranty Deed and Assignment of Infrastructure Easement Agreement. The District's approval, if granted, to transfer the permits to QH would not be effective until closing of the transaction between LCRA and QH. QH will notify the District General Manager within five (5) business days of such closing.

Rule 7.5(B)(4) A transfer application fee if one has been established under Rule 2.3
Pursuant to the District Fee Schedule (last amended May 14, 2024) posted on the District website, there is no current transfer application fee.

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DISTRICT RULE 7.5(D)

In response to the considerations listed in District Rule 7.5(D), Applicant QH provides the following information:

Consideration	
District Rule 7.5(D)(1) whether the proposed transferee has complied with the terms and conditions of any other District permits issued to the proposed transferee, the District Rules, and chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, including any record of enforcement actions against the proposed transferee	QH has never held a permit issued by the District or other permit issued under Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. QH has been subject to no enforcement under District rules or Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.
District Rule 7.5(D)(2) whether the proposed transferee has demonstrated the financial and managerial capabilities necessary to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit to be transferred. The proposed transferee shall submit a sworn statement attesting to have the financial and managerial capability required to comply with the terms of the district permits and the District Fee Schedule.	QH has both the financial and managerial capabilities to comply with the terms and conditions of the Operating and Transport Permits that are the subject of this Application. A sworn statement to this effect is included in Part IV below.

PART III: TRANSPORT PERMITS

DISTRICT RULE 7.6

As contemplated by District Rule 7.6(C), Applicant requests transfer of each of the eight Transport Permits associated with the Operating Permits for District Well Numbers 58-55-5-0032 (Well No. 1); 58-55-5-0033 (Well No. 2); 58-55-4-0016 (Well No. 3); 58-55-4-0017 (Well No. 4); 58-55-4-0018 (Well No. 5); 58-55-4-0019 (Well No. 6); 58-55-4-0020 (Well No. 7); and 58-55-4-0021 (Well No. 8), as amended by the District on December 18, 2024.

A copy of each of the Transport Permits, as amended, is attached to the Application as **Appendix A**. Please see **Appendix B** for a copy of the written instruments transferring the wells and ownership of the Operating Permit and Transport Permits.

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PART IV: SWORN STATEMENT AND REQUESTED ACTION

In accordance with District Rule 7.5(D)(2), QH hereby swears and attests, by the signature of its authorized representative set forth below, that it has the financial and managerial capabilities to comply with the terms and conditions of the District's Fee Schedule and the District Operating and Transport Permits, as amended, for the following District Well Numbers: 58-55-5-0032; 58-55-5-0033; 58-55-4-0016; 58-55-4-0017; 58-55-4-0018; 58-55-4-0019; 58-55-4-0020; 58-55-4-0021; and associated obligations.

QH represents that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of its knowledge. Applicant respectfully requests that the District approve the transfer of ownership of the eight wells, Operating Permits, and Transport Permits, as amended, for District Well Numbers 58-55-5-0032 (Well No. 1); 58-55-5-0033 (Well No. 2); 58-55-4-0016 (Well No. 3); 58-55-4-0017 (Well No. 4); 58-55-4-0018 (Well No. 5); 58-55-4-0019 (Well No. 6); 58-55-4-0020 (Well No. 7); and 58-55-4-0021 (Well No. 8) from LCRA to QH, to be effective upon closing of the transaction between LCRA and QH. QH will notify the District General Manager of such closing within five (5) business days.

Respectfully submitted,

QUANTERRA HOLDINGS, LLC
a Wyoming limited liability company

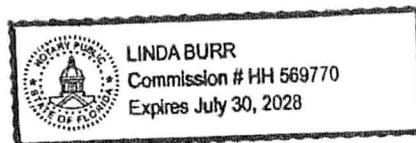
By: *Ronald Pollack*
Name: Ronald Pollack
Title: Authorized Representative

Acknowledgment

*State of Florida
County of Duval*

*Sworn to and subscribed before me this
30th day of December 2025 who provided his
Florida driver's license as identification.*

[Signature]



LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AN ORDER CONDITIONALLY GRANTING APPLICATION TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF OPERATING AND TRANSPORT PERMITS AND ASSIGNMENT OF MONITORING WELL AGREEMENT FROM LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY TO QUANTERRA HOLDINGS, LLC

WHEREAS, Lower Colorado River Authority (“LCRA”) holds eight operating permits for District Well Nos. 58-55-5-0032, 58-55-5-0033, 58-55-4-0016, 58-55-4-0017, 58-55-4-0018, 58-55-4-0019, 58-55-4-0020, and 58-55-4-0021 permitting withdrawal of groundwater from the Simsboro aquifer located in Bastrop County (collectively, the “Operating Permits”);

WHEREAS, LCRA holds eight transport permits for District Well Nos. 58-55-5-0032, 58-55-5-0033, 58-55-4-0016, 58-55-4-0017, 58-55-4-0018, 58-55-4-0019, 58-55-4-0020, and 58-55-4-0021 permitting transport of groundwater withdrawn from the Simsboro aquifer located in Bastrop County (collectively, the “Transport Permits”);

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2025, Quanterra Holdings, LLC (“Quanterra”) and LCRA filed an application for transfer of ownership of eight Operating Permits, eight Transport Permits, and Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Agreement dated February 22, 2024 (the “Monitoring Well Agreement”) from LCRA to Quanterra (the “Application”) requesting that the District’s Board of Directors (“Board”) approve the requested transfer contingent upon the closing of the transaction between LCRA and Quanterra in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions described in the Application;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Application satisfies District Rules 7.4, 7.5, and 7.6, and the District General Manager may proceed with processing the Application;

WHEREAS, upon final approval of the transfer, Quanterra shall be bound by the District Rules and all terms and conditions of the Operating and Transport Permits, and any other applicable law under Texas Water Code Chapter 36;

WHEREAS, pursuant to District Rules 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, and 15.4, the Board considered the Application at its February 25, 2026 meeting and voted to conditionally grant the Application to transfer the Operating Permits, Transport Permits and Monitoring Well Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board ORDERS as follows:

1. The Board GRANTS the Application and APPROVES the transfer of the Operating and Transport Permits and Monitoring Well Agreement to Quanterra Holdings, LLC., subject to the following conditions: (A) receipt by the General Manager of copies of the fully executed instruments transferring ownership of the Operating and Transport Permits and Monitoring Well Agreement; and (B) confirmation by the General Manager that such instruments are consistent in all respects with those submitted in the Application and this Order; and

2. The Board AUTHORIZES the General Manager to confirm approval of the Application upon satisfaction of the foregoing conditions, and to execute such consents and other instruments related to approval of the Application and such transfers as have been approved by counsel for the District.

ISSUED:

Nick Textor, President, Lost Pines Groundwater
Conservation District Board of Directors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Herb Cook, Secretary-Treasurer, Lost Pines Groundwater
Conservation District Board of Directors

No. 2026-02-01

**LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATION TO TEXAS
WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD REGARDING COLORADO RIVER ALLUVIUM
DATA COLLECTION**

WHEREAS, the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (the “District”), was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 1911, 76th Texas Legislature, pursuant to Section 59, Article 16 of the Texas Constitution and Article 7880-3c, Texas Civil Statutes (now Chapter 36, Texas Water Code); ratified by the 77th Texas Legislature in 2001; and confirmed by voters in Bastrop and Lee counties in November 2002;

WHEREAS, the District was created by the Legislature to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater in regard to aquifers within the boundaries of the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Water Code § 36.057 the District’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) shall be responsible for the management of all affairs of the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Water Code § 36.0015 the District’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) shall be responsible for the management of all affairs of the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Water Code § 36.159 the Texas Water Development Board may allocate funds from the water assistance fund to a district to conduct initial data collections;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Water Code § 36.109 the District may collect any information the Board deems necessary, including information regarding the use of groundwater, water conservation, and the practicability of recharging a groundwater reservoir;

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board has applications for Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grants available to Groundwater Conservation Districts;

WHEREAS, the District shall apply to the Texas Water Development Board Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grants for Colorado River Alluvium data collection.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors hereby express their support for applying for the Texas Water Development Board Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grants for Colorado River Alluvium data collection.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON February 25, 2026.

LOST PINES GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____
Nick Textor, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Herbert Cook, Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Directors

**Groundwater Research, Science, and Data
Collection Grants
Fiscal Year 2026 Guidelines**

This document is intended to provide information and instructions related to the Texas Water Development Board’s (TWDB) Request for Applications for Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grants.

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About Groundwater Research, Science, and Data Collection Grants

Pursuant to Section 17.25 of Senate Bill 1, enacted by the 89th Texas Legislature during its Regular Session, the Legislature appropriated funding and resources to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 (\$3.75 million each fiscal year for a total of \$7.5 million for the biennium). The funds must be used to provide grants to groundwater conservation districts to conduct projects and programs for groundwater research, science, and data collection that benefit local groundwater management and planning and may be used to provide resources necessary for TWDB to administer the program.

The TWDB intends to award up to \$3.53 million¹ in grants during Fiscal Year 2026 to support eligible groundwater-related research and data initiatives that enhance the best available science used by groundwater conservation districts for effective groundwater management and planning.

The TWDB will be accepting applications for eligible projects from January 16, 2026 through March 13, 2026, 2:00pm. The TWDB will assess the need for any future application rounds after assessing the volume of applications in this initial round.

All applicants are required to read the guidelines and application instructions for details of eligibility and requirements prior to beginning the application process.

Applicants are responsible for the quality, completeness, and timely submission of a project proposal. Application steps and deadlines are included in this document and online on the [TWDB Stakeholder Opportunities webpage](#). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

When to apply

Applications must be submitted via email to GCDGrants@twdb.texas.gov by **2:00pm on March 13, 2026**. Hard copies of applications will not be accepted.

Contact for additional information

Questions or requests for information may be directed to GCDGrants@twdb.texas.gov or by calling 512-936-0870.

¹ A portion of the funds is reserved to full-time equivalent staff salaries.

Eligibility requirements

Applicant eligibility

- Grants may only be awarded to groundwater conservation districts that are defined by [Texas Water Code § 36.001\(1\)](#) and are authorized to accept grants under [Texas Water Code § 36.158](#).
- Applicants may only be groundwater conservation districts.
- Applicants may only submit one application. Multiple applications from the same applicant will not be accepted and will render the applicant ineligible.
- The applicant must be willing and able to enter into a grant agreement with the TWDB and meet the agreement requirements.
- Applicants may partner with other groundwater conservation districts on the proposed project, but grants will only be awarded and disbursed to the applicant.

Eligible applications

- Applications must be for projects and programs that fall into one of the two Groundwater Grant Categories (Category 1: Groundwater Research and Science or Category 2: Groundwater Data Collection).
- Applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed activities will support the goals of the applicable grant category. The project description, scope of work, and deliverables should clearly demonstrate how the proposed activities will support the program's goals. The *Scoring criteria* section outline how applications will be scored.
- There are no local match requirements, but applicants can indicate intent of a local match in the application.
- Applications for Fiscal Year 2026 grants must be for projects that can be completed by May 31, 2028.

Ineligible applications

- Applications *will not* be accepted from any entities that are not groundwater conservation districts as defined by [Texas Water Code § 36.001\(1\)](#) and authorized to accept grants under [Texas Water Code § 36.158](#).
- Multiple applications from the same applicant *will not* be accepted.
- Hard copy applications *will not* be accepted.
- Incomplete applications *will not* be accepted.

