



BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2022

LSGCD

**NOTICE OF HEARINGS AND MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
To be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Lone Star GCD – James B. "Jim" Wesley Board Room
655 Conroe Park North Drive
Conroe, Texas 77303**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PERMIT AND PERMIT AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.

***Held In Person with the option for Public Comment
Remotely by Publicly Accessible Videoconference
(The videoconference opens at 5:45 P.M.)***

1. Call to Order and Declare Hearing Open to the Public
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer and Pledges of Allegiance
4. Any Public Comments or Requests to Contest and General Manager Permit Hearing Report and Recommendation on Granting, Denying, or Amending Applications for the following Operating Permits and/or Meter Exemptions:
 - i. Ricky Pierce (BET Holdings), for a proposed well to be drilled at 12461 FM 1314, Conroe not to exceed 0.14 mg annually, Commercial and Irrigation use, (Driller of record: Eastex Well Service);
 - ii. Sherwood Sporthorses Inc., for a proposed amendment to OP-20032601, increase of 0.8 mg annually, 20502 Forest View Dr., Magnolia, Commercial and Irrigation use;
 - iii. RAC Materials, for a proposed operating permit for 1 existing well not permitted, not to exceed 0.025 mg annually, 31350 Highway 249, Pinehurst, Commercial use;
 - iv. LGI Homes Texas, LLC (future MUD #125), for a proposed well to be drilled at Approx. 0.5 miles SW of intersection of Jackson Rd and FM 149, (Lat. 30/15/53 Long. -95/42/45), Magnolia, not to exceed 0.588235 mg annually, Public Supply (PWS) use and Commercial, hydrogeological report submitted with application, (Driller of record: TBD);
 - v. Empire Canopy Sign & Construction, for a proposed well to be drilled at 3111 Lone Star Lane, Pinehurst, not to exceed 0.150 mg annually, Commercial use (Driller of record: Ricky Bonds Water Wells).

- vi. City of Cut and Shoot, for a proposed amendment to OP03-0077, well to be drilled at 13906 Willis Waukegan Road, Conroe, increase of 158 mg annually, Public Supply (PWS) use, hydrogeological report submitted with application, (Driller of record: TBD);
- vii. Ranchcrest Water System, for a proposed amendment to OP-05112901, increase of 20 mg annually, 24063 Wilde Dr., Magnolia, Public Supply (PWS);
- viii. Utilities Investment Co. Inc. (Timberswitch), for a proposed amendment to OP-06041301, increase of 4 mg annually, 300' SW of the intersection of Timberswitch Rd. and Hanna Bell Dr, (Lat. 30/18/37 Long. 95/16/40), Cleveland, Public Supply (PWS) use;
- ix. Conroe ISD (Moorehead Jr. High), for a proposed amendment to OP-11061602, well to be drilled at 16840 FM 2090, Conroe, increase of 4 mg annually, Public Supply (PWS) use (Driller of record: O'Day Drilling Company, Inc);
- x. Aqua Pure (Peach Creek Plantation), for a proposed amendment to OP-07042601, increase of 10 mg annually, 3601 N. Duck Creek Rd., Cleveland, Public Supply (PWS) use; and
- xi. Freedom Isn't Free Properties, for a proposed amendment to OP-21120901, increase of 0.1 mg annually, 18436 FM 1314, Conroe, Commercial use.

5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the following Operating Permits and/or Meter Exemptions:

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- ix. Conroe ISD (Moorehead Jr. High), for a proposed amendment to OP-11061602, well to be drilled at 16840 FM 2090, Conroe, increase of 4 mg annually, Public Supply (PWS) use (Driller of record: O'Day Drilling Company, Inc);
- x. Aqua Pure (Peach Creek Plantation), for a proposed amendment to OP-07042601, increase of 10 mg annually, 3601 N. Duck Creek Rd., Cleveland, Public Supply (PWS) use; and
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6. Adjourn or continue permit hearing in whole or in part.

The above agenda schedules for the meetings and hearings of the District represent an estimate of the order for the indicated items and are subject to change at any time.

***NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.
(TO BEGIN UPON ADJOURNMENT OF THE ABOVE-LISTED PUBLIC HEARINGS)**

***Held In Person with the option for Public Comment
Remotely by Publicly Accessible Videoconference
(The videoconference opens at 5:45 P.M.)***

The Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take action, including expenditure of funds, on any item or subject matter posted in this agenda.

1. Call to Order and Declare Regular Meeting Open to the Public
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment on any agenda item or any other matter (Public comment is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker); *See Comment Card for Other Guidelines and Procedures*
4. Executive Session - The Board will recess for a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code and section §551.071, to consult with the District's attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers; or on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code regarding any agenda item on any of the board meetings or hearings posted for today.

No action will be taken in Executive Session.

5. Re-convene in Open Session.
6. Discuss, consider, and take action as necessary concerning approval of Meeting Minutes:
 - a) September 13, 2022, Public Hearing on Permit Applications
 - b) September 13, 2022, Special-Called Public Meeting to Adopt the Desired Future Conditions ("DFCs") for the Gulf Coast Aquifer that Apply to the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
 - c) September 13, 2022, Regular Board of Directors Meeting
7. Election Matters – update and action as necessary:
(Asuntos Electorales – actualización y acción según sea necesario:)

- a) Receive Certification of Unopposed Status from Election Agent.
(*Recibir la Certificación de Estatus No Opositor de Agente Electoral.*)
- b) Discussion, consideration, and action to approve Order of Cancellation for Uncontested Positions
(*Discusión, consideración y acción para aprobar la Orden de Cancelación de Posiciones No Impugnadas.*)
- c) Update on November 8, 2022, election action items.
(*Actualización sobre los elementos de acción electoral del 8 de noviembre de 2022.*)

8. Committee Reports:

- A. Budget & Finance Committee – Jonathan Prykryl, Chair
 - 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting
 - 2) Review of unaudited financials for the month of September 2022 – Samantha Stried Reiter
 - 3) Review of 3rd quarter Investment Report – Samantha Stried Reiter
 - B. Communications Committee – Jim Spigener, Chair
 - 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting
 - C. DFC & Technical Committee – Stuart Traylor, Chair
 - 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting
 - D. Legislative Committee – Jim Spigener, Chair
 - 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting
 - E. Rules, Bylaws & Policies Committee – Larry Rogers, Chair
 - 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting
9. Receive information from District’s technical consultants regarding subsidence studies and/or discussion regarding the same – Samantha Stried Reiter and/or District’s technical consultant(s).
- a. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve Subsidence Study Phase 3 Scope of Work
10. Groundwater Management Area 14 – update the board on the issues related to joint planning activities and development of desired future conditions in GMA 14 – Samantha Reiter and/or District’s technical consultant(s).
- a. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on any items related to Lone Star GCD’s proposal(s) to and/or participation in GMA 14.

11. General Manager’s Report – The General Manager will brief the Board on pertinent operational and management issues that the District, its employees, or consultants have encountered since the last regular Board meeting. – Samantha Stried Reiter
12. General Counsel’s Report – The District's legal counsel will brief the Board on any pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last regular Board meeting, and legal counsel's activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation: waste injection well monitoring activities and injection well applications filed at the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, including District protests or other actions regarding same; District Rules enforcement activities; District Rules and regulations, and District Management Plan development or implementation issues; groundwater-related legislative activities; joint planning and desired future conditions development activities; contemplated and/or pending litigation involving the District; developments in groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs; election matters, legislation or legislative activities; contractual issues related to the District; open government, open records requests, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District; and other legal activities on behalf of the District. – Stacey V. Reese.
13. New Business.
14. Adjourn.

The above agenda schedules for the meetings and hearings of the District represent an estimate of the order for the indicated items and are subject to change at any time.

These public hearings and meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend the meeting or hearing, please contact the Lone Star GCD at 936/494-3436 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

At any time during one the above meetings or hearings and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon’s Texas Codes, Annotated, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gift (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076); and deliberation regarding cybersecurity (§551.089). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

Certification

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that on October 7 2022, at or before 5:00 p.m., I posted and filed the above notices of meeting(s) and hearing(s) with the Montgomery County

Clerk's office and also posted a copy in the front window of the Lone Star GCD office in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public all times and that it will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

/s/ Samantha Stried Reiter

Samantha Stried Reiter, General Manager
Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District

DR Horton Texas Ltd. (future MUD #199)

Attn: Eric Winsdor
400 Carriage Hills Blvd
Conroe, TX 77384

Permit No. OP-22051901

Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022
Request (MG):	10.96296
GM Recommendation (MG):	10.96296
Water use:	Public Supply (PWS) & Irrigation
Location:	300 ft southeast of the intersection of Walnut Creek Rd and Lonesome Pine St., Ma (Lat. 30/6/38 & Long. 95/43/35)
Well Registration:	2022051904
Depth (ft):	855.0
Diameter (in):	14.0

Information

1. Issue a permit commencing October 11, 2022 in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant provides water for a newly developing area.
5. Applicant requests 10,962,960 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter.
6. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant is requesting registration of and authorization to begin construction on one new well which will serve a newly developing area. Applicant is further requesting the issuance of OP-22051901 with an allocation of 10,962,960 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Applicant will use allocation during the pump test, step test, construction of water lines, utilities, irrigation during preliminary construction, developing residential connections and commercial connections. Applicant is estimating buildout construction of 825 homes, 5 HOA connections with 42 acres of irrigation at the end of five years. Staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend the Board approve the registration and construction of the proposed wells, and further approve the requested allocation of 10,962,960 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter.
7. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.



