



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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/lostpinesgcd

Instagram:

www.instagram.com/lostpinesgcd

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/@LostPinesGCD



JOIN US FOR THE LPGCD OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars for an evening of fun, learning, and community at our Open House! Following the Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2025, from 6:00 PM(ish) to 7:00 PM(ish) at the LPGCD Meeting Room (317 E Hempstead St., Giddings, TX), we're inviting you to explore the world of groundwater with hands-on activities, interactive exhibits, and refreshments.

Discover how water moves beneath our feet with our digital groundwater model, observe water flow and storage in our physical aquifer model, and even build your own edible aquifer in a fun and tasty demonstration suitable for all ages! This informal event is a great opportunity to connect with the LPGCD team and board members, ask questions, and gain valuable insights into our local water resources.

This is a community-focused educational event, so there will be no business discussions or official matters during the Open House. Just come ready to learn, engage, and enjoy! We can't wait to see you there!

NOW TAKING PUBLIC PROPOSALS FOR RULE CHANGES

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) is now accepting petitions for rule changes from February 1 through March 15. If you have a real property interest in groundwater within the District, you may submit a proposal to adopt or modify a rule.

Petitions must be submitted in writing to the LPGCD office, addressed to the General Manager, and must include the following: a brief description of the petitioner's real property interest in groundwater in the District, an explanation of the proposed rule or rule change, the proposed rule text prepared in a manner that shows additions or deletions from the current rule, an explanation of how the proposed rule is nondiscriminatory, and an allegation of injury or inequity that could result if the rule is not adopted. Each rule change request must be submitted as a separate petition.

The General Manager will review petitions to determine if they meet the criteria above prior to forwarding them to the Board for consideration. For petitions that do not meet the requirements, the GM will inform the petitioner in writing. The Board will review and respond to qualifying petitions within 90 days of submission. For more information, visit our website or contact our office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17th – Presidents' Day, Office Closed

February 25th – LPGCD Public District Meeting, LPGCD Office, 3:30 PM

February 25th – Open House, LPGCD Office, Post-Board Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

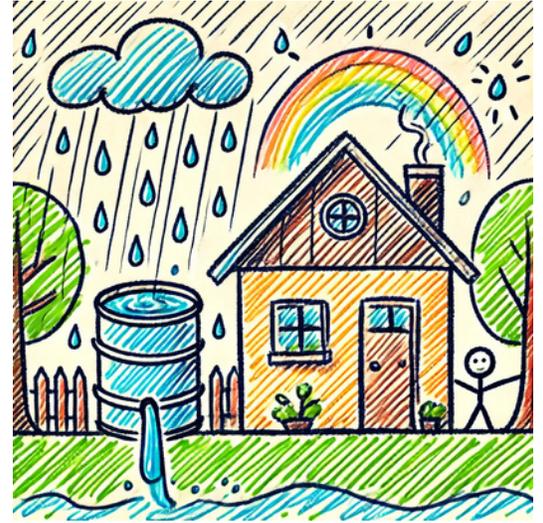
The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is governed locally by ten citizens, (five from each county) who have been appointed by their respective County Commissioners Courts to serve as directors for a term of four years.

- 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



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS: "EVERY DROP COUNTS" ART CONTEST

We invite students in Bastrop and Lee Counties to participate in our art contest, designed to inspire creativity while promoting water conservation awareness. This year's theme, "Every Drop Counts," encourages students to explore important topics such as innovative ways to save water at home or school, the impact of droughts on our community, and everyday habits that help conserve water. We encourage teachers to integrate these themes into their lessons and support students in developing their artistic interpretations.



Students can submit hand-drawn artwork following the contest guidelines, with a submission deadline of March 31st. Entries will be judged based on originality, composition, and alignment with the theme, with winners announced on April 9th. Prizes include \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place, \$50 for 3rd place, and \$25 for an honorable mention. We wanted to also give back to our hard-working teachers so every teacher of a winning student will also receive \$50 for classroom use! Participants may submit only one entry, and full contest rules and entry forms are provided on our website at <https://www.lostpineswater.org/219/Contest-Alerts>. We look forward to seeing students' creative expressions of water conservation!



"THANK YOU, WELL" PHOTOVOICE CONTEST

Celebrate the role water wells play in our lives by sharing your story through photography and narrative. Snap a photo that captures the importance of your well—or someone else's—and pair it with a short description (100-200 words) explaining why you're thankful for it. Whether it's providing water for your family, sustaining your garden, or nourishing livestock, we want to see how wells make a difference in your world. Open to all residents of Bastrop and Lee Counties within the LPGCD boundaries. Submissions are accepted from February 1 to June 30, 2025.

Winning entries will be featured in our 2026 calendar. Prizes include \$200 for first place, \$100 for second, \$75 for third, and \$50 for honorable mentions. Eight additional entries will receive \$25. Visit our www.lostpineswater.org/221/Photovoice-Contest for submission details and start sharing your photo story today!