Grant categories

Awards will be granted for groundwater research, science, and data collection projects and programs that benefit local groundwater management and planning and the statewide groundwater science, data, and modeling objectives of the TWDB. Applications must be for projects that fall into one of the following two categories. The TWDB acknowledges that projects may overlap into the two categories. Applicants should choose a category for which the primary goal of the project and category are most closely aligned.

Category 1: Groundwater Research and Science

The primary goal of Category 1 is to further best available science² in the state and support the implementation of effective groundwater resource management and planning. Category 1 projects can be distinguished from Category 2 projects if the project does not primarily include new data collection efforts.

To receive consideration, Category 1 project proposals must meet the eligibility criteria and be aligned with the following (non-exhaustive list, in no particular order, provided as examples):

Hydrogeology & Aquifer Studies

- Aquifer hydrogeology
- Aquifer delineation and characterization
- Test hole drilling
- Multi-well aquifer testing
- Aquifer flow investigations, including tracer tests and isotope analysis
- Aquifer monitoring
- Groundwater production studies
- Groundwater production estimates
- Groundwater quality assessment
- Temporal changes in groundwater quality and quantity
- Groundwater availability
- Local numerical groundwater flow model development (must be compatible with an existing MODFLOW 6 groundwater availability model)
- Geophysical surveys

Recharge & Discharge Studies

- Recharge enhancement and delineation
- Recharge zone protection strategies
- Recharge quantification
- Discharge feature identification and mapping
- Groundwater-surface water interactions
- Conjunctive surface water management
- Spring system research

² *Best available science* is defined in [Texas Water Code § 36.0015](#) as conclusions that are logically and reasonably derived using statistical or quantitative data, techniques, analyses, and studies that are publicly available to reviewing scientists and can be employed to address a specific scientific question. In other words, it is the most trustworthy and up-to-date scientific information that's available to everyone and making conclusions based on solid data and logical methods that other scientists can check and understand.

Conservation & Efficiency Studies

- Efficient use of groundwater
- Waste prevention and groundwater preservation
- Conservation and protection of groundwater

Groundwater Resource Impact Studies

- Subsidence
- Drought impacts on groundwater
- Unreasonable impact studies
- Natural resource and environmental impacts from groundwater production
- Water quality impact studies
- Socioeconomic impacts related to groundwater management and planning

Category 2: Groundwater Data Collection

The primary goal of Category 2 is to enhance the collection, quality, and availability of groundwater data used by groundwater conservation districts and the TWDB to improve the understanding of local groundwater conditions and support effective groundwater resource management and planning within a district and across the state. Category 2 includes equipment purchases.

To receive consideration, Category 2 project proposals must meet the eligibility criteria and be aligned with the following (non-exhaustive list, in no particular order, provided as examples):

- Basic data collection for groundwater systems
- Groundwater use data
- Groundwater quality data collection, including sampling and analysis
- Water level monitoring
- Database creation or enhancement
- Data dissemination projects
- Synoptic water level surveys
- New monitoring well installation
- Multiport well installation
- Assessment and quality control of current well information
- Data extraction from records and documents

Grant amount

The TWDB has up to \$3,530,000 available for Fiscal Year 2026 Grants. **The TWDB will not award grants for less than \$50,000 or greater than \$300,000.** Exceptions to this range will not be made. Eligible costs are directly attributed to the project, including planning, design, purchase, acquisition, installation, construction, monitoring, reporting, administration, and management. Funding limitations are outlined in the *Limitations on grant funding* section of this document.

The TWDB awards these funds through a statewide competitive grants process and evaluates all proposals based upon the specific criteria set forth in these guidelines.

Funding and partial funding provisions

The TWDB and local governments must adhere to [Texas Grant Management Standards](#) to promote the efficient use of public funds. The TWDB reserves the right to reject all proposals and make no awards under this announcement. In addition, the TWDB reserves the right to partially fund proposals by funding discrete activities, portions, or phases of a proposed project.

If the TWDB decides to partially fund a proposal, it will do so in a manner that does not prejudice any applicants or affect the basis upon which the proposal, or portion thereof, was evaluated or selected for award, and that maintains the integrity of the competition and the evaluation/selection process. The TWDB reserves the right to reject parts of any or all applications if staff determines that the application(s) does not adequately meet the required criteria or if the funding available is less than the requested funding.

Awards will be disbursed either as reimbursements or partial advances with quarterly invoicing requirements. Additional disbursement details will be outlined in the grant agreement.

Limitations on grant funding

Ineligible projects and activities:

Funding *cannot* be used to pay for:

- Projects and programs that are not groundwater related
- Activities that do not benefit local groundwater management and planning
- Education and outreach programming and resources

Any costs for projects and activities that are not explicitly stated here, such as overhead costs, are acceptable.

Based on laws enacted by the 87th Texas Legislature, certain successful applicants will be asked to certify the following in the grant agreement:

Required for grants to political subdivisions:

Enforcement of Certain Federal Laws Regulating Firearms, Firearm Accessories, and Firearm Ammunition. The grant recipient must certify that it is not prohibited from receiving state funds under Texas Penal Code § 1.10(d) (related to federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition). The grant recipient must also certify that, during the term of the contract, it will immediately notify the TWDB, in writing, of any suit against it by the Attorney General of Texas under Texas Penal Code § 1.10(f).

Required for grants to cities or counties:

Enforcement of Public Camping Bans. The grant recipient must certify that it is not prohibited from receiving state grant funds under Texas Local Government Code § 364.004 (related to public camping bans). The grant recipient must also agree that, during the term of the contract, it will immediately notify the TWDB, in writing, of any suit against it by the Attorney General of Texas under Texas Local Government Code § 363.003.

Required for grants to state agencies, including university systems or systems of higher education, cities, counties and special districts and authorities: Firearm Suppressor Regulation. The grant recipient must certify that it is not prohibited from receiving state grant funds under Texas Government Code § 2.103 (related to the regulation of firearm suppressors). The grant recipient must also agree that, during the term of the contract, it will immediately notify the TWDB, in writing, of any suit against it by the Attorney General of Texas under Texas Government Code § 2.104.

Important dates

Accepting applications from January 16, 2026 through March 13, 2026, 2:00pm.

January 16, 2026	Request for Applications posted on TWDB website and solicitation emailed to groundwater conservation districts.
March 13, 2026 2:00pm	Deadline to submit application via email to GCDGrants@twdb.texas.gov .
May 2026	Tentative TWDB Board approval of selected projects at May Board meeting.
July 2026	Anticipated deadline for executing grant agreements.
May 31, 2028	Deadline to complete awarded projects.

Application instructions

Applications must be submitted via email to GCDGrants@twdb.texas.gov by 2:00pm on March 13, 2026, with the subject line "FY2026 Groundwater Grant Application – <Your District Name>". The email should include a completed application form with additional attachments as outlined in Appendix A and in the application form.

Before beginning the submittal process, carefully read the entirety of this guidelines document. Applications must be complete when submitted to the TWDB. A checklist of required items is included as Appendix A. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Only one application per applicant will be accepted.

Questions, requests for information, or requests for accessibility accommodations may be directed to GCDGrants@twdb.texas.gov or by calling 512-936-0870.

Application selection process

Prior to technical review, each application will be screened for completeness and compliance with the provisions of these guidelines. Incomplete applications and those that do not meet the eligibility requirements will not be accepted.

Applications that pass the eligibility and completeness screening will be scored on a 100-point scale by a technical review panel using the criteria and weights listed below in the *Scoring criteria* section.

Scoring criteria

The technical review panel will score based on the criteria below. Reviewers will allocate up to 100 points per applicant.

A. Project Benefits for Groundwater Management (20 points)

Does the project support local groundwater management and planning?

0-10 points; more points for clearly articulated local benefits to address needs

Does the project address statewide needs and improve the best available science?

0-10 points; more points for clearly articulated statewide benefits and improvements to best available science.

B. Applicant Capacity and Commitment (15 points)

Does the applicant provide adequate documentation that they can receive and manage grant funds?

0-10 points; more points for demonstrated ability to receive and manage grant funds

Is there a clear commitment from the applicant to complete the project?

0-5 points; more points for clear dedication to complete project

C. Technical Approach and Feasibility (30 points)

Does the scope of work clearly identify tasks, deliverables, and timelines?

0-10 points; more points for detailed scope of work

Is the stated approach sound and practical for achieving the stated goals?

0-10 points; more points for clear approach that can achieve goals

Does the project team have the technical expertise needed to carry out the project? 0-

10 points; more points for clear demonstration of strong technical expertise

D. Financial Plan and Cost Justification (20 points)

Is there a demonstrated financial need?

0-10 points; more points for greater need

Are cost estimates reasonable and adequately justified?

0-5 points; more points for clear, detailed, and well-supported cost estimates

Are supplemental funding sources included?

0-5 points; more points for clearly identified supplemental funding with documentation

E. Overall Impact and Value (15 points)

Will the project produce meaningful outcomes to further best available science for groundwater management and planning in Texas?

0-15 points; more points for significant, clearly defined, and impactful outcomes that advance groundwater science and inform groundwater management and planning, with strong alignment with regional or statewide priorities.

Negotiations with selected applicants

The applicable scope of work, deliverables, timelines, budgets, and contract terms will be negotiated after the TWDB awards the selected applicants. Failure to arrive at mutually agreeable terms of a contract with the selected applicant will constitute a rejection of the Board's offer and may result in subsequent negotiations with other applicants.