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655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, TX 77303

DR Horton Texas Ltd. (future MUD #199)
OP-22051901 Lat. 30.11079 Long. 95.7265
300 ft southeast of the intersection of Walnut Creek Rd and Lonesome Pine St.

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Montgomery County MUD #157

Attn: Ashley Broughton, P.E. w/LJA Engineering
9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100
Houston, TX 77046

Permit No. OP-18010501D

Amend Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022
Request (MG):	69.000
GM Recommendation (MG):	69.000
Water use:	Public Supply (PWS) & Irrigation
Location:	17859 FM 1314, Conroe
Well Registration:	N/A
Depth (ft):	N/A
Diameter (in):	N/A

Information

1. **Amend permit** - increase allocation. Permit Terms: commencing January 1, 2022 in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant requests to increase allocation by 69,000,000 gallons.
5. Applicant currently has an OP in the amount of 65,000,000 gallons. Amount available pending approval of this application equals 134,000,000 gallons.
6. Applicant's reported pumpage for 2022 equals 74,913,000 gallons.
7. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant currently holds OP-18010501C with an allocation of 65,000,000 gallons annually. Applicant uses the water for public water supply, builder connections, commercial and irrigation connections. Applicant is requesting an increase in the permit allocation of 69,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. If approved the revised allocation will be 134,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Applicant has an estimated 715 single family dwellings, 2 commercial connections, and 15 irrigation connections with an estimated 46 acres of irrigation. Applicant states that total buildout is an estimated 1900 single family dwellings. Applicant states the request to increase is due to continued connection growth and customer demand. District staff have reviewed the information submitted by applicant. Staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend the Board approve the requested allocation increase of 69,000,000 gallons for 2022 and beyond.
8. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.

San Jacinto River Authority

Attn: Chris Meeks
2436 Sawdust Rd.
The Woodlands, TX 77380

Permit No. OP03-0050R

Amend Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022
Request (MG):	1500.000
GM Recommendation (MG):	1500.000
Water use:	Public Supply (PWS)
Location:	7508 Gosling Rd, The Woodlands
Well Registration:	N/A
Depth (ft):	N/A
Diameter (in):	N/A

Information

1. **Amend permit** - increase allocation. Permit Terms: commencing January 1, 2022 in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant requests to increase allocation by 1,500,000,000 gallons.
5. Applicant currently has an HUP in the amount of 3,013,641,000 gallons and an OP in the amount of 0 gallons. Amount available pending approval of this application equals 4,513,641,000 gallons.
6. Applicant's reported pumpage for 2022 equals 3,145,248,000 gallons.
7. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant currently holds HUP193A and OP03-0050P with a combined allocation of 3,013,641,000 gallons. Applicant provides water service to residential and commercial connections. Usage for 2022 was recorded at 3,145,248,000 gallons. Applicant also utilizes a surface water connection with a 65/35 blend ratio. Applicant is requesting an additional 1,500,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. If approved the aggregate allocation will be 4,513,641,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Applicant provides public supply water to an estimated 45,535 single family dwellings equivalent units including residential and commercial connections. Applicant is requesting the increase due increase to groundwater and surface water demand changes. District staff have reviewed the information supplied and recommend to the General Manager that she recommend the Board approve the requested increase of 1,500,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter.
8. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.

Montgomery County MUD #144

Attn: Ryan. E. LaRue
1980 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1380
Houston, TX 77056

Permit No. OP-20042701B

Amend Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022
Request (MG):	20.000
GM Recommendation (MG):	20.000
Water use:	Public Supply (PWS) & Irrigation
Location:	Approximately 3,200 ft southeast from the intersection of Old Conroe Rd and Park Ave/Old Smith Rd., Conroe (Lat. 30/14/50 & Long. 95/30/28)
Well Registration:	N/A
Depth (ft):	N/A
Diameter (in):	N/A

Information

1. **Amend permit** - increase allocation. Permit Terms: commencing January 1, 2022 in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant requests to increase allocation by 20,000,000 gallons.
5. Applicant currently has an OP in the amount of 10,392,000 gallons. Amount available pending approval of this application equals 30,392,000 gallons.
6. Applicant's reported pumpage for 2022 equals 16,328,000 gallons.
7. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant currently holds OP-20042701A with an allocation of 10,392,000 gallons annually. Applicant is requesting an increase in the permit allocation of 20,000,000 gallons. If approved the revised allocation will be 30,392,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Applicant serves as a public supply for a developing residential area with an estimated 1000 single family dwellings at buildout. Applicant's well is also being use for well development, construction of water lines, utilities, construction of model homes, irrigation of reserve areas and dust control irrigation during preliminary phases. Applicant states they have had an increase in demand in the service area. District staff have reviewed the information submitted by applicant. Staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend the Board authorize the requested increase of 20,000,000 gallons annually.
8. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.

T & W Water Services (Rio Vista) dba Blue Topaz Utilities

Attn: Ron Payne
P. O. Box 2927
Conroe, TX 77305

Permit No. OP-080923011

Amend Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022
Request (MG):	15.000
GM Recommendation (MG):	15.000
Water use:	Public Supply (PWS)
Location:	17206 Pecos Dr., Splendora
Well Registration:	N/A
Depth (ft):	N/A
Diameter (in):	N/A

Information

1. **Amend permit** - increase allocation. Permit Terms: commencing January 1, 2022 in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant requests to increase allocation by 15,000,000 gallons.
5. Applicant currently has an OP in the amount of 26,000,000 gallons. Amount available pending approval of this application equals 41,000,000 gallons.
6. Applicant's reported pumpage for 2022 equals 23,738,000 gallons.
7. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant currently holds OP-08092301H with an allocation of 26,000,000 gallons which serves the Rio Vista Subdivision. Applicant is requesting an increase of 15,000,000 gallons annually. If approved the revised allocation will be 41,000,000 gallons annually. Applicant further notes they have had growth in connects and demand with a current connection of 294 homes with a total build out of 380 homes. Staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend the Board approve the requested increase of 15,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter.
8. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.

KDL Ventures, LLC

Attn: Travis Postany
17430 Sunset Ranch
Montgomery, TX 77316

Permit No. OP-19102202A

Amend Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022
Request (MG):	2.000
GM Recommendation (MG):	2.000
Water use:	Commercial
Location:	495 South Pine Lake Rd, Montgomery
Well Registration:	2019102202
Depth (ft):	N/A
Diameter (in):	N/A

Information

1. **Amend permit** - increase allocation. Permit Terms: commencing January 1, 2022 in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant requests to increase allocation by 2,000,000 gallons.
5. Applicant currently has an OP in the amount of 80,000 gallons. Amount available pending approval of this application equals 2,080,000 gallons.
6. Applicant's reported pumpage for 2022 equals 928,500 gallons.
7. District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation: Applicant currently holds OP-19102202 with an annual allocation of 80,000 gallons. The water from this well provides water for a wedding/events center. Applicant states water is used for 9 full time employees with an annual estimate of 46,800 guests annually.
8. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.

Shadyside Land Company, LLC

Attn: Steven J. Gibson
P O Box 1849
Houston, TX 77251

Permit No. OP-22042904B

Amend Operating Permit

Date of Hearing: 10/11/2022

Request (MG): None Requested

GM Recommendation (MG): None Requested

Water use: Irrigation

Location: 300 ft west and 360 ft north of the Spur 149 driveway entrance at FM 1488, Magnolia
(Lat. 30/13/27 & Long. 95/40/52)

