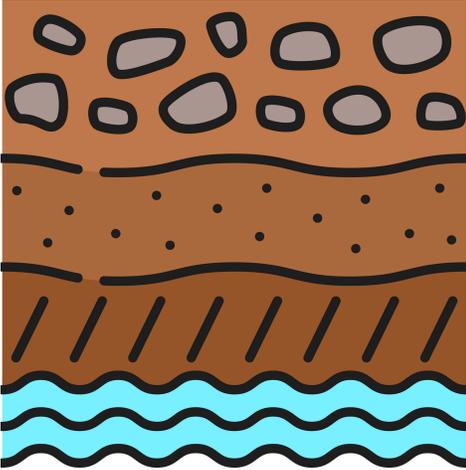


# Newsletter



## Our Purpose

The LPGCD is the state's preferred method of groundwater management in the Bastrop and Lee Counties. Per Texas Water Code Section 36.0015, LPGCD is to manage groundwater by balancing all property interests and providing for the preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater.

Under Texas Water Code Section 36.1071, LPGCD must develop a groundwater management plan providing management goals to help the district meet that purpose.

We are mandated by the state, per Texas Water Code Section 35.012, to provide educational programs to the public relating to the problems and issues concerning water management.

## We'll Monitor Your Well for FREE!

The LPGCD is expanding our water level monitoring program, and we'd love to include your well—at absolutely no cost to you! Our goal is to track aquifer levels in Bastrop and Lee Counties to see if declines need corrective action.

Participation in the Well Watch Program 100% FREE. All we need is your permission to measure the water levels in your well twice a year, typically between November and March.

To join, please call our office at (512) 360-5088.

Thank you for considering this free opportunity to contribute to our monitoring network. Your participation in the Well Watch Program will help us better plan for the future and sustainably manage groundwater for generations to come.



## Monthly Conservation Tip: Check for and Fix Leaks...Right Away!

A small drip from one faucet can waste up to 20 gallons of water per day. Imagine the impact of three or four leaky faucets—those drips can really add up! To check for toilet leaks, place about 10 drops of dye in the tank and wait for 10 minutes. If the water in the bowl remains clear, there are no leaks. However, if you see color, it's crucial to fix the leak as soon as possible. A leaking toilet can waste anywhere from 30 to 3,000 gallons of water per day, so timely repairs are essential. Even small drips can accumulate into substantial losses over time. And don't forget about outdoor leaks—a simple leak outside can waste up to 6,000 gallons of water per month. Repairing leaks promptly not only conserves water but also helps you save on your water bill and contributes to a sustainable groundwater system.

**Think smart. Save water. Save money.**

## Contested Permit

A public permit hearing was scheduled for July 17th for Rambo Materials, LLC to obtain an Operating Permit for a well in Bastrop County, Texas. The applicant proposed to withdraw 102 acre-feet of water per year (AFY) from the well for mining and industrial purposes, specifically for aggregate washing at a sand and gravel mine. However, **the permit was contested by a third party**, resulting in the **cancellation of the public hearing** and **escalation of the permit application to a contested hearing**. LPGCD is now in the process of contracting with a hearing examiner to address the dispute. This case underscores the LPGCD's commitment to a transparent and fair legal process for groundwater management.



## General Manager Featured at Groundwater Summit



On July 18th, LPGCD General Manager Jim Totten participated in a panel at the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District's Groundwater Summit in Caldwell, Texas. Totten joined three other experts to discuss the challenges of managing shared groundwater resources. He emphasized the importance of enhanced scientific research in groundwater management. "Ultimately, in a litigious environment it is beneficial to have comprehensive data-sets and an expanding knowledge base," Totten said. Totten highlighted LPGCD's new initiative to develop digital models of the district's aquifers, which will improve the simulation of projects and enhance understanding of their impact on groundwater levels and flow. This forward-thinking approach aims to ensure sustainable groundwater management for future generations.

### Upcoming Events

August 2nd - Wildlife Expo @ Giddings High School, 8:30 a.m., Giddings, TX

August 14th - LPGCD Public District Meeting @ LPGCD Office, 6:00 p.m.

August 20th-22nd - Texas Groundwater Summit, San Antonio, TX

### We're On Social Media

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/lostpinesgcd](http://www.facebook.com/lostpinesgcd)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/lostpinesgcd](http://www.instagram.com/lostpinesgcd)

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@LostPinesGCD](http://www.youtube.com/@LostPinesGCD)

### Board of Directors

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is governed locally by ten citizens, (five from each county) who have been appointed by their respective County Commissioners Courts to serve as directors for a term of four years.

- Elvis Hernandez, President
- Kathryn Rogers, Vice President
- Michael Simmang, Secretary/Treasurer
- Sheril Smith
- Melissa Cole
- Tom Arsuffi
- Nick Textor
- Herbert Cook
- Nancci Phillips-Burgess
- Debra Phillips