Lost Pines GCD Well Mitigation Cost Analysis

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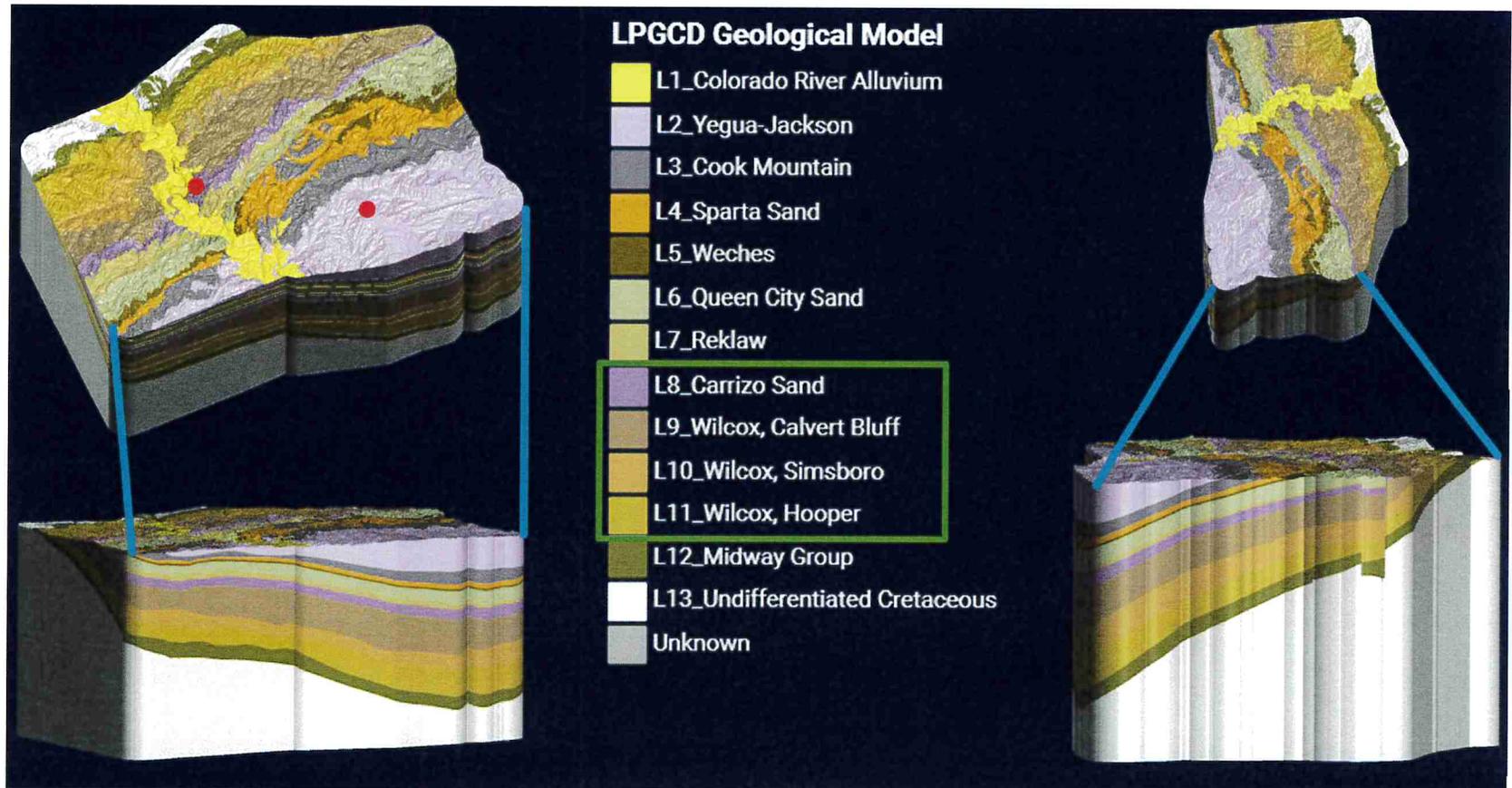
Spheros Environmental

February 25, 2026

Overview

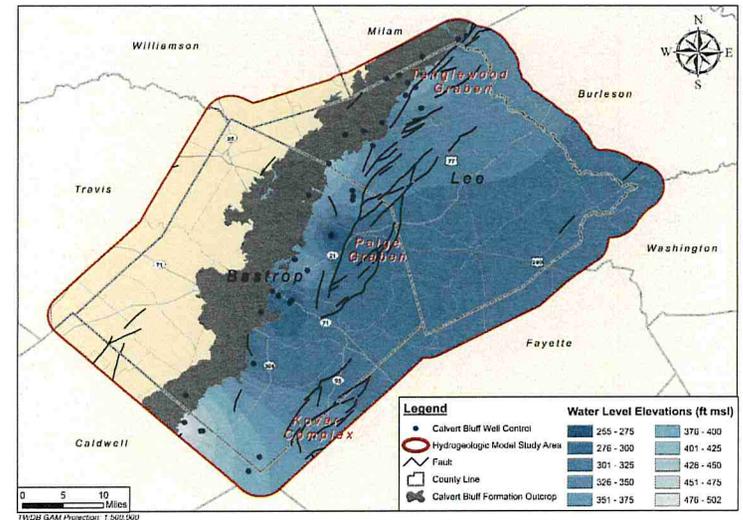
- **Direct economic impacts of drawdown are three-fold**
 - Increased operations and maintenance costs
 - Pump failures due to water depth
 - Well failures due to water depth
- **LPGCD limits impacts to landowners via mitigation program**
 - Registered, exempt wells
 - Tied to production from aquifer, not well defects
 - Carrizo-Wilcox formations

LPGCD Aquifer Structure



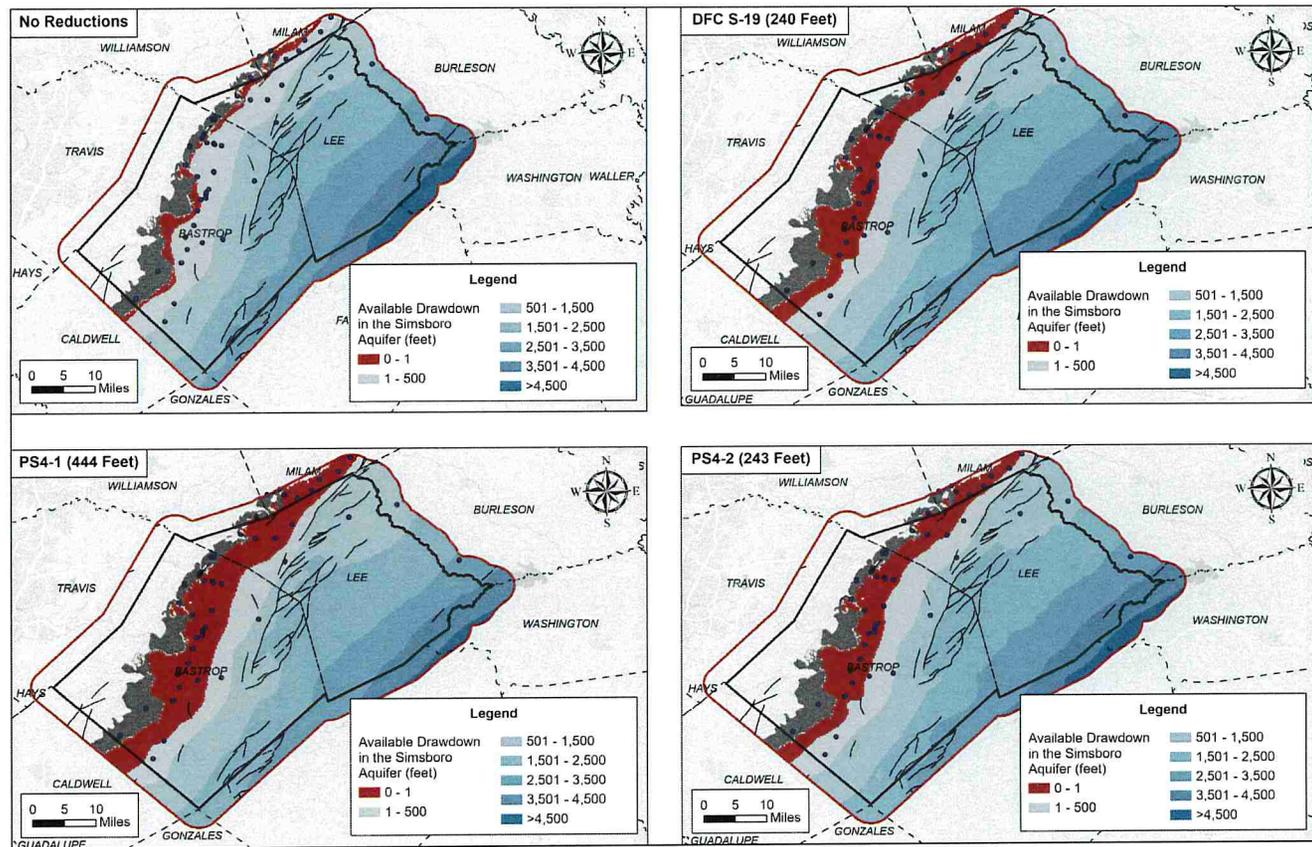
Regional Drawdown Scenarios Tested

- Incremental drawdown levels from previous drawdown impacts study
 - Drawdown of 50', 100', 150', 200'
- GMA-12 modeling scenarios
 - PS4-1: "All Permits Pumping"
 - PS4-2: "Realistic Pumping"
- DFC Scenario
 - Drawdown equal to existing DFCs



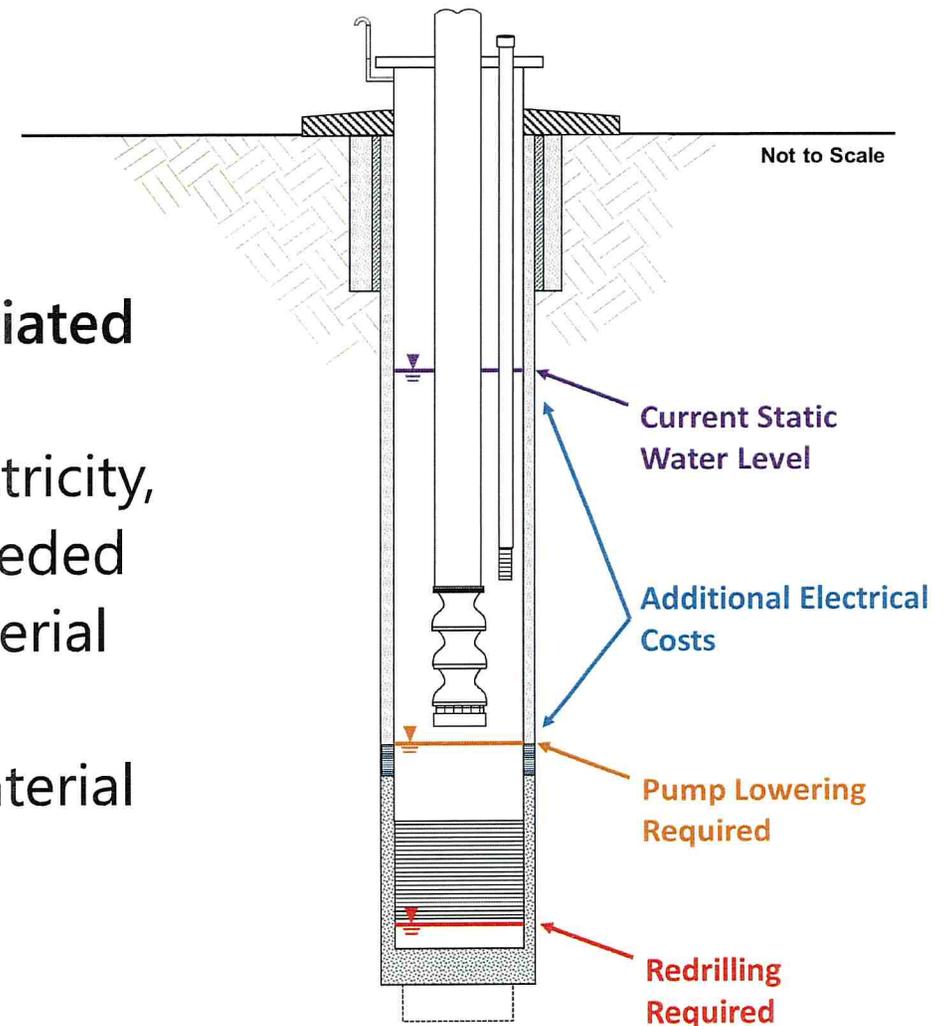
Aquifer	DFCs	PS4-1	PS4-2
Calvert Bluff	132	224	127
Carrizo	134	196	122
Hooper	138	259	137
Queen City	28	32	26
Simsboro	240	444	243
Sparta	22	23	21