Well Registration: 2022062703

Depth (ft): 191.0

Diameter (in): 4.0

Information

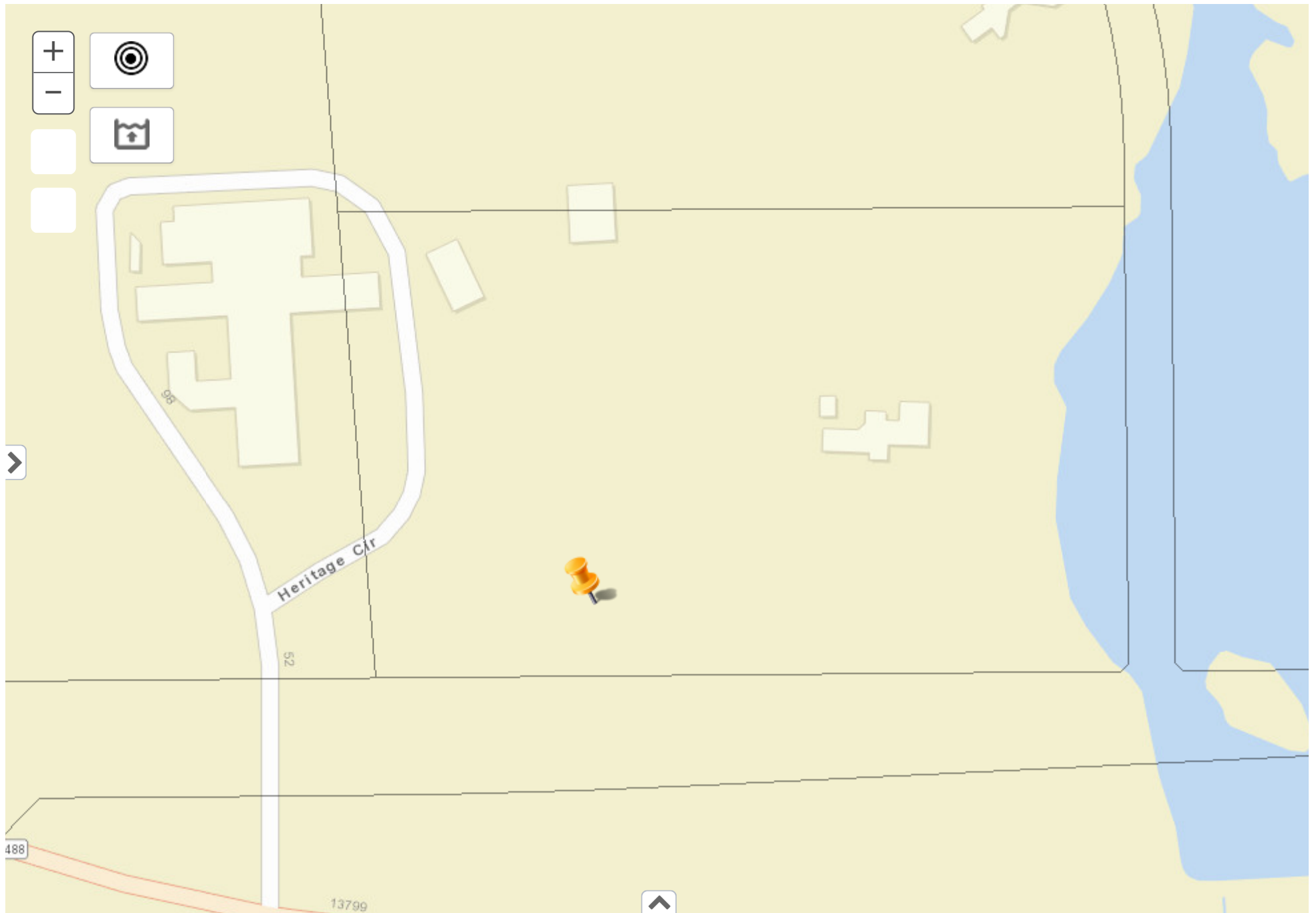
1. **Amend permit** - re-equipment well: hp and max gpm. Permit Term: commencing October 11, 2022, in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant is not requesting allocation at this time.
5. Applicant currently has an OP in the amount of 11,130,000 gallons. Amount available pending approval of this application equals 11,130,000 gallons.
6. Applicant's reported pumpage for 2022 equals 201,000 gallons.
7. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant is requesting registration and authorization to change permitted characteristics of a well. Applicant currently holds OP-22042904A with an allocation of 11,130,000 gallons. Water from this well to supply water to irrigation of a community and irrigation in and around detention ponds. Applicant is requesting to change permitted characteristics of well #2022062703 with no additional allocation being requested at this time. District staff has reviewed the information supplied by the applicant and recommend to the General Manager that she recommends the Board approve that which has been requested.
8. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.



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Shadyside Land Company LLC, OP-22042904B
Lat. 30/13/27 Long. 95/40/52

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Brittany Cole

1473 Business 71
Columbus, TX 78934

Permit No. OP-06112701A

Amend Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022
Request (MG):	0.725
GM Recommendation (MG):	0.725
Water use:	Commercial
Location:	1965 Northpark, Kingwood
Well Registration:	2006112701
Depth (ft):	N/A
Diameter (in):	N/A

Information

1. **Amend permit** - increase allocation. Permit Terms: commencing January 1, 2022 in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant requests to increase allocation by 725,000 gallons.
5. Applicant currently has an OP in the amount of 50,000 gallons. Amount available pending approval of this application equals 775,000 gallons.
6. Applicant's reported pumpage for 2022 equals 299,990 gallons.
7. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant currently holds OP-06112701 with an annual allocation of 50,000 gallons and one well. Water from this well provides water for a multiple purpose property. Applicant states that water is used for a fire prevention pond for a seasonal fireworks stand in June, July and December, a seasonal crawfish boil business in January through May, food trucks including ice machines in the Spring and Summer months, waterslides, a haunted house in October and a Christmas tree farm in November and December and the pressure washing of the 20,000 square feet parking area and metal building. Applicant is requesting an additional 725,000 gallons annually due to the use of the property all year. District staff have reviewed the information provided by the applicant. Staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend the Board approve the allocation increase of 725,000 gallons annually as requested.
8. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.

Mark Kaiser

P.O. Box 1174
Pinehurst, TX 77362

Permit No. OP-22092001

Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022	
Request (MG):	1.000	
GM Recommendation (MG):	1.000	2023 =
Water use:	Public Supply (PWS)	
Location:	16803 Butera Rd, Magnolia	
Well Registration:	2022092001	
Depth (ft):	240.0	
Diameter (in):	5.0	

Information

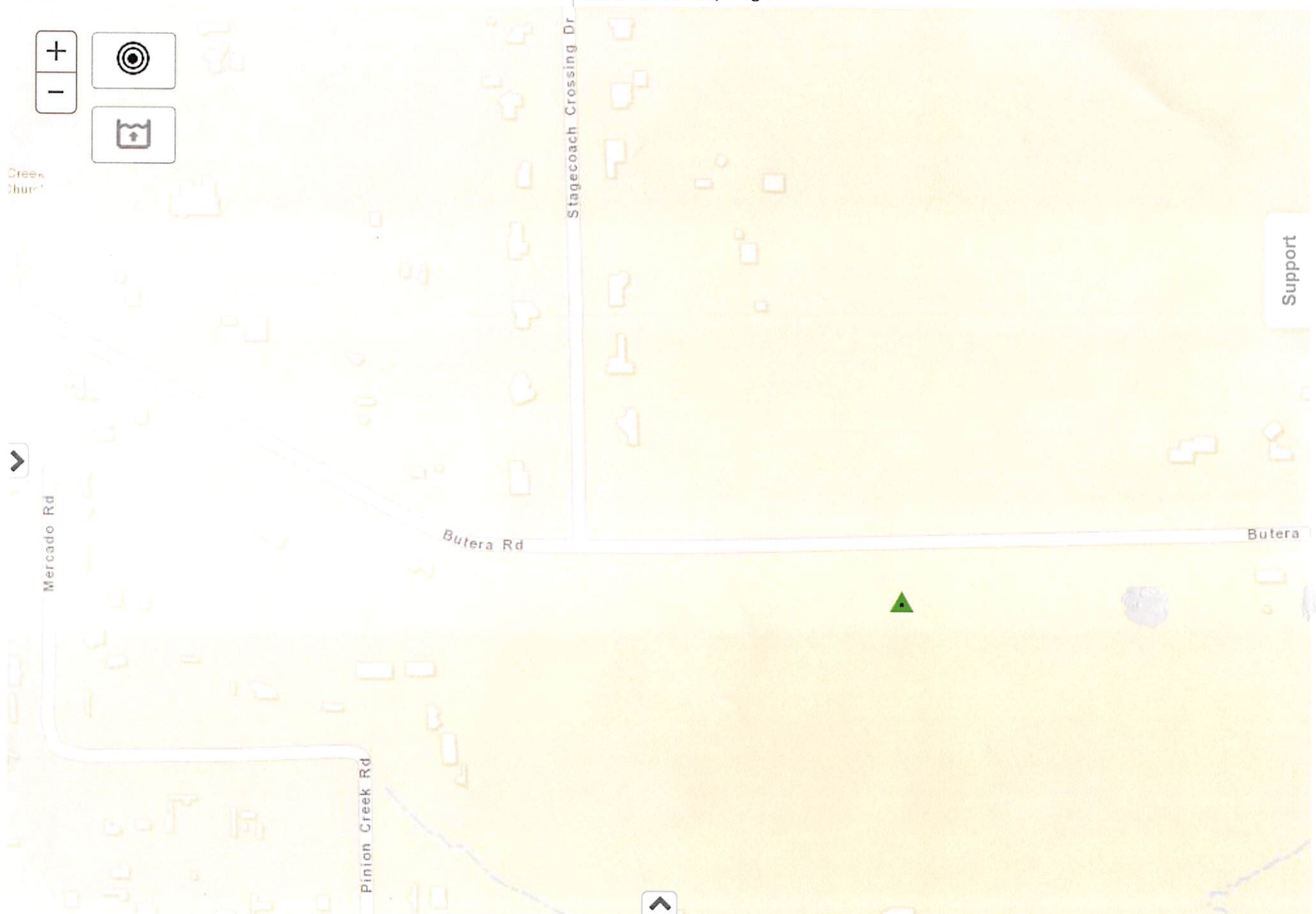
1. Issue a permit commencing October 11, 2022 in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant requests 1,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter.
5. Applicant will provide water for an RV park.
6. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant is requesting registration of and authorization to begin construction on one new well which will serve an RV Park. Applicant is further requesting the issuance of OP-22092001 with an allocation of 1,000,000 gallons for 2022 and beyond. Applicant states the allocation will be used for 3 employees and 40 RV spots. District staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend the Board approve the registration and construction of the proposed well, and the requested allocation of 150,000 gallons for 2022 and beyond.
7. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.



Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, TX 77303

Mark Kaiser OP-22092001
Well Reg. 2022092001
16803 Butera Rd, Magnolia

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Support

City of Conroe

Attn: Jason Rodriguez
P.O. Box 3066
Conroe, TX 77305

Permit No. OP02-0001N

Amend Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022
Request (MG):	None requested
GM Recommendation (MG):	None Requested
Water use:	Public Supply (PWS)
Location:	#1050 Conroe Park West Drive, Conroe
Well Registration:	2022092603
Depth (ft):	1400.0
Diameter (in):	18.0

Information

1. **Amend permit** - add well to aggregate system. Permit Term: commencing October 11, 2022, in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant currently has an HUP in the amount of 2,018,900,000 gallons and an OP in the amount of 1,081,100,000 gallons. There is no additional allocation being requested at this time.
5. A hydrogeological report is required due to the maximum GPM of the proposed well system will be greater than 700 GPM. District consultants have reviewed the submitted hydrogeological report and found it to meet the requirements as detailed in the Hydrogeological Report Guidelines.
6. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant currently holds HUP038C and OP02-0001M with a combined allocation of 3,100,000,000 gallons annually. This allocation is used to supply water to a public water system with 19,400 connections. Applicant is requesting the construction of a new well with no additional allocation being requested at this time. District staff has reviewed the information supplied by the applicant and recommend to the General Manager that she recommends the Board approve that which has been requested.
7. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.



Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, TX 77303

City of Conroe OP02-0001N
Well Reg 2022092603
1050 Conroe Park West Drive, Conroe

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Support

Carlos Ruiz

23464 FM 1314 Rd.
Porter, TX 77365

Permit No. OP-09122301C

Amend Operating Permit

Date of Hearing:	10/11/2022
Request (MG):	0.118
GM Recommendation (MG):	0.118
Water use:	Commercial
Location:	23464 FM 1314, Porter
Well Registration:	N/A
Depth (ft):	N/A
Diameter (in):	N/A

Information

1. **Amend permit** - increase allocation. Permit Terms: commencing January 1, 2022 in perpetuity (unless amended or revoked).
2. No written opposition was received regarding the proposed permit.
3. The permit application is administratively complete.
4. Applicant requests to increase allocation by 118,000 gallons.
5. Applicant currently has an OP in the amount of 100,000 gallons. Amount available pending approval of this application equals 218,000 gallons.
6. Applicant requests 151,800 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter.
7. **District Staff Technical Review and Recommendation:** Applicant currently holds OP-09122301B with one existing well and 100,000 gallons annually. Applicant's well serves a gym and hair salon. Applicant is requesting an allocation increase of 118,000 gallons for 2022 and beyond. Applicant's well is used for sanitary needs of 3 staff member and 40 customers of gym, and 2 staff members and 15 customers of a hair salon. District staff has reviewed the information supplied by applicant and completed an inspection. District staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend the Board approve the requested allocation of 118,000 gallons for 2022 and annually.
8. Based on technical review, staff recommends to the General Manager that she recommend approval of that which is being requested.

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

September 13, 2022

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) met in regular session, open to the public and held in person in the Lone Star GCD – James B. “Jim” Wesley Board Room located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas, and remotely via the publicly accessible webinar/telephone conference call within the boundaries of the District on September 13, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Spigener called to order the Public Hearing on Permit Applications at 6:02 PM announcing the meeting open to the public.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Jon Paul Bouché
Larry Rogers
Jonathan Prykryl
Janice Thigpen
Stuart Traylor
Jim Spigener
Kenneth Earnest

Director Traylor was absent. Six members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Samantha Reiter, General Manager; Stacey V. Reese, District Counsel; and members of the public. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets and comment cards received are attached hereto as Exhibit “A” to the Regular Board of Directors Meeting minutes.*

PRAYER AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Spigener called on Director Bouche for the opening prayer and Director Earnest to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance to the state flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments were received.

Ms. Hein briefed the Board on permit applications received for the month and reported that there were eleven applications received for this month. Applications for consideration and recommended for possible approval included the below:

1. Ricky Pierce (BET Holdings)

Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 140,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

2. Sherwood Sporthorses Inc.

Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 800,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

3. RAC Materials

Applicant is requesting registration of an existing well and production authorization in the amount of 25,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

4. LGI Homes Texas, LLC (future MUD #125)

Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 588,235 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Due to the max gpm of the proposed well, a hydrogeological report was required for the proposed permit. LSGCD technical consultants have reviewed the submitted hydrogeological report and found it meets the requirements as detailed in District Rules and guidance documents. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

5. Empire Canopy Sign & Construction

Applicant is requesting registration of a new well and production authorization in the amount of 150,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

6. City of Cut and Shoot

Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for registration of a new well and an increase in production authorization in the amount of 158,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Due to the combined max gpm of the well system for OP03-0077, a hydrogeological report was required for the proposed amendment. LSGCD technical consultants have reviewed the submitted hydrogeological report and found it meets the requirements as detailed in District Rules and guidance documents. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager's recommendation to approve that which is requested.

7. Ranchcrest Water System

Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 20,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager’s recommendation to approve that which is requested.

8. Utilities Investment Co. Inc. (Timberswitch)

Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 4,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager’s recommendation to approve that which is requested.

9. Conroe ISD (Moorehead Jr. High)

Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for a registration of a new well and increase in production authorization in the amount of 4,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager’s recommendation to approve that which is requested.

10. Aqua Pure (Peach Creek Plantation)

Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 10,000,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager’s recommendation to approve that which is requested.

11. Freedom Isn’t Free Properties

Applicant is requesting an amendment to an Operating Permit for an increase in production authorization in the amount of 100,000 gallons for 2022 and annually thereafter. Based on technical review of the information supplied, it is the General Manager’s recommendation to approve that which is requested.

Following Ms. Hein’s report, Director Prykryl motioned to approve items #1-11, as recommended by the General Manager. Director Bouche seconded. Motion passed.

President Spigener adjourned the public hearing on permit applications at 6:06 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.

Larry Rogers, Board Secretary

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

September 13, 2022

SPECIAL-CALLED PUBLIC MEETING TO ADOPT THE DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS (“DFCs”) FOR THE GULF COAST AQUIFER THAT APPLY TO THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) met in regular session, open to the public and held in person in the Lone Star GCD – James B. “Jim” Wesley Board Room located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas, and remotely via the publicly accessible webinar/telephone conference call within the boundaries of the District on September 13, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Spigener called to order the special meeting to adopt the desired future conditions (“DFCs”) for the Gulf Coast Aquifer that apply to the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District announcing the meeting open to the public.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Jon Paul Bouché
Larry Rogers
Jonathan Prykryl
Janice Thigpen
Stuart Traylor
Jim Spigener
Kenneth Earnest

Director Traylor was absent. Six members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. Also, in attendance at said meeting were Samantha Reiter, General Manager; Stacey V. Reese, District Counsel; and members of the public. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets and comment cards received are attached hereto as Exhibit “A” to the Regular Board of Directors Meeting minutes.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

We received one written comment from Mr. John Yoars, which was sent to all directors and District Counsel and is also included in the packets.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DFCs ADOPTED BY THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA (GMA) 14 AT THE GMA 14 JOINT PLANNING MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2022.

Ms. Reese stated that this special meeting was called to adopt the Desired Future Condition for the Gulf Coast aquifer underlying Montgomery County and provided proper notice under chapter 36 of the open meetings act for this meeting. Ms. Reese presented a graphic of the DFC process. Ms. Reese explained that after the DFC's are approved, the District will move on to the petitioning stage. The process then advances to TWDB for a final MAG.

GMA 14 GCDs had the option of selecting one of two or both DFC options. The DFCs adopted for aquifers in GMA 14 were:

*No less than 70 percent median available drawdown remaining in 2080 **or** no more than an average of 1.0 additional foot of subsidence between 2009 and 2080.*

These were the final DFCs approved by the GCDs within GMA 14 in January.

Ms. Reese reminded the board from previous presentations, originally, the proposed DFCs included the statement "and" and not the statement "or". The final adopted included the change from "and" to "or" which allowed each GCD to adopt which metric applies to them. The board has been supportive of the 70% draw down metric.

