



ABOUT US

## 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' RE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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WORKSHOP

## JOIN US FOR RAINWATER HARVESTING 101!

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is excited to announce Rainwater Harvesting 101 in partnership with the Lee County AgriLife Extension Service! This is an informational session on all you need to know about rainwater harvesting.

During the workshop, participants will learn about the benefits of rainwater harvesting, including how it can help conserve water and reduce your utility bills. Whether you're a beginner or looking to enhance your existing rainwater collection system, Rainwater Harvesting 101 is perfect for anyone interested in sustainable water practices. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and skills that can make a difference in our community.

**Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Lee County AgriLife Extension Service, 310 S Grimes St, Giddings, TX 78942**

**Cost: FREE**

**Registration: To secure your spot, please call (979) 542-2753. Spaces are limited, so be sure to register early!**

We look forward to seeing you there and working together toward a more sustainable water future!



## SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST DUE NOVEMBER 22ND

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 11th – Veterans Day, office CLOSED
- November 19th – Rainwater Harvesting 101, Lee County AgriLife Extension Office, 6:00 PM
- November 20th – LPGCD Public District Meeting, LPGCD Office, 3:30 pm
- November 22nd – Senior High School Scholarship Essay DUE
- November 28th – Thanksgiving Day, office CLOSED
- November 29th – Office CLOSED

## 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



# THIRD COURT OF APPEALS DENIES LCRA MOTION FOR REHEARING

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) is pleased to announce that the Third Court of Appeals has denied the Lower Colorado River Authority's (LCRA) Motion for Rehearing. This decision affirms the court's earlier ruling, ensuring that LCRA's permits will remain as issued by the District. This marks a significant victory for LPGCD and the Intervenors, further validating the District's authority to responsibly manage and protect local groundwater resources.

The court's decision to deny LCRA's request to reconsider its earlier ruling—concerning the legal deadlines for judicial review and the End Op opinion—reaffirms that LCRA's suit was untimely filed outside the legally mandated 55-day timeline. As a result, LCRA's lawsuit has been dismissed for lack of jurisdiction, and the permits issued by LPGCD will stand.

"We are incredibly pleased with the Court's final decision," said Jim Totten, LPGCD's General Manager. "This outcome reinforces the importance of adhering to legal deadlines and recognizes the thorough, fair process undertaken by LPGCD in managing and protecting our groundwater resources," Totten said.

## WATER WELL MAINTENANCE TIPS

- Always use licensed or certified water well drillers and pump installers when a well is constructed, a pump is installed, or the system is serviced.
- An annual well maintenance check, including a bacterial test, is recommended. Any source of drinking water should be checked any time there is a change in taste, odor or appearance, or anytime a water supply system is serviced.
- Keep hazardous chemicals, such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides and motor oil away from your well.
- Periodically check the well cover or well cap on top of the casing (well) to ensure it is in good repair.
- Always maintain proper separation between your well and buildings, waste systems, or chemical storage facilities. Your professional contractor knows the rules.
- Don't allow back-siphonage. When mixing pesticides, fertilizers or other chemicals, don't put the hose inside the tank or container.
- When landscaping, keep the top of your well at least one foot above the ground. Slope the ground away from your well for proper drainage.
- Take care in working or mowing around your well. A damaged casing could jeopardize the sanitary protection of your well. Don't pile leaves or other materials around your well.
- Keep your well records in a safe place. These include the construction report, as well as annual water well system maintenance and water testing results.
- Be aware of changes in your well, the area around your well, or the water it provides.
- When your well has come to the end of its serviceable life (usually more than 20 years), have your qualified water well contractor properly seal your well after constructing your new system.