Regional Drawdown Scenarios - Simsboro



Classifying Impacts

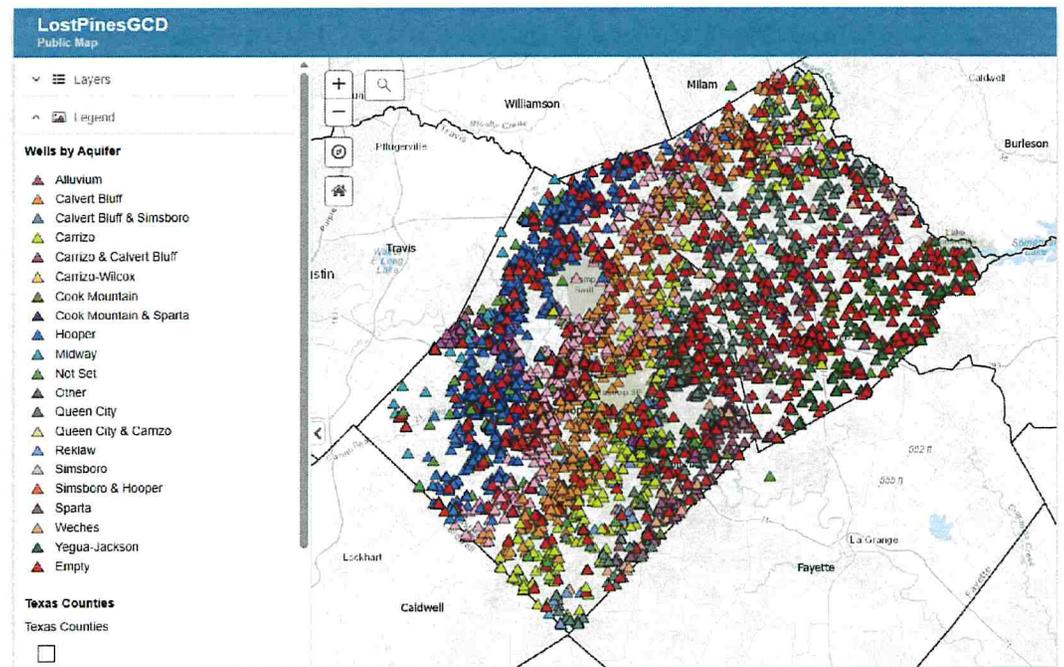
- Estimate homeowner costs associated with water level declines:
 - Phase 1 – Increased use of electricity, but mitigation program not needed
 - Phase 2 – Service fees and material costs to lower pump setting
 - Phase 3 – Construction and material costs to drill new well



Data Collection

(Phase 1 - Changed Operational Cost)

- Wells included
 - Exempt and non-exempt, registered, with depth information - 2,962
- Assumptions:
 - Pump setting data for 99 wells representative of rest
 - Aquifers assigned using the geologic model
 - Information provided in driller's reports correct



Data Collection

- **Phase 2 - Lower Pump**

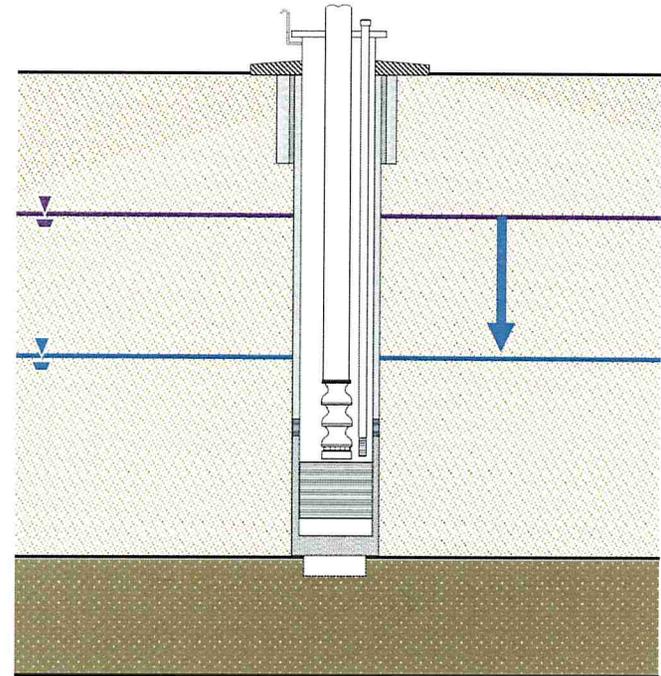
- Labor cost estimate based on previous project work
- Material cost obtained from vendor website

- **Phase 3 - Redrill Well**

- Conducted phone interviews with local drillers about costs to redrill well
- Cost information obtained from local driller websites where available

Phase 1 – Changed Operational Costs

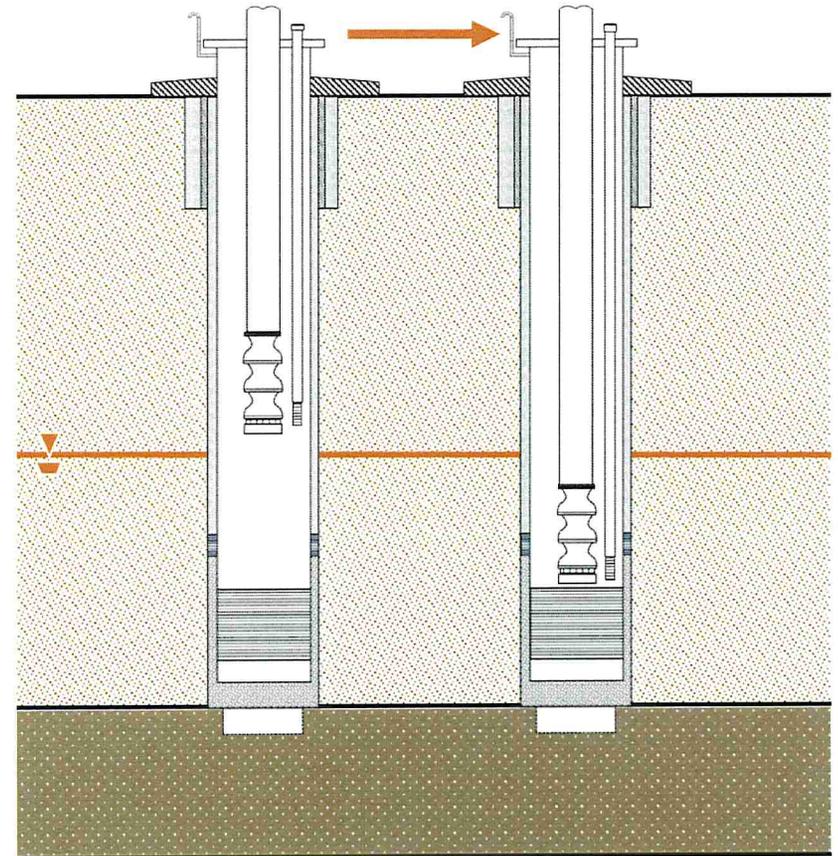
- No physical changes to well itself
 - Regional drawdown impacts *all* wells in this manner
 - As water level goes down, pumping “head” increases
- Calculated *added yearly cost* to operate well
 - Assumes domestic well
 - 300 gallons per day
 - \$0.10/kw-hr



$$EnergyUse = \frac{Flow * Head * Density * Gravity}{PumpEfficiency} * PumpingTime$$

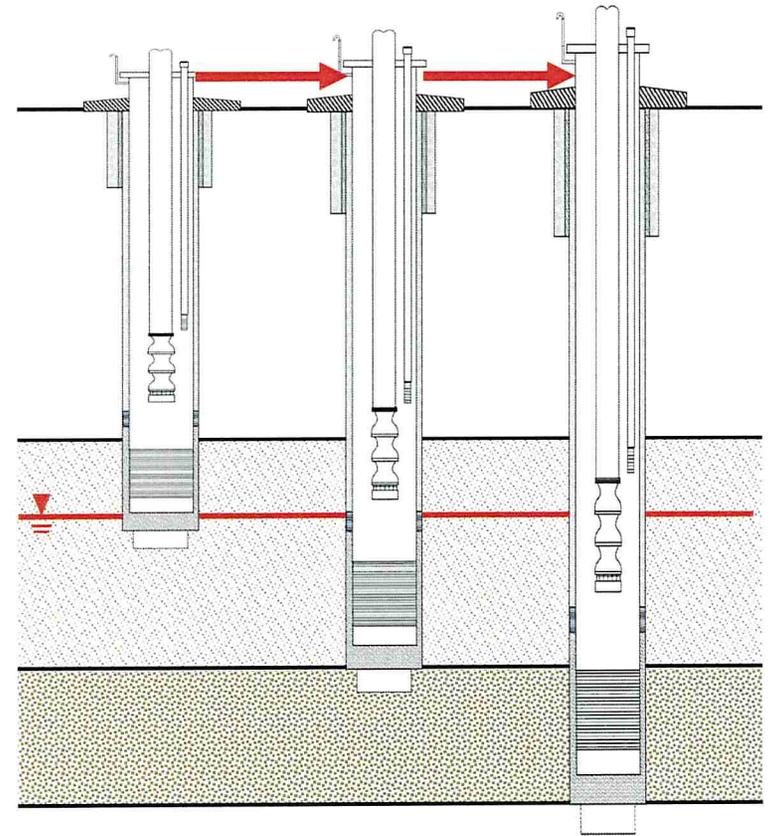
Phase 2 – Pump Lowering

- **Pump lowering is necessary**
 - 5-10% water column above pump set depth
 - Assumes lowered to 80% of total depth
- **Cost to lower pump**
 - Column pipe costs
 - Technician labor (1 day)



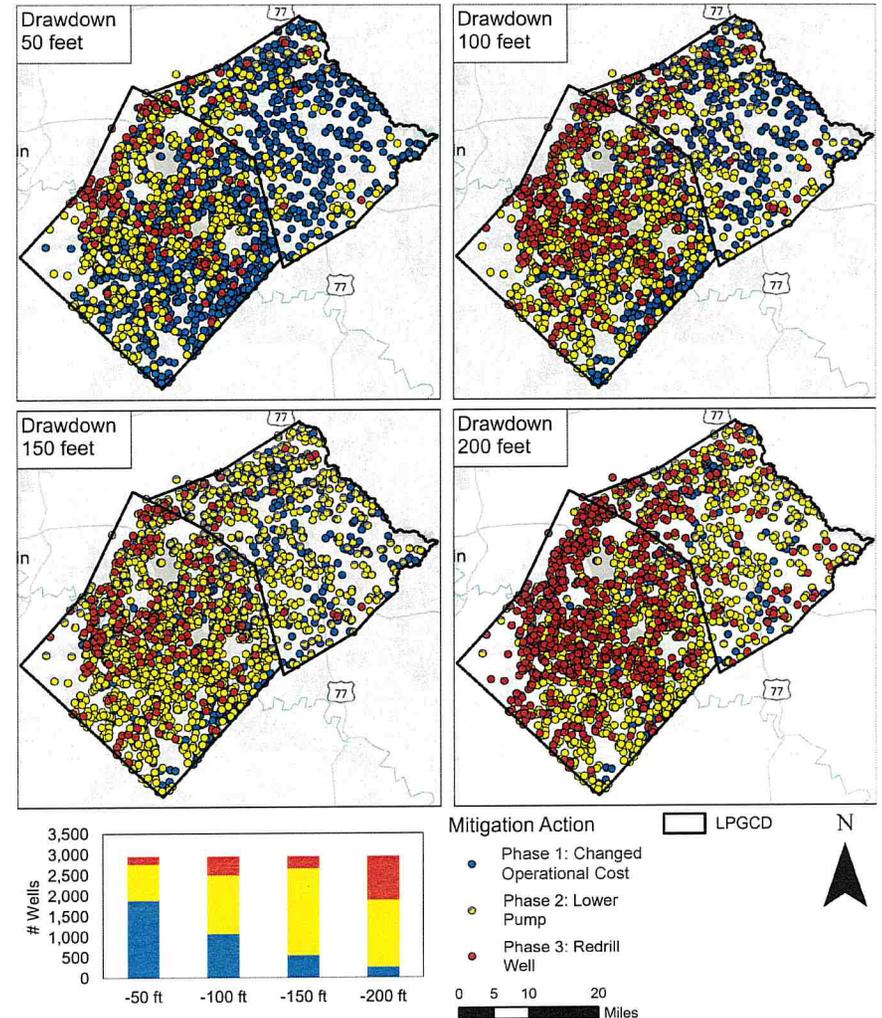
Phase 3 – Redrilling

- Needed when <5% of water column remaining in well
- New well is constructed
 - To reach bottom of current aquifer
 - To extend to next underlying aquifer
- Total cost for new domestic well
 - Aquifer/depth specific
 - \$25 to \$80/ft
 - Assumes 4" PVC casing