Ms. Reese stated that the DFCs proposed and ultimately adopted for LSGCD this round need to resolve the issues from the successful petition in the second round of DFC planning. She elaborated that the issues with that petition involved not representing the balance between the highest practical level of production and the other factors and that the DFCs were not developed using the best available data and science. It is believed that the 70% metric does at this time represent a more appropriate balance and it is using the current best available data and science. Further, the District is currently conducting a subsidence study and anticipates receiving additional data and science from the study that may inform the management and DFCs in the future. Other legal consideration that the Board had with supporting the 70% metric was that it was consistent with Board policy and that the DFCs must be measurable, feasible and reasonable.

Ms. Reese provided a quick refresher on District policy by explaining that one item in the District's Management Plan contemplates the need to study and to control subsidence, but the management plan does not call for you to have a subsidence DFC statement nor does the law require you to have one. A second item from the Management Plan includes using the best available data and science to inform management and the District is doing that by conducting the first of its kind subsidence study for Montgomery County. Thirdly, the District's mission and goal is to protect private property rights for all users in Montgomery County. The board

previously met and considered the 70% metric and felt like that was a better balance for the users in Montgomery County to make sure that they were protected. There were concerns that utilizing the subsidence metric would negatively impact the property rights of users in Montgomery County particularly because our consultants had reviewed and looked at the model and determined that subsidence is also affected by pumping in other counties. Subsidence is a concern in the southern part of Montgomery County, it was noted that not that all of it is being caused by pumping in other counties but there is an impact and a significant one and that was the concern when using the subsidence metric. There were impacts outside the District causing subsidence in the District over which the District had no control. A fourth item from the Management Plan states that the mission of the District is to follow the law consistent with respect to the DFCs. The DFC must be reasonable, measurable and feasible. Ms. Reese stated there were some concerns about a subsidence DFC not meeting that criteria. The District put together a position paper on this particular matter among with many other concerns it had with the subsidence DFC and submitted it to GMA 14. Finally, the rules authorize management zones for local issues if need be. Ms. Reese stated that there were stakeholder meetings where the board visited with various stakeholders about the issues and there were competing interests that came out of those stakeholder meetings. People genuinely wanted to try and use less groundwater because they did care about subsidence but at the same time the alternative to groundwater is surface water (if it available) and surface water is expensive. There was another concern that locally things could be done in the absence of specifically using the subsidence metric that could perhaps address these concerns.

Ms. Reese explained that the next step is for the board to discuss which metric they want to adopt for Montgomery County – the board could adopt one of the DFC options or both. After adoption of the DFC and the resolution formalizing the adoption, the petition window will open and the District will have two years to update the District’s Management Plan with the applicable DFC that is adopted today and within one year of updating the Management Plan, the District must evaluate the rules to see if any of rules need to be updated to correlate with the new DFC. Ms. Reese then turned the meeting back over to President Spigener.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #22-007 – RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS FOR THE GULF COAST AQUIFER THAT APPLY TO THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 36.108(D-4) OF THE TEXAS WATER CODE.

President Spigener queried the directors for any questions. Director Bouche stated that the topic has been discussed in detail. Director Bouche then motioned to adopt the DFC which stated: No less than 70 percent median available drawdown remaining in 2080. Director Prykryl seconded. Motion passed. *A copy of Resolution #22-007 is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.*

President Spigener adjourned the public hearing on permit applications at 6:16 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.

Larry Rogers, Board Secretary

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

September 13, 2022

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) met in regular session, open to the public and held in person in the Lone Star GCD – James B. “Jim” Wesley Board Room located at 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas, and remotely via the publicly accessible webinar/telephone conference call within the boundaries of the District on October 11, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Spigener presided and called to order the regular Board of Directors meeting at 6:26 PM, announcing that it was open to the public.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called of the members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Jon Paul Bouché
Jonathan Prykryl
Larry A. Rogers
Janice Thigpen
Stuart Traylor
Jim Spigener
Kenneth Earnest

Director Traylor was absent. Six members of the Board were present, thus constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors. In attendance at said meeting were Samantha Reiter, General Manager; Stacey V. Reese, District Counsel; and members of the public. *Copies of the public sign-in sheets and comment cards received are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments were received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Spigener announced Executive Session would be held at the end of the Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President Spigener stated the Board would consider the meeting minutes as listed for approval on today's agenda. Without further discussion, upon a motion by Secretary Rogers to approve as amended and seconded by Treasurer Prykryl, the Board approved the meeting minutes as presented.

- a) August 9, 2022, Public Hearing on Permit Applications
- b) August 9, 2022, Order of Election
- c) August 9, 2022, Regular Board of Directors Meeting

ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION FOR 2021-2022 WATER EDUCATION PROGRAM – JOE THRASHER, TINKER LLC:

Joe Thrasher is joining the board meeting virtually. He is president and CEO of Tinker. Tinker is the education program the District uses. Ms. Reiter stated that the District typically targets 5th graders in Montgomery County with our education program. The 2021-2022 year was the first year Tinker was used in the schools, and we received a lot of great feedback. Joe was welcomed by the board and provided Tinker's Annual Report. Tinker was founded in 2014 and is currently implementing water and energy efficiency education programs for 41 clients across 8 states.

The approach is to target 5th graders with a teacher led curriculum. Tinker provides relatable information within the lessons and promote TEKS. President Spigener asked if the teachers received training. Mr. Thrasher stated that there is on-demand training, online training and videos that are provided. Secretary Rogers asked Mr. Thrasher what the criteria for picking 5th grade versus 8th grade or 4th was. Mr Thrasher stated that TEKS identifies that this is the age range where they are covering this topic in school. The students are old enough to want to participate in this type of assignment and are young enough to be molded.

The students are provided water conservation kits that include showerheads, bathroom aerators, toilet leak detection tablets and a sprinkler gauge. Mr. Thrasher stated another part of their approach is the gamification of the lesson, so kids want to participate. There is a point challenge for installing products, completing lessons and participating in contests. This is done via Tinker's online platform. There is a leader board with results and kids can compete with one another.

For the program structure, Tinker provides a printed teacher guide and a printed student workbook. There is a web application that provides lesson resources for the teachers as well. Teachers can track student progress, and there are contests, homework assignments and data collection via the online application. Mr. Thrasher went on to explain that the web app provides tracking on Tinker's side also. It provides an online client dashboard, flexibility and changes that can be made at any time. There is also a teacher, parent and student portal with resources available.

In the implementation process, recruiting takes place to identify which schools are chosen and schedules are looked over. There is a teacher referral program as well. The timing must be worked out with the schools and channels of communication are identified.

Mr. Thrasher stated that last winter they recruited 18 schools, served 32 teachers and represented 1,717 students. Student assessments are/were conducted to measure knowledge gained and a student survey is provided to the students to provide Tinker with the student's evaluation of the program. The scores are generally very high. There is also a teacher evaluation process, and those scores are typically in the 100% range.

Program oversight includes the kit shipment, confirmation of enrollment, recording and tracking. Of the 1,717 kits, 47% of students, for example, reported installing the showerhead. 41% of students, for example, reported installing the kitchen aerator. 53% of students, reported installing the bathroom aerator. 65% of students, reported installing the toilet leak detection tablets. While 56% of students, reported installing the rain gauge. Tinker informs the students that if they are not going to use any of the items in the kit for whatever reason, to give it to a neighbor or someone who will use it. They are instructed not to dispose of the items.

Projected savings were displayed during Mr. Thrasher's presentation. The calculations took into account the water sense algorithms and data collected from students.

Tinker strives for continuous improvement by enhancing the content through redesign of some lessons and minor updates to others. One of the enhancements with the teacher program administration is integrating the Google login feature for teachers and students. This will allow the teachers and students to use a single school login to access the Google suite digital tools and the web app. Tinker is also working to normalize the student user names. President Spigener inquired as to how long the course lasted. Mr. Thrasher stated that it is up to the teacher, but most teachers do the class when they are covering their water unit in their curriculum. Director Bouche stated he was one of the board members who initially voted against this program because of the cost but he could see how this program has evolved and believes Tinker has done a good job in gauging the effectiveness of the program. President Spigener stated that Tinker has brought a lot of rigor to this program that was not there previously. Ms. Reiter stated that one of things that we would like to have happen is to have the District's Education Coordinator and our mobile lab get in touch with these teachers when they are ready to implement. Then we are there with the trailer and can either do a starting activity or a recap just to bring more education and publicity to the District and importance of what the District does. Ms. Reiter stated she is looking forward to making that happen this year. President Spigener thanked Mr. Thrasher for the presentation and for the improvement to a more efficient use of the taxpayer's money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Budget & Finance Committee – Jonathan Prykryl, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee's activities since the last regular Board meeting — Director Prykryl stated that the committee has now met twice since the last board meeting and spoke generally about budget items and

budget amendments. More information is required before we can proceed.

- 2) Review of unaudited financials for the month of August 2022 – Ms. Reiter reported that for the month of August 2022, income was \$253,359.38 and expenses were \$117,014.88 resulting in a net income of \$136,344.50. Year-to-date net income is \$1,680,585.22.

B. Communications Committee – Jim Spigener, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting
- The Communication Committee continues to work diligently on vehicles for messaging. The committee want to provide more transparency and help the people we represent out in the county understand what our business is and how we do it, what we are up against and how we are dealing with it.

C. DFC & Technical Committee – Stuart Traylor, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting
– Ms. Reiter stated that the committee did meet on September 2nd. We received an update from our technical consultants on the status of Phase 3 scope of work. We are awaiting specific information specifically from the drillers regarding costs. We are trying to get some estimates on coring and the option to add an extensometer and/or monitoring site to the various locations around the county. A lot of different options to consider. This information should be received in the next week. Our next meeting is planned for the end of the month after which we hope to be able to provide a more detailed update and information on path forward with Phase 3. President Spigener stated that this is where we really start to spend money so getting this right is critically important.

D. Legislative Committee – Jim Spigener, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting
– President Spigener stated the committee continues to meet regularly to discuss ongoing matters. Nothing further to share.

E. Rules, Bylaws & Policies Committee – Larry A. Rogers, Chair

- 1) Brief the Board on the Committee’s activities since the last regular Board meeting
– Secretary Rogers stated the committee met on August 22nd to discuss potential rule changes as well as the drought situation. At this time, the District continues to monitor the ever-changing drought situation in the county and is still considering the option of implementing a temporary drought buffer for permit holders though a formal recommendation has not been made by the committee.

RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT’S TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS REGARDING SUBSIDENCE STUDIES AND/OR DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SAME:

Subsidence Study Phase 3 Scope of Work -- Ms. Reiter stated there is not much to add from the DFC & Technical Committee update. Ms. Reiter reminded the board that there will be a stakeholder process that will happen. She is not sure what the process looks like, but we will be

involving members of the public, entities within Montgomery County, in hopes of being able to partner with them and because sharing of information is important. We hope to have more information at our October meeting.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA 14 - UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE ISSUES RELATED TO JOINT PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS IN GMA 14:

Ms. Reiter stated there is not much to report except that following the District's adoption of DFCs earlier this evening except that means that all of the GMA 14 voting representatives have adopted the relevant DFCs for their counties. President Spigener asked Ms. Reese about the number of days that the holding period was for. She responded that the holding period (or the petition period) is 120 days. President Spigener clarified that this would push the holding period out to around the first of the year. No update to report on when the next meeting will take place.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Reiter stated that her report is included in the packets and unless there are any questions, she did not have anything else to add.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:

Ms. Reese gave an update that she filed a protest on behalf of the District with the Railroad Commission. Denbury filed another application for an injection well. After reviewing the information submitted with the application, which was slim, we could not tell whether the groundwater quality would be protected. Ms. Reese reached out to Denbury's council, and they are reviewing our protest and are supposed to be gathering more information. The hope is to work this out before it goes to a hearing but out of an abundance of caution, we needed to file the protest because the application did not provide the information needed.

President Spigener stated that the TAGD meeting was attended this past month and we were well represented. Stacey was on a panel. James Beach conducted a presentation on DFC issues. President Spigener learned a lot by going and urged other members of the board to attend if they have the chance. The meeting provided him with the general direction of where TAGD is moving toward, and the information is well worth knowing. Sam, Stacey, Janice, and James Beach were all in attendance and President Spigener thanked them all for representing the district well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board recessed at 6:48 PM into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, to consult with the District's attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code regarding any agenda item on any of the board meetings or hearing posted for today.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Following Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Session and President Spigener declared it open to the public at 6:55 PM

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion on moving our November 8th board meeting due to it landing on the same evening as the upcoming election. Director Bouche motioned to move the November board meeting to after the election. Secretary Rogers seconded. Ms. Reiter stated she would send out a few dates and announce it at the October meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, President Spigener motioned to adjourn the meeting and Director Bouche seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.

Larry Rogers, Board Secretary

CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR LONE STAR
GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

(CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS PARA DEL DISTRITO DE
CONSERVACIÓN DE AGUAS SUBTERRÁNEAS DE LONE STAR)

To: Presiding Officer of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District

(Al: Presidente del Distrito de Conservación de Aguas Subterráneas de Lone Star)

As the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District's Agent for the Election, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on November 8, 2022:

(Como Agente para la Elección del Distrito de Conservación de Aguas Subterráneas de Lone Star, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en la elección que se llevará a cabo el 8 de noviembre de 2022:)

General Election (Elecciones generales):

Place 2 - Director elected by the voters of Montgomery County Commissioners Precinct 2 (Lugar 2 - Director elegido por los votantes del Precinto 2 de los Comisionados del Condado de Montgomery): **Janice Thigpen**

Place 4 - Director elected by the voters of Montgomery County Commissioners Precinct 4 (Lugar 4 Director elegido por los votantes del Precinto 4 de los Comisionados del Condado de Montgomery): **Jonathan Prykryl**

Special Election (Elección especial):

Place 6 - Director elected by the voters of the City of Conroe (Lugar 6 - Director elegido por los votantes de la Ciudad de Conroe): **Jon Bouche**



Samantha Stried Reiter,
District General Manager
(Gerente General del Distrito)

October 7, 2022 (7 de octubre de 2022)

Date (Fecha)

ORDER OF CANCELLATION OF LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

(ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN DE LA ELECCIÓN DE DIRECTORES DEL DISTRITO DE
CONSERVACIÓN DE AGUAS SUBTERRÁNEAS DE LONE STAR)

The Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (“District”) hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on November 8, 2022, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

(El Distrito de Conservación de Aguas Subterráneas de Lone Star (“Distrito”) por la presente cancela la elección programada para el 8 de noviembre de 2022 de acuerdo con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código Electoral de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:)

General Election (Elecciones generales):

Place 2 - Director elected by the voters of Montgomery County Commissioners Precinct 2 (Lugar 2 - Director elegido por los votantes del Precinto 2 de los Comisionados del Condado de Montgomery): **Janice Thigpen**

Place 4 - Director elected by the voters of Montgomery County Commissioners Precinct 4 (Lugar 4 Director elegido por los votantes del Precinto 4 de los Comisionados del Condado de Montgomery): **Jonathan Prykryl**

Special Election (Elección especial):

Place 6 - Director elected by the voters of the City of Conroe (Lugar 6 - Director elegido por los votantes de la Ciudad de Conroe): **Jon Bouche**

President (Presidente): _____

Secretary (Secretario): _____

Date (Fecha): October 11, 2021 (11 de octubre de 2022)

Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of September 30, 2022

	Sep 30, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
First Bank (Money Market)	4,117,988.27
First Bank (Operating)	61,835.13
TexPool	47,093.99
Total Checking/Savings	4,226,917.39
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	145,591.93
Total Accounts Receivable	145,591.93
Other Current Assets	
Allow for Bad Debts	-30,819.89
Other Receivable	
Allowance for Doubiful Accounts	20,602.80
Total Other Receivable	20,602.80
Prepaid Insurance	
TWCA premium	8,275.73
Prepaid Dishonesty & Public Bond	79.55
Total Prepaid Insurance	8,355.28
Total Other Current Assets	-1,861.81
Total Current Assets	4,370,647.51
Fixed Assets	
Bldg & Land	
Conroe Park - Land	260,187.00
Conroe Park - Building & Design	1,593,552.27
Accumulated Depr - Bldg	-423,236.04
Total Bldg & Land	1,430,503.23
Furniture & Equipment	
Furniture/Fixture/Equipment	350,516.94
Accumulated Depreciation	-264,509.70
Total Furniture & Equipment	86,007.24
Total Fixed Assets	1,516,510.47
TOTAL ASSETS	5,887,157.98
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	2,444.65
Total Accounts Payable	2,444.65
Other Current Liabilities	
Deposits Payable	54.00
Accrued Expenses	
Accrued Expenses	67,171.53
Accrued Expenses - Other	-67,171.53
Total Accrued Expenses	0.00
Accrued Vacation Time	19,426.32
Deferred Revenue	436,671.84

Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of September 30, 2022

	Sep 30, 22
Direct Deposit Liabilities	
BCBS-EE portion	-560.00
Total Direct Deposit Liabilities	-560.00
Payroll Liabilities	2,190.05
Total Other Current Liabilities	457,782.21
Total Current Liabilities	460,226.86
Total Liabilities	460,226.86
Equity	
Invested in Capital Assets, net	1,518,850.65
Retained Earnings	2,758,157.69
Net Income	1,149,922.78
Total Equity	5,426,931.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	5,887,157.98

Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
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September 2022