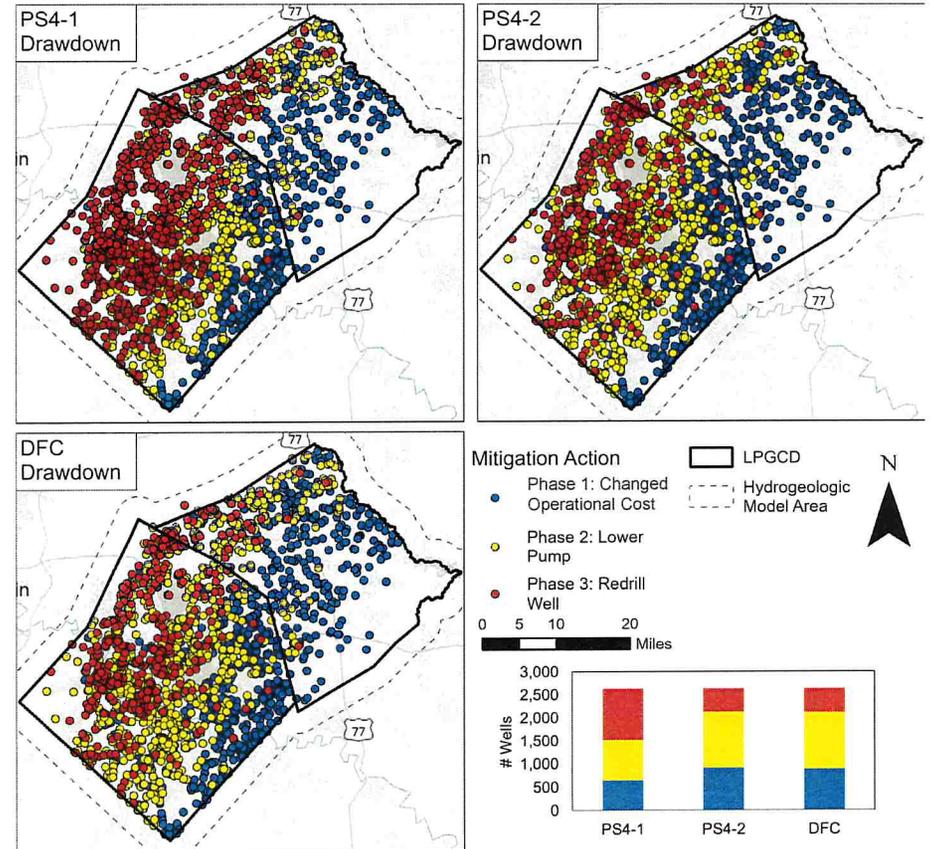
District-Wide Impacts

	50'	100'	150'	200'
Phase 1	64%	36%	19%	9%
Phase 2	29%	48%	71%	55%
Phase 3	7%	15%	10%	36%



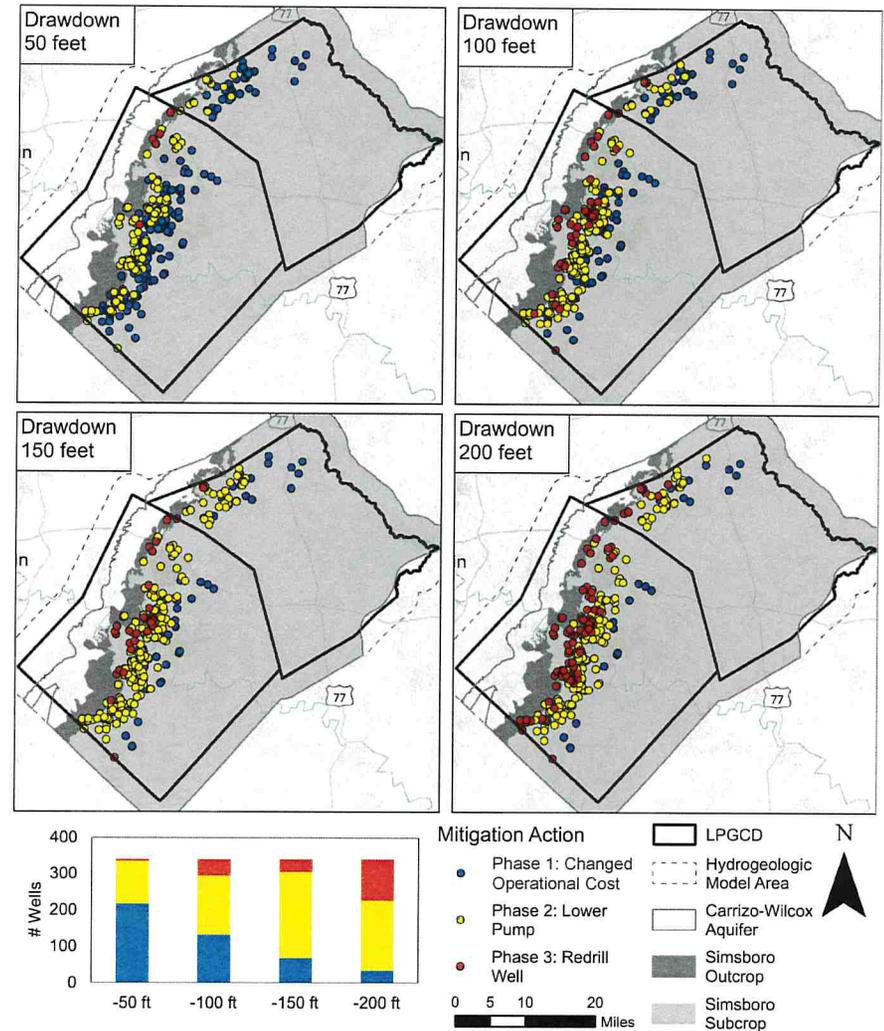
District-Wide Impacts

	PS4-1	PS4-2	DFC
Phase 1	34%	25%	35%
Phase 2	46%	33%	46%
Phase 3	20%	42%	19%



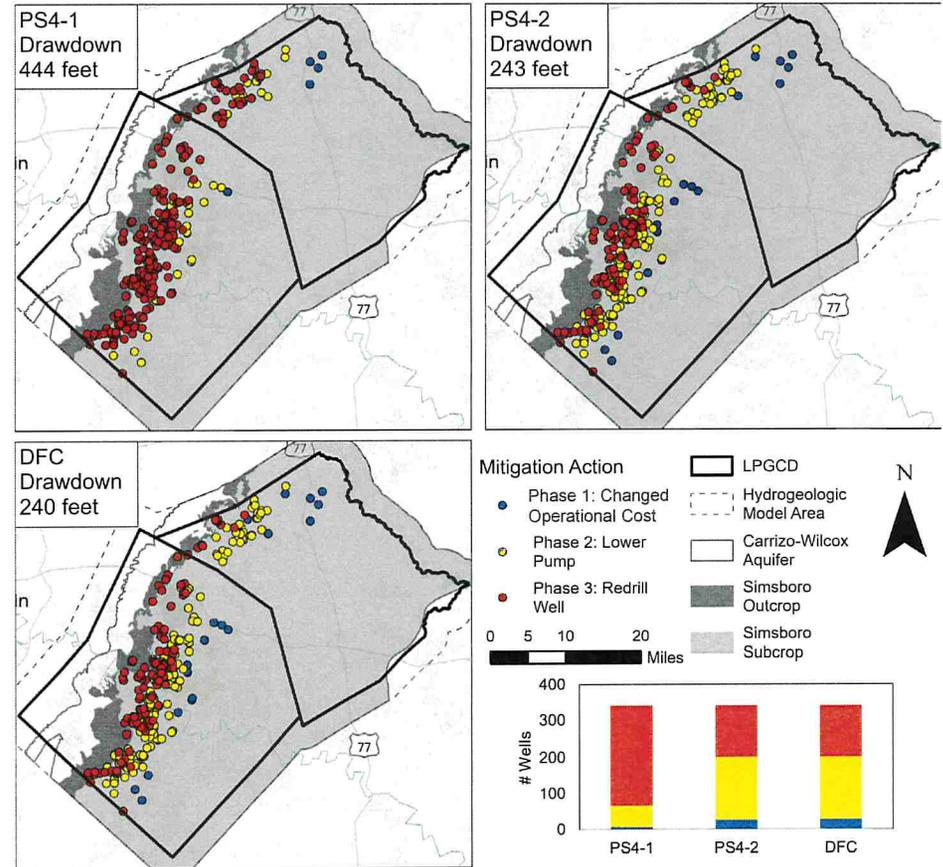
Simsboro Impacts

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Phase 1	64%	39%	21%	10%
Phase 2	35%	47%	69%	56%
Phase 3	1%	13%	11%	33%