	Sep 22	Budget	Jan - Sep 22	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Returned Check Charges	50.00		50.00		
Administrative Fee					
Application Fee					
Application Fee-Other	0.00	412.50	0.00	3,712.50	4,950.00
AWS Production Permit	0.00	250.00	0.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
AWS Groundwater Test Well	0.00	125.00	0.00	1,125.00	1,500.00
Emergency Permit	1,500.00		1,775.00		
Existing Well Application	0.00	125.00	1,925.00	1,125.00	1,500.00
Operating Permit	4,875.00	1,833.33	7,474.64	16,499.97	22,000.00
Total Application Fee	6,375.00	2,745.83	11,174.64	24,712.47	32,950.00
Change of Ownership/Type	1,950.00	333.33	6,400.00	2,999.97	4,000.00
Publication Fees	1,125.00	416.66	5,347.49	3,749.94	5,000.00
Record Request	0.00	125.00	0.00	1,125.00	1,500.00
Returned Check Fee	0.00	4.16	162.00	37.44	50.00
Well/Meter Re-inspection Fees	0.00	166.66	-250.00	1,499.94	2,000.00
Total Administrative Fee	9,450.00	3,791.64	22,834.13	34,124.76	45,500.00
Interest Income	445.94	416.66	3,332.23	3,749.94	5,000.00
Lone Star GCD Fees					
Agricultural Permits					
Agricultural OP 2022	73.57	114.41	741.22	1,029.69	1,373.00
Agricultural HUP 2022	65.46	93.91	613.69	845.19	1,127.00
Total Agricultural Permits	139.03	208.32	1,354.91	1,874.88	2,500.00
Export Fees	0.00	50.00	0.00	450.00	600.00
Historic Use Fee					
Historic Use Fee 2022	96,403.29	125,000.00	966,197.38	1,125,000.00	1,500,000.00
Total Historic Use Fee	96,403.29	125,000.00	966,197.38	1,125,000.00	1,500,000.00
Operating Permit Fees					
Operating Permit 2022	124,153.16	116,666.66	1,153,323.87	1,049,999.94	1,400,000.00
Operating Permit 2021	0.00		16,395.94		
Operating Permit 2020	10.00		25.17		
Operating Permit 2019	10.00		28.74		
Operating Permit 2018	0.00		18.74		
Total Operating Permit Fees	124,173.16	116,666.66	1,169,792.46	1,049,999.94	1,400,000.00

Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget vs. Actual September 2022

	Sep 22	Budget	Jan - Sep 22	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
AWS Production fees					
AWS Production Fees - 2022	14,473.20	16,666.66	144,732.00	149,999.94	200,000.00
Total AWS Production fees	14,473.20	16,666.66	144,732.00	149,999.94	200,000.00
Overpumpage of a Permit	0.00	4,166.66	147,893.25	37,499.94	50,000.00
Penalty/ Interest	0.00	833.33	9,991.21	7,499.97	10,000.00
Total Lone Star GCD Fees	235,188.68	263,591.63	2,439,961.21	2,372,324.67	3,163,100.00
Total Income	245,134.62	267,799.93	2,466,177.57	2,410,199.37	3,213,600.00
Gross Profit	245,134.62	267,799.93	2,466,177.57	2,410,199.37	3,213,600.00
Expense					
Election Expense	0.00	8,333.33	359.00	74,999.97	100,000.00
Litigation					
Legal-DFC Appeal	0.00	4,166.66	0.00	37,499.94	50,000.00
Total Litigation	0.00	4,166.66	0.00	37,499.94	50,000.00
Educate/Public Aware Coordinate					
Community Aware/Public Relation					
Scholarship/Sponsorship	0.00	416.66	2,500.00	3,749.94	5,000.00
Mach 1 Strategic Communications	8,100.00	7,500.00	72,900.00	67,500.00	90,000.00
PAM Units	0.00	1,250.00	4,942.00	11,250.00	15,000.00
Educational Curriculum Schools	0.00	4,166.66	44,148.54	37,499.94	50,000.00
Rainwater Collection Expansion	0.00	62.50	106.50	562.50	750.00
Website Modification	0.00	416.66	0.00	3,749.94	5,000.00
ET Weather Station Network	0.00	416.66	321.04	3,749.94	5,000.00
Communication/Public Awareness	0.00	833.33	375.00	7,499.97	10,000.00
Conservation Products	0.00	416.66	1,190.79	3,749.94	5,000.00
Total Community Aware/Public Relation	8,100.00	15,479.13	126,483.87	139,312.17	185,750.00
Total Educate/Public Aware Coordinate	8,100.00	15,479.13	126,483.87	139,312.17	185,750.00
Attorney Fees					
Legislative Consulting	9,000.00		54,000.00		
PIA Legal Work	0.00	416.66	0.00	3,749.94	5,000.00
General Counsel Work	24,249.75	30,000.00	194,255.89	270,000.00	360,000.00
Legal Work - Additional	0.00	2,500.00	13,375.00	22,500.00	30,000.00
Total Attorney Fees	33,249.75	32,916.66	261,630.89	296,249.94	395,000.00

Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
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September 2022

	Sep 22	Budget	Jan - Sep 22	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Board Expense					
Meeting/Conference	974.34	416.66	974.34	3,749.94	5,000.00
Per Diem	6,000.00	5,250.00	41,000.00	47,250.00	63,000.00
Payroll Tax Liability - Board	459.01	458.33	3,174.77	4,124.97	5,500.00
Board Meeting Expense	429.38	500.00	4,302.01	4,500.00	6,000.00
Total Board Expense	7,862.73	6,624.99	49,451.12	59,624.91	79,500.00
Advertising/Public Notices	1,046.20	833.33	5,010.50	7,499.97	10,000.00
Audit Fees	0.00	812.50	9,500.00	7,312.50	9,750.00
Building Expense					
Building Maintenance	525.00	2,500.00	6,898.22	22,500.00	30,000.00
Utilities & Housekeeping	3,503.87	3,916.66	39,305.50	35,249.94	47,000.00
Total Building Expense	4,028.87	6,416.66	46,203.72	57,749.94	77,000.00
Computer Support					
Hosting/Internet/Backup	600.00	2,083.33	15,400.00	18,749.97	25,000.00
Repair & Support	1,995.00	1,666.66	18,405.10	14,999.94	20,000.00
Software	184.00	416.66	1,512.00	3,749.94	5,000.00
Total Computer Support	2,779.00	4,166.65	35,317.10	37,499.85	50,000.00
Engineering					
District Engineer	0.00	833.33	24,683.07	7,499.97	10,000.00
Engineering Consult Svcs	0.00	16,666.66	66,245.84	149,999.94	200,000.00
GMA 14 Planning	0.00	12,500.00	22,007.00	112,500.00	150,000.00
Well Permit Database Management	0.00	2,083.33	0.00	18,749.97	25,000.00
Total Engineering	0.00	32,083.32	112,935.91	288,749.88	385,000.00
Field/Technical Expense					
Field Supplies	0.00	291.66	0.00	2,624.94	3,500.00
Vehicle Fuel Expense	352.28	416.66	4,487.54	3,749.94	5,000.00
Vehicle/MobileLab Repair & Maint	84.98	208.33	1,475.95	1,874.97	2,500.00
Vehicle -Capital expense	0.00	416.66	0.00	3,749.94	5,000.00
Total Field/Technical Expense	437.26	1,333.31	5,963.49	11,999.79	16,000.00
Insurance					
Bonds	83.26	66.66	749.30	599.94	800.00
Building & Property Insurance	444.00	416.66	3,627.48	3,749.94	5,000.00
Errors and Omissions	173.00	216.75	1,710.00	1,950.75	2,601.00
Liability	87.50	98.16	787.50	883.44	1,178.00
Vehicle Insurance	219.50	259.58	2,056.98	2,336.22	3,115.00
Total Insurance	1,007.26	1,057.81	8,931.26	9,520.29	12,694.00

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Manager					
Travel/Edu/Training	100.00	666.66	2,849.90	5,999.94	8,000.00
Vehicle Allowance	600.00	600.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	7,200.00
Total Manager	700.00	1,266.66	8,249.90	11,399.94	15,200.00
Memberships Dues /Subscriptions	2,390.00	833.33	3,930.00	7,499.97	10,000.00
Miscellaneous					
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	250.00	940.33	2,250.00	3,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	0.00	250.00	940.33	2,250.00	3,000.00
Office Expenses					
Office Equipment	0.00	500.00	3,176.48	4,500.00	6,000.00
Office Supplies	157.98	416.66	3,416.53	3,749.94	5,000.00
Total Office Expenses	157.98	916.66	6,593.01	8,249.94	11,000.00
Payroll Expenses					
Salaries	41,023.24	47,916.66	399,450.18	431,249.94	575,000.00
Payroll Tax Liability	3,066.05	2,916.66	29,845.10	26,249.94	35,000.00
Retirement	2,461.39	2,416.66	23,966.94	21,749.94	29,000.00
Medical/Life	2,195.94	4,333.33	41,696.37	38,999.97	52,000.00
SUI	0.00	208.33	2,016.00	1,874.97	2,500.00
Workman's Comp	108.08	157.00	1,375.26	1,413.00	1,884.00
Payroll Service Fees	26.00	83.33	256.00	749.97	1,000.00
Total Payroll Expenses	48,880.70	58,031.97	498,605.85	522,287.73	696,384.00
Postage Expense					
Postage Meter & Supplies	0.00	166.66	636.67	1,499.94	2,000.00
Postage/Shipping/Delivery Ser	4,000.00	458.33	8,628.70	4,124.97	5,500.00
Total Postage Expense	4,000.00	624.99	9,265.37	5,624.91	7,500.00
Printing	745.84	750.00	5,798.55	6,750.00	9,000.00
Programs					
Subsidence Study - Phase III	0.00		10,126.50		
Additional Scientific Programs	0.00	2,083.33	0.00	18,749.97	25,000.00
Subsidence Study - Phase II	0.00	12,500.00	39,699.35	112,500.00	150,000.00
Hydrogeological Modeling/Protec	0.00	83.33	312.10	749.97	1,000.00
USGS Joint Funding Agreement					
USGS - Groundwater Level Data	3,837.50	1,279.16	11,512.50	11,512.44	15,350.00
USGS - Water Level chg/subside	14,214.00	11,350.00	42,642.02	102,150.00	136,200.00
Total USGS Joint Funding Agreement	18,051.50	12,629.16	54,154.52	113,662.44	151,550.00
Total Programs	18,051.50	27,295.82	104,292.47	245,662.38	327,550.00

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Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
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September 2022

	Sep 22	Budget	Jan - Sep 22	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Rebate Water Use Fees	0.00	1,250.00	13,438.54	11,250.00	15,000.00
Travel/Training Staff	129.95	250.00	3,353.91	2,250.00	3,000.00
Depreciation	0.00	4,166.66	0.00	37,499.94	50,000.00
Total Expense	133,567.04	209,860.44	1,316,254.79	1,888,743.96	2,518,328.00
Net Ordinary Income	111,567.58	57,939.49	1,149,922.78	521,455.41	695,272.00
Net Income	111,567.58	57,939.49	1,149,922.78	521,455.41	695,272.00

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Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar discusses need to expand water capacity



Matt Hollinshead, Assistant editor

Oct. 3, 2022





Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar discusses the state's water capacity on Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, at the Lower Neches Valley Authority in Beaumont.

Matt Hollinshead/Beaumont Enterprise

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reiterating the need to keep water canal systems and infrastructure plentiful for the long haul, given overall use is expected to keep rising considerably.

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Hegar told Lower Neches Valley Authority officials Monday that the number of people and new businesses wanting to relocate to the Lone Star State will only drive up that demand. He said the state will need to increase its water capacity by 23% in the coming years, in part because of said demand and diminishing supply through lake reservoirs or underground water.

Beaumont was the fourth stop Hegar made to Antonio, Amarillo and Dallas. The Texas Comptroller, accountant, revenue estimator and

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Hegar told the Enterprise the petrochemical and manufacturing industries are expanding and bringing thousands of jobs to the region, which in turn increases the need to expand capacity.

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of water, highlight the importance of what goes on in Southeast Texas," Hegar said.

He also told the Enterprise he wants to help local governments address some of the barriers – whether water financing or infrastructure – to ensure longer-term needs are met.

Another major economic focal point in Southeast Texas are the waterways. That includes Sabine-Neches Waterway, the largest crude oil and LNG exporter in the country.

The LNVA oversees 416 miles of canals, which includes parts of Jefferson County. Without the LNVA, Hegar said economic opportunities wouldn't exist for those, for example, who may have grown up on a rice farm or whose livelihood running a farm depends on a "trustworthy" water source.

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Rather than moving a water source from one said communities are focusing on local conse business growth.

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According to data from the Texas Water Deve water supply – consisting of surface water, groundwater and wastewater – is

projected to decline by 17.6% between 2020 and 2070, including a 32.4% drop in exiting groundwater supply. This comes at a time demand is projected to rise by 8.5% during that span, including a 62.9% including in municipal water use.

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The TWDB estimates things like new infrastructure projects will require \$80 billion in capital costs over the next 50 years, with \$47 million coming from state financial assistance programs. The State Water Implementation Fund for Texas has already invested nearly \$9.2 billion for 58 projects since 2015.

Hegar is currently running for his third term in the Comptroller's seat against Democrat Janet Dudding.

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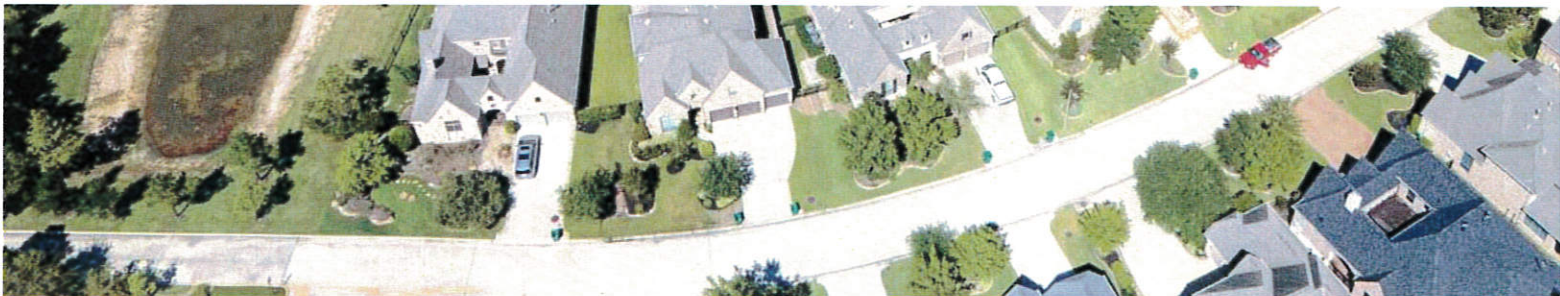
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Despite residents' calls to refill drought-plagued lakes, The Woodlands has no plans to do so

Catherine Dominguez, Staff writer

Sep. 29, 2022





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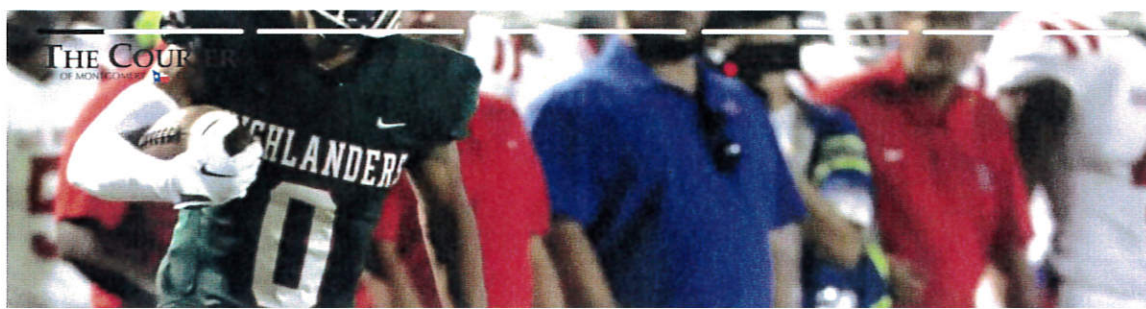
Despite continued concerns from some residents about the impact of this summer's drought, The Woodlands has no plans to pump water into its ponds and lakes to refill them.


The Township board is moving ahead on a study at one local pond that could benefit from the addition of storm drains to catch runoff from rains.

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That study by Bleyl Engineering on Kayak Ridge Pond is expected in October. Kayak Ridge Pond is in the Wilde Creek subdivision off Gosling Road.





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“This is about money,” said board member Bruce Rieser. “I don’t have a problem with expending funds to figure out a way to channel storm water to get these ponds full. I do oppose pumping water into a ... pond. That’s crazy.”

Township Chairman Gordy Bunch said the issue of ponds and water needs a broader look.

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“We need a better long-term solution, especially with the weather patterns here in Texas,” Bunch said.

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In August, Chief Operating Officer Chris Nunes [updated the board](#) on its long-standing drought

plan, which he note, is focused on pond and aquatic life health and not aesthetics.

“We are not seeing large-scale fish kill off or turtle kill off,” Nunes said during the township's Wednesday meeting. “We are still seeing it healthy.” He acknowledged that some ponds “looked compromised,” but said they met the terms of the plan.

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The plan, Nunes said, sets a threshold of 50 percent for ponds and lakes during a drought. The township conducts regular testing of the water to ensure it remains steady to support aquatic life. If the pond or lake drops below 50 percent, the township can use potable water to recharge the body of water.

The township has several ponds and lakes that get runoff from nine wells. Nunes said the township receives up to 9.9 million gallons of runoff from those wells, per its permit with the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District.

Other ponds have metered runoff, which the township pays per gallon, and several additional ponds and lakes get water from traditional runoff from rain events.

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“You’re looking at \$15,000 to \$30,000 for one to two feet of water,” Nunes said adding some ponds span over six acres.

Nunes said the region, including The Woodlands, continues to be in a drought but ponds and lakes do eventually recharge.

According to drought.gov, The Woodlands area is in a "severe drought." Federal officials use a five-category system for drought conditions: abnormally dry, moderate drought, severe drought, extreme drought and exceptional drought.

Despite the current conditions, Nunes said the situation hasn't reached the record level of the 2011

Despite the current conditions, Nunes said the situation hasn't reached the record level of the 2011 drought. Data from the San Jacinto River Authority shows in 2011 through July that year, the total rainfall was 9.73 inches. In 2022, during the same period through July, the area received 19.25 inches.

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