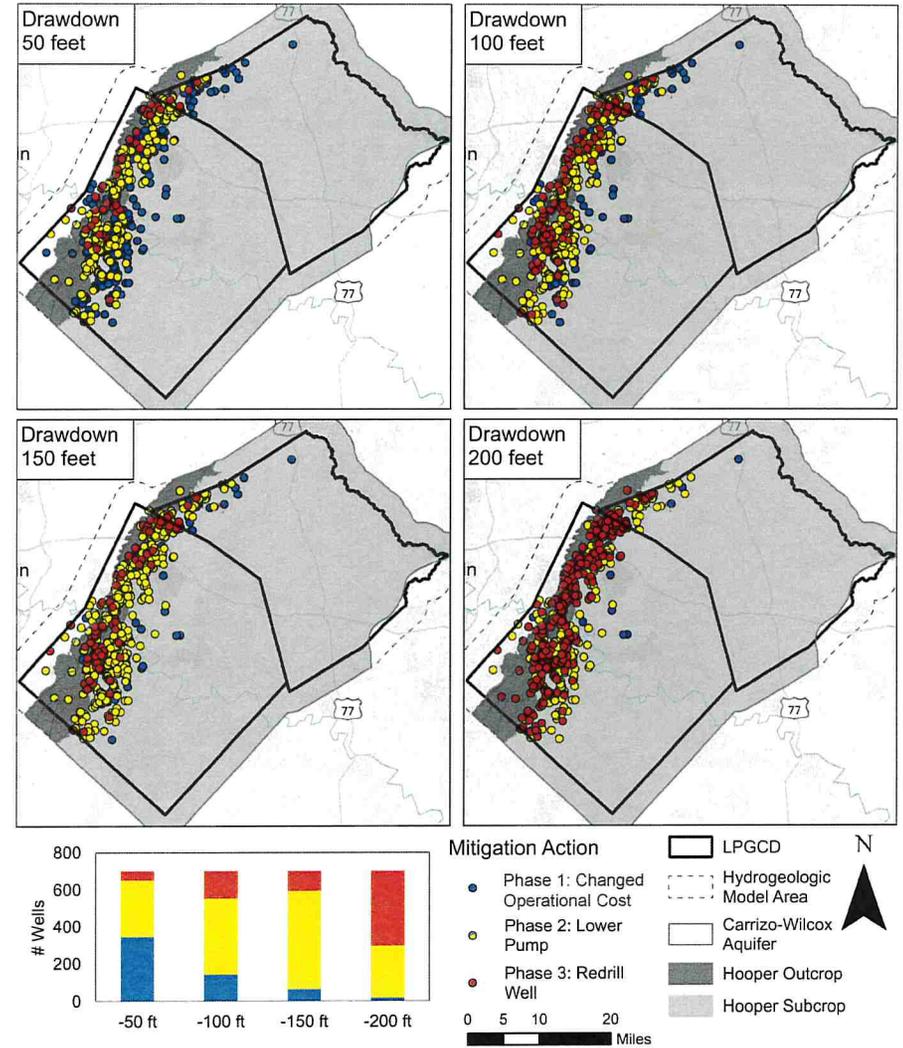
Simsboro Impacts

	PS4-1	PS4-2	DFC
Phase 1	8%	2%	8%
Phase 2	51%	18%	51%
Phase 3	41%	81%	41%



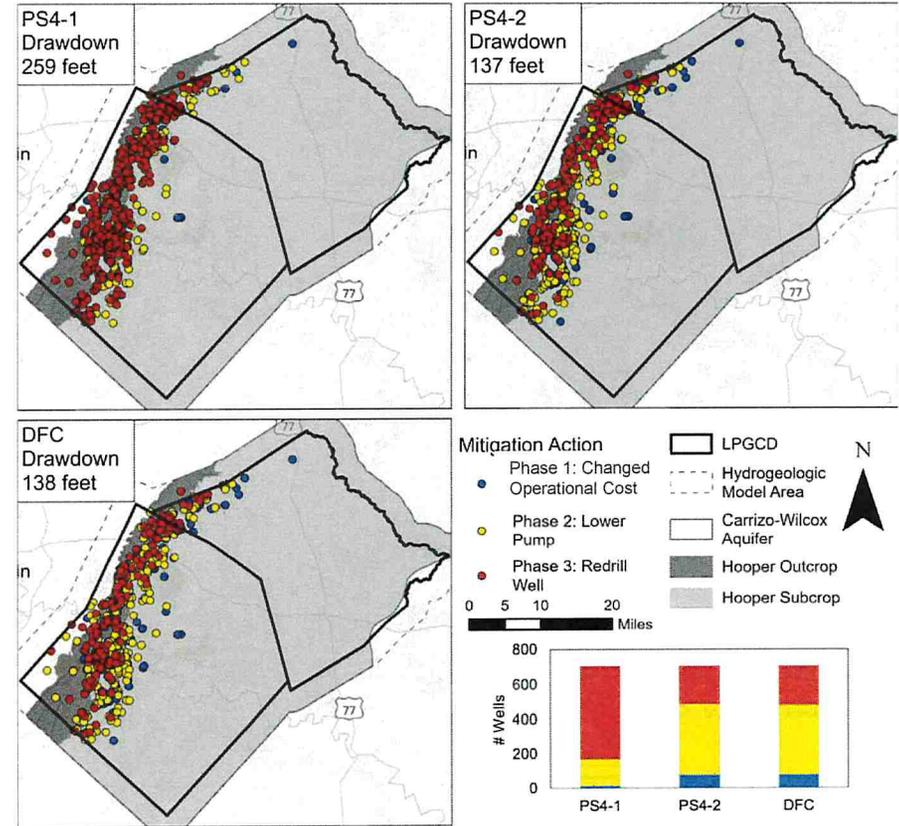
Hooper Impacts

	50'	100'	150'	200'
Phase 1	50%	21%	9%	3%
Phase 2	43%	58%	75%	39%
Phase 3	7%	21%	15%	58%



Hooper Impacts

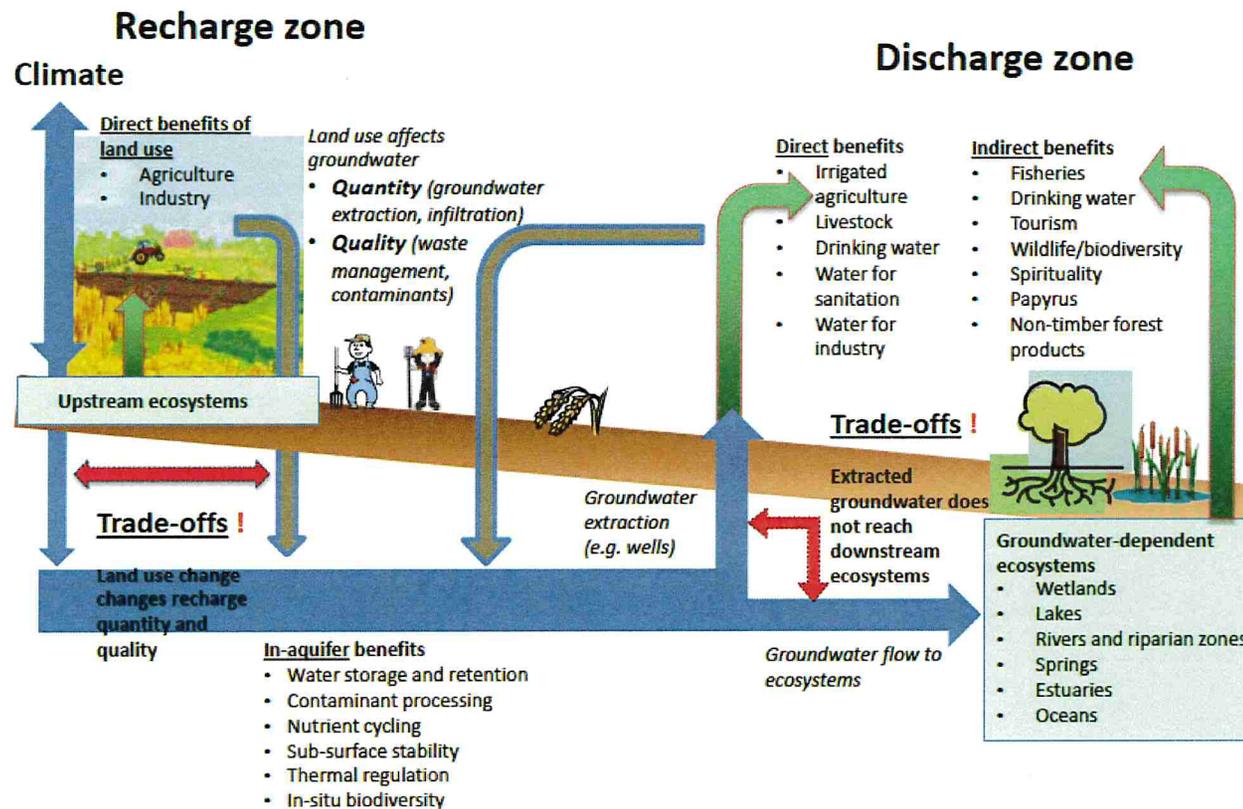
	PS4-1	PS4-2	DFC
Phase 1	11%	2%	11%
Phase 2	57%	22%	58%
Phase 3	32%	76%	31%



Recommendations

- **Monitor and Regulate:** To help manage regional water level declines and provide early notice, especially in the following areas:
 - Outcrop and shallow subcrop aquifer areas
 - Towards the western side of the District
- **Notify:** Notifying well owners whose wells may be impacted with 50-foot or less future water level declines to facilitate proactive planning
- **Request Well Information:** Request well construction and pump on permit applications or renewals to support more accurate assessments of well impacts
 - Casing size and material, screen size and material, pump setting, pump brand/model
- **Use Local Model:** Use the local District model to support more accurate assessments of well impacts
- **Provide Guidance to Drillers:** Consider well designs that promote longevity, such as being careful of telescoping well configurations

Next steps: Broader social and ecosystem impacts



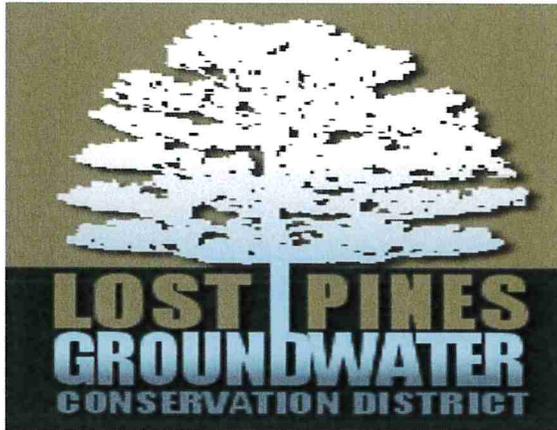


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Groundwater Mitigation Program (GMP)



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Acronyms and Abbreviations

GCD	Groundwater Conservation District
GMP	Groundwater Mitigation Program
LPGCD	Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District
TWC	Texas Water Code

Section 1. Introduction

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (the “District or LPGCD”) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas; the fees it collects and expenditures of funds are deemed to be public in nature. For Bastrop and Lee Counties, LPGCD is the state’s preferred method of groundwater management. The management of groundwater in LPGCD involves adhering to Texas Water Code (TWC) requirements. TWC § 36.0015 (b) states that one purpose of a groundwater conservation district (GCD) is “to protect property rights, balance the conservation and development of groundwater to meet the needs of the state, and use the best available science in the conservation and development of groundwater.”

Landowners in the district have experienced significant impacts due to groundwater production in the region, and many have been unable to access water in their wells as a result of this production. Therefore, groundwater mitigation addresses the needs of district landowners. Texas groundwater law permits GCDs to use district funds to “maintain the operability of wells significantly affected by groundwater development to allow for the highest practicable level of groundwater production while achieving the desired future conditions.” TWC § 36.207(a). See House Bill 3059 of the Texas 88th Legislative Session attached as Appendix A. This mitigation program is not intended to permit increased production that conflicts with state law or the rules, policies, and management plan adopted by the District.

As such, the District may expend funds to achieve its responsibilities as outlined in Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, and which are a benefit to the general public. Therefore, LPGCD has established the Groundwater Mitigation Program (GMP) to assist well owners with mitigation to address water level declines from groundwater production that significantly affect and endanger the operation of their wells.

Section 2. Purpose

The GMP is intended to provide financial support to landowners in the District whose domestic or livestock wells as defined by Tex. Water Code § 36.117(b)(1)¹ and District Rules 3.1(A)(1), (2) and (4) have experienced water level declines expected to drop

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¹ Tex. Water Code § 36.117(b)(1) (providing an exemption for drilling or operating a well used solely for domestic use or for providing water for livestock or poultry if the well is: (A) located or to be located on a tract of land larger than 10 acres; and (B) drilled, completed, or equipped so that it is incapable of producing more than 25,000 gallons of groundwater a day.); See also District Rules 3.1(A)(1) and (2) (mirroring Tex. Water Code § 36.117(b)(1)).

below the pump during typical operations as a result of groundwater production. Any well owner receiving financial support must own a well meeting the eligibility criteria established as referenced in this document.

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Section 3. Eligibility Requirements for the Mitigation Grant

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The District will maintain a database of registered and permitted wells to establish eligibility of qualifying wells. Information maintained will include a valid and complete Well Driller's Log, as submitted to the State of Texas, and when appropriate, to the District. If a valid and complete Well Driller's Log is not available, ownership, well construction, pump settings, and measured water levels must be established by the well owner through Well Diagnostics as described in Section 8 of this program for before GMP funding is provided.

Well Eligibility will be determined following an investigation by the District's General Manager or their designee with input from with the District's hydrogeologist, and/or following diagnostics input from a certified Well Driller to determine whether the well meets the following requirements:

To be eligible for the Mitigation Grant, under the GMP, a well must meet the following qualifications ("Eligible Well"):

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1. Well must be in Bastrop or Lee Counties "(Mitigation Area)";
2. Decline in water level causing the need for mitigation of the well must be directly tied to production of groundwater and not factors, such as drought, or changes in precipitation;
3. Wells must be screened into the Sparta, Queen City, Calvert Bluff, Hooper, Simsboro, or Carrizo Formations ("Relevant Formation") for mitigation;
4. Well must have been active and capable of pumping water from a Relevant Formation to the land surface before the water level decline. After inspection, LPGCD Staff will determine if the well has been active;
5. Well must be registered with the District. If the well is not currently registered/permitted with the District, a landowner must immediately file the necessary registration paperwork and then the well could be eligible for mitigation;
6. Well must be accessible for monitoring by LPGCD;
7. Owner must agree to allow monitoring by LPGCD;
8. Well must be an exempt well according to Tex. Water Code § 36.117(b)(1) and District Rule 3.1(A)(1), (2) and (4) used for domestic or livestock use;
9. Wells covered by an existing mitigation agreement, including mitigation agreements with any non-exempt permit holders, are not eligible until the guarantor of the mitigation agreement

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- agrees in writing to timely reimburse the District for the cost of Corrective Measures;
10. Well must have been installed before January 1, 2024; and
 11. Well must have been designed and constructed according to the District's adopted design standards.

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Section 4. Corrective Measures

For the Grant, mitigation supported by the GMP could entail, but is not limited to, lowering a pump in a well or modifying the construction of an existing well ("Corrective Measures"). These actions shall result in the pump being set at a depth that will maintain operability of the well. If lowering a pump is not feasible due to poor water quality, local pumping effects or other concerns, alternative corrective measures will be considered.

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The corrective measures are limited to restoring the well to a production capacity commensurate with a production capacity estimated from information contained in the well's driller log filed with the District, but in no case, to a capacity above 25,000 gallons per day of groundwater, and a maximum of 17.5 gallons per minute. The District may replace a well with a well of a larger diameter if supported by the GMP Well Diagnostic performed under Section 8.

Section 5. Administration of the Groundwater Mitigation Program Prior to Mitigation

The GMP will be administered by the General Manager or their designee. The General Manager may delegate duties associated with the implementation and management of the GMP to appropriate district staff or consultants as needed and as approved by the LPGCD Board of Directors. The primary responsibility of the General Manager or their designee as it relates to the GMP is to verify eligibility, oversee the investigation and evaluation of any grant application, recommend Corrective Measures based on the Well Diagnostics, and execute the Mitigation Agreement, as defined below.

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All necessary diagnostics and investigations must be completed prior to a well qualifying for the GMP. The exception to the investigation and diagnostics requirements under Sections 7 and 8, respectively, are those wells in the District (i) completed in the Simsboro or Carrizo Formations, and (ii) have been mitigated by the well owner between February 16, 2022 and December 31, 2023. Further, if the investigation indicates that a reported problem is a result of well/equipment age, owner neglect or pumping effects from the well itself, the well will not qualify for GMP funding. The District will not pay for the well diagnostic nor any well mitigation for a well that does not qualify for GMP funding under this program.

Section 6. Requests for Assistance

All requests for assistance shall be submitted to the District on the Groundwater Mitigation Program Grant Request Form (Request Form). All requests must be accompanied by any documentation requested on the Request Form. A copy of the Request Form is included in Appendix B. All requests must be submitted to the LPGCD General Manager using the contact information listed below:

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Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation
District General Manager
317 E Hempstead Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Alternatively, Request Forms may be emailed to:
lpgcd@lostpineswater.org

Section 7. Well Investigation

All complete Request Forms received by the District are subject to a well investigation to determine if the well is an Eligible Well under Section 3. District staff will conduct a well investigation which may encompass the following:

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1. An initial site visit, or discussion to obtain the following information:
 - Legal Well Owner's Name
 - Contact Information (Address, phone number, cell phone number)
 - Primary Well Use
 - Secondary Well Use (if any)
 - Well ID (State and/or Water District)
 - Latitude and Longitude
 - Casing Diameter, Screen Diameter, Casing Depth Setting and Screen Depth Setting
 - Year Drilled
 - Storage Tank Volume
 - Number of facilities provided water by well
 - Well drilling contractor
 - Any known well deficiencies (producing sand, producing colored or turbid water, screen issues, casing issues, etc.)
2. Determine that the well is within the proposed Mitigation Area.
3. Digital Photos of the wellhead and associated appurtenances. If possible, these photos will also document any unusual conditions associated with the well or well site.
4. Latitude and Longitude coordinates of the wellhead, via the use of Global Position System (GPS) equipment.

5. Copies of any owner provided well information such as drilling reports, geophysical logs, invoices, etc.
6. Review with the well owner the preferred route for the contractors to take in order to get to the well site so that any potential damage to underground pipes, septic systems, overhead electrical lines, and/or telephone lines can hopefully be avoided.

Section 8. Well Diagnostics

If the General Manager determines that the well is an Eligible Well after the Well Investigation, the well will undergo well diagnostics procedures. The information gathered during the diagnostics phase will be the basis for mitigation decisions and actions.

The well owner is responsible for contacting and retaining a well driller or well service contractor licensed by the State of Texas to conduct the Well Diagnostics as described in this section. The well owner will be responsible for the cost of the Well Diagnostics initially and such cost will be covered by the District if the General Manager or their designee determines the well mitigation qualifies for funding pursuant to the GMP. If the General Manager or their designee determines the well mitigation does not qualify for GMP funding, the well owner’s cost of the Well Diagnostics will not be covered.

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Prior to the actual diagnostics being performed, the LPGCD staff member will ensure that the following steps are taken:

- Ensure that LPGCD has a signed copy of a district-approved “Right of Entry” form signed by the legal owner of the well and property on which the well is located. Such form will include the following release and indemnification: YOU HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE AND DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE DISTRICT AND DISTRICT BOARD DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND SUCCESSORS (“INDEMNITEES”) FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION, AND ANY AND ALL LOSSES, COSTS, PENALTIES, FINES, LIENS (AND THE COSTS OF REMOVAL THEREOF), EXPENSES (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ATTORNEY’S FEES), LIABILITIES AND/OR JUDGEMENTS INCURRED BY ANY INDEMNITEE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY AND ALL CLAIMS BROUGHT AGAINST AN INDEMNITEE BY ANY THIRD PARTY (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION YOUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, AND REPRESENTATIVES, ANY AND ALL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES) ALLEGING PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR ECONOMIC LOSS, ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM, OR IN ANY WAY INCIDENTAL TO, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT’S GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (“GMP”) OR THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF AN INDEMNITEE OR THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF YOU, YOUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS OR REPRESENTATIVES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE GMP. FURTHER, THE DISTRICT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO ANY UNMARKED OR UNIDENTIFIED UNDERGROUND WATER, SEPTIC TANK AND

LATERAL LINE DRAIN FIELD, TELEPHONE, CABLE, ELECTRICAL LINES (UNDERGROUND OR OVERHEAD) OR OTHER UTILITIES.

- Prior to entering the property, LPGCD staff or designee and the well service contractor should meet with the well owner or designee to determine if there are any safety hazards along the access route between the entrance to the property and the well site prior to heavy equipment entering the property. In addition, the well owner and landowner should be asked to identify the location of any underground water, septic tank and lateral line drain field, telephone, cable, electrical lines (underground or overhead) or other utilities that could be inadvertently damaged while mitigating the well. All discussions should be documented completely. Depending on the location, underground electrical, water, or cable utilities may need to be marked if they will interfere with access to the well.

The diagnostics may involve the appropriate licensed drilling/well service contractor performing the following steps;

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- Contractor to perform inspection and testing of control box / pump electrical.
- Measure the static water level in the well from the land surface.
- Run the pump and measure the water level drawdown from the land surface.
- Measure the pumping rate in gallons per minute (GPM).
- Remove the pump column and pump, as needed, in order to determine where the pump is set and the condition of the pump and pump assembly equipment.
- Take digital photos of the equipment to document condition.
- Televis the well, if needed, in order to determine the location of the screened intervals and if there are any unusual conditions or deficiencies associated with the well.
- The drilling/well service contractor will determine if the well is within TCEQ and Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) well construction standards. If the well is not up to standards, then the General Manager or their designee will inform the landowner of what does not meet state requirements and what LPGCD is able to do regarding the noted deficiencies.
- In some cases, enough information may be obtained during the well diagnostics phase to make a sound mitigation decision at that time. If time allows, the General Manager or their designee would then authorize the landowner or contractor to make the necessary adjustments in order to complete mitigation based on estimates of future pumping effects and return the well to service.
- If a mitigation determination cannot be made at this point, and the owner needs the use of the well, the contractor will re-install the equipment and ensure the well is functioning properly.
- After the completion of the diagnostics phase, the owner or contractor will provide LPGCD with a detailed diagnostic report of all steps necessary to mitigate the well to maintain operability. Copies will be retained in the District's well mitigation files. Copies of the diagnostic report and any televising video will also be provided to the well owner.
- Information which may be obtained during the diagnostics phase;

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- Static Water Level
- Water Level Drawdown While Pumping at a Measured Rate
- Gallons Per Minute Flow-rate – Pump Capacity
- Pump Depth
- Well Depth
- Televised Inspection of Well (if needed)
- Overall System Evaluation
- State Standard Deficiencies
- Electrical Evaluation

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After the diagnostics phase, General Manager or their designee will evaluate well diagnostic information and determine the necessary Corrective Measures consistent with the GMP. Should the diagnostics phase not provide conclusive findings as to the condition or status of the well, the General Manager may refer the decision on Well Eligibility or Corrective Measures to the Board.

Section 9. Appeal of the General Manager’s Decision

The General Manager will provide a decision on the mitigation request within forty-five (45) days of the completed Well Diagnostics. Any well owner may appeal the decision of the General Manager concerning a denial of a grant request. Such appeal shall be made in writing by the well owner to the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of the date of the General Manager’s decision to deny the request. A well owner is limited to one appeal per District denial for each well.

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Section 10. Mitigation Agreement

If the General Manager approves the request, the well owner must sign the Groundwater Mitigation Program Release and Grant Agreement (“Mitigation Agreement”) accepting the District’s terms as approved by the District. The Mitigation Agreement will provide the approved method of Corrective Measure and a list of Eligible Costs. Any costs incurred by the well owner not included in the Mitigation Agreement will not be covered. After the owner signs the Mitigation Agreement the well owner must work with a licensed contractor to complete the Corrective Measure. LPGCD will release funding from the GMP to the well owner after the well owner submits a demonstration of completion to the General Manager. At that time, the General Manager may inspect the completed work to ensure compliance with the Mitigation Agreement prior to providing grant funds.

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Section 11. Eligible Costs

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Sec. 36.158. GRANTS. A district may make or accept grants, gratuities, advances, or loans in any form to or from any source approved by the board, including any governmental

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entity, and may enter into contracts, agreements, and covenants in connection with grants, gratuities, advances, or loans that the board considers appropriate.

Subject to the Board's annual GMP budget determination under Section 12, the District will cover the following costs: parts, equipment, and labor used for mitigation of Eligible Wells that are required below ground to maintain operability of the well as shown by the diagnostics conducted under Section 8. The District will not cover any above ground costs, except to meet the pump manufacturer's specifications. For example, if the manufacturer's specifications for a new pump require a new pressure tank or a new circuit breaker, those above ground costs will be covered. The District will not be responsible for well houses, warranties, or any sales tax incurred by the well owner. For an Eligible Well approved for funding by the GMP, the District will cover the full cost of the eligible costs as defined above.

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Section 12. Groundwater Mitigation Program Funding

The District shall maintain a GMP Fund that is exclusively for the purpose of providing grants to District well owners for repairs or replacements of Eligible Wells to maintain operability of such wells. The monies committed to the GMP Fund shall remain encumbered for that purpose. Funding to support the GMP shall be established at a fixed percentage of the District's reserves each year from fees collected by the District on permitted amounts for the production and/or transport of groundwater. To meet the needs of the well owners and maintain adequate funding in the GMP Fund, the District shall, in its annual budgeting, determine the fixed percentages of reserves to establish the budget for the GMP Fund.

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The GMP shall be a stand-alone program of the District, independent of all other programs in the District's Budget.

Section 13. Recordkeeping and Reporting

The District shall maintain records and supporting documentation for all GMP Fund work in accordance with the District policies. By the Spring of each year following the creation and initial funding of the GMP Fund, the District shall make available to the public an accounting of GMP Fund revenues and expenses, and a report summarizing the mitigation requests that were inspected, evaluated or completed.

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Section 14. Delegation of Authority to General Manager

The Board of Directors delegates to the District General Manager authority to approve and execute the Groundwater Mitigation Program Release and Grant Agreement on behalf of the District attached as Appendix C.

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Section 15. Quarterly Review

The Board of Directors may conduct a quarterly review of the GMP in coordination with an advisory group created and appointed by the Board President.

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APPENDIX A:

MITIGATION LEGISLATION

H.B. No. 3059

AN ACT

relating to the export fee charged for the transfer of groundwater from a groundwater conservation district.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 36.122, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsections (e) and (p) and adding Subsections (e-1), (e-2), and (e-3) to read as follows:

(e) Except as provided by Subsection (e-1), the ~~The~~ district may impose an export fee or surcharge using one of the following methods:

(1) a fee negotiated between the district and the exporter;

(2) for a tax-based district, a rate not to exceed 20 cents ~~[the equivalent of the district's tax rate per hundred dollars of valuation]~~ for each thousand gallons of water exported from the district ~~[or 2.5 cents per thousand gallons of water, if the district assesses a tax rate of less than 2.5 cents per hundred dollars of valuation];~~ or

(3) for a fee-based district, a rate not to exceed the greater of 20 cents for each thousand gallons or a 50 percent surcharge, in addition to the district's production fee, for water exported from the district.

(e-1) Effective January 1, 2024, the maximum allowable rate a district may impose for an export fee or surcharge under Subsection (e)(2) or (e)(3) increases by three percent each calendar year.

(e-2) A district governed by a special law in regard to an export fee or surcharge on water exported from the district may charge an export fee or surcharge in accordance with that special law or in accordance with Subsections (e) and (e-1).

(e-3) An export fee or surcharge imposed under Subsection (e) or an increase in an imposed export fee or surcharge is not valid unless it is approved by the board after a public hearing.

(p) Subsections [Subsection] (e), (e-1), and (e-2) do [does] not apply to a district that is collecting an export fee or surcharge on March 1, 2001.

SECTION 2. Section 36.207, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 36.207. USE OF FEES. (a) A district may use funds obtained from administrative, production, or export fees collected under a special law governing the district or this chapter for any purpose consistent with the district's approved management plan, including, without limitation, making grants, loans, or contractual payments to achieve, facilitate, or expedite reductions in groundwater pumping or the development or distribution of alternative water supplies or to maintain the operability of wells significantly affected by groundwater development to allow for the highest practicable level of groundwater production while achieving the desired future conditions established under Section 36.108.

(b) A district may use funds obtained from the amount that an export fee is increased under Section 36.122(e-1) on or after January 1, 2024, only for costs related to assessing and addressing impacts associated with groundwater development, including:

- (1) maintaining operability of wells significantly affected by groundwater development;
- (2) developing or distributing alternative water supplies; and
- (3) conducting aquifer monitoring, data collection, and aquifer science.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3059 was passed by the House on April 18, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 117, Nays 27, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3059 on May 23, 2023, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3059 on May 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 25, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3059 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 18, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3059 on May 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor

APPENDIX B:

**GROUNDWATER MITIGATION PROGRAM
GRANT REQUEST FORM**



DATE: _____

WELL OWNER INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone number: _____
Email: _____
Well Location: _____

LPGCD Well ID (required): _____

Driller Log Available (Y or N): _____

If known: _____

Date Drilled: _____

Well Depth: _____

Well Screen Information: _____

Static Water level: _____

Pump Depth: _____

Pump Size: _____

Aquifer/Formation: _____

Note on Diagnostics Costs: If the well is not an Eligible Well, the well owner is responsible for payment of the well diagnostics costs. If the well is an Eligible Well receiving funds under the GMP, the well diagnostics costs will be included in the final mitigation costs.

Well must be registered with a LPGCD Well ID. Use Form 300 to register unregistered well.

Signature: _____

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Date: _____

Well Owner Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Well Location: _____

Driller Log Available (Y or N): _____

Date Drilled: _____

Well Depth: _____

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APPENDIX C:

GROUNDWATER MITIGATION PROGRAM RELEASE AND GRANT AGREEMENT

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Date: _____

Corrective Measures (General Manager to list approved corrective measures to maintain well operability here):

Eligible Costs (General Manager to list eligible costs here):

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This Groundwater Mitigation Program Release and Grant Agreement ("Mitigation Agreement") if accepted by _____ (herein after "You" or "Your") will cover the terms of your participation in the Groundwater Mitigation Program ("GMP") of the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and conditions related to your grant from the District's GMP Fund.

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You agree to the Corrective Measures and Eligible Costs identified above and that they are incorporated into this Mitigation Agreement as terms and conditions upon which the District will cover you for costs incurred to mitigate an Eligible Well as defined by the GMP.

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It may be necessary for the District to collect water level and quality information from your well identified below, now and on an ongoing basis, for that well to qualify for expenditures of funds through the District's GMP Fund. This information will be used for a public purpose by the District to better understand the aquifers in the District. You will be apprised of the results of each measurement taken. Unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing by the District, a well that benefits from expenditures from the GMP Fund is not a part of the District's well monitoring network and the District is not responsible for regular repair and maintenance of said well. Further, the District is not responsible for any damages to the well resulting from investigative work done for well diagnostics or the remediation work done by the water well driller or contractor.

YOU HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE AND DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE DISTRICT AND DISTRICT BOARD DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND SUCCESSORS ("INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION, AND ANY AND

ALL LOSSES, COSTS, PENALTIES, FINES, LIENS (AND THE COSTS OF REMOVAL THEREOF), EXPENSES (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ATTORNEY'S FEES), LIABILITIES AND/OR JUDGEMENTS INCURRED BY ANY INDEMNITEE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY AND ALL CLAIMS BROUGHT AGAINST AN INDEMNITEE BY ANY THIRD PARTY (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION YOUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, AND REPRESENTATIVES, ANY AND ALL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES) ALLEGING PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR ECONOMIC LOSS, ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM, OR IN ANY WAY INCIDENTAL TO, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ("GMP") PROGRAM AND GROUNDWATER MITIGATION GRANT FUND ("GMGF") OR THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF AN INDEMNITEE OR THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF YOU, YOUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS OR REPRESENTATIVES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE GMP AND GMGF.

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By your signature below, you certify that you are the owner of the well identified on the Groundwater Mitigation Grant Request Form and identified below, and you agree (1) to participate in the GMP as it is administered by the District, subject to any changes authorized by the District Board, (2) to allow the District's representatives to collect water level and quality data as described herein, and (3) to incorporate the District's Groundwater Mitigation Program into this Mitigation Agreement as additional terms and conditions of this agreement.

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LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Signature: _____
General Manager
Date: _____

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AGREED:

Signature: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Well Location: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned a notary public, on this the day of _____, 2025,

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Notary Public – State of Texas

Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District

317 E. Hempstead St
Giddings, TX 78942

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25th, 2026
TO: President and Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager & Staff

SUBJECT: February 2026 General Manager's Report

1. Statistics Exempt Wells:
LPGCD Form 100's Drilling Permits received
January 1st through January 31 2026 (17)
LPGCD Form 300's Certificate of Registrations received
January 1st through January 31 2026 (0)

Wells plugged: 0 Water quality test: 0 Wells gauged: 3

Drought Conditions: Drought conditions within the District have worsened. The District is in D3 (extreme drought conditions). Year to date rainfall for 2026 was below average (-1.2 inches) in Bastrop County and (-1.32 inches) in Lee County. (Drought.gov and droughtmonitor.unl.edu). Driest January on record for Bastrop and Lee Counties.

	Bastrop County	Lee County
December	42.49% (D2) Severe Drought 57.51% (D3) Extreme Drought	32.57% (D2) Severe Drought 67.43% (D3) Extreme Drought
January	100% (D3) Extreme Drought	100% (D3) Extreme Drought

1. No Pending Permits
2. Working to improve the Board room meeting audio with new microphones.
3. GMA 12 met on January 23rd and February 19th, at the POSGCD offices in Milano. The PS4-2 model run still needs to be updated with GMA13 and 11 data and dated to 2080 - will be used to validate post-processing assumptions.
4. Website and Database improvements
5. BoR Grant extended thru February 2027
6. Upcoming meetings
 - i. GMA 12

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	President's Day Office Closed			GMA 12 Meeting Milano			
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Board Meeting 3:30 p.m.				

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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			Board Meeting 3:30 pm				
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29		30	31				