

**Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District**  
**Groundwater Management Plan**  
**2018 Annual Report**

November 2018

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## I. Introduction

In accordance with the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District's ("District") Groundwater Management Plan (BCGCD, 2017), the General Manager of the District each year prepares and submits an Annual Report to the District Board of Directors providing an update on the District's performance in achieving the management goals contained in the Groundwater Management Plan. In addition to summarizing efforts to address groundwater management goals, the Annual Report includes a copy of the annual audit of District financial records. The Annual Report is presented to the Board of Directors within ninety (90) days following the completion of the District's Fiscal Year (FY). The District maintains a copy of the Annual Report on file for public inspection at the District offices, upon adoption by the Board of Directors. The following sections summarize the District's performance in achieving the management goals.

## II. District Information

The District is located in Brazoria County, Texas, and its boundaries are the same as the area and extent of the county. The District was created in September 2003 by HB 4114 of the 78<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, as recorded in Section 2, Chapter 772, Acts of the 78th Texas Legislature. The District was confirmed by a local election held in Brazoria County on November 8, 2005 with 56.35 percent of the voters in favor of the District. The District derives its authority to manage groundwater within the District by virtue of the powers granted and authorized in the District's enabling act and subsequent amendments. The District exercises the power that it was granted under the authority of the enabling legislation, and with voter approval, and assumes all the rights and responsibilities of a groundwater conservation district specified in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. The District Board of Directors is composed of five members elected to staggered four-year terms. Four directors are elected from county precincts and one director is elected at-large. All meetings of the Board of Directors are public meetings, subject to public notice, and held in accordance with all public meeting requirements.

## III. Management Goals

### III.a Providing the Most Efficient Use of Groundwater 31 TAC §356.52(a)(1)(A) and TWC §36.1071(a)(1)

#### A.1 - Permitting System

**Objective** - Each year, the District will regulate the production of groundwater by maintaining a system of permitting the use and production of groundwater within the boundaries of the District in accordance with District Rules and will require registration or permitting of all new wells within the boundaries of the District.

**Performance Standard** - The District has registered 512 exempt wells during FY 2018. These registrations apply to wells exempted by District Rules that would otherwise require a permit. Mappable exempt wells are shown in *Exhibit 1* of this document. The District also permitted 80 additional wells during FY 2018. Permitted wells with recorded geographic data are also shown in *Exhibit 1* of this document.

**Table 1. Registrations of Exempt Wells in FY 2018**

TYPE OF REGISTRATION	REGISTERED	PERCENT
Single-family Residential	465	90.8%
Agricultural	35	6.8%
Industrial / Other*	12	2.3%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>100%</b>

*\*Includes industrial or other wells exempted from permitting by District Rules, including oil and gas rig supply wells and wells used for monitoring, injection, dewatering, leachate recovery, and other similar exempted purposes.*

**Table 2. New Permits Issued in FY 2018**

TYPE OF PERMIT	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	PERMITS ISSUED	PERCENT
Commercial	34	34	42.5%
Industrial	7	7	8.8%
Public Water Systems	25	25	31.3%
Other	14	14	17.5%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*\*Includes all permits approved as presented or with conditions during FY 2018. New permits are not reported in the BCGCD database until all conditions have been met.*

## **A.2 - Production Monitoring**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will monitor production from the permitted wells within the boundaries of the District.

**Performance Standard** – The District requires metering of permitted wells and reporting of metered production to the District. In conjunction with this requirement, since FY 2017 the District has utilized a fee structure based on permitted pumpage to more closely align requested permit volume with actual production. The District is currently engaged in efforts to enhance its database capabilities for recording and monitoring production from the permitted wells within the boundary of the District.

## **A.3 - Activity Report**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will receive an update from the District’s inspector or other representative summarizing activities undertaken to promote compliance with the District’s permitting requirements.

**Performance Standard** – During FY 2018, the District’s Field Operations Coordinator performed 278 site inspections. The coordinator identified a number of occurrences of non-compliance with District Rules, including 58 existing non-exempt wells which were unpermitted and an additional 30 permitted wells which were not equipped with a meter. Appropriate steps were taken by the District to bring these wells into compliance with District Rules regarding permitting and metering.

### **III.b Controlling and Preventing Waste of Groundwater 31 TAC §356.52(a)(1)(B) and TWC §36.1071(a)(2)**

#### **B.1 - Rule Review**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will make an evaluation of the District Rules to determine whether any amendments are recommended to decrease the amount of waste of groundwater within the District.

**Performance Standard** - The District Rules were evaluated, with amendment of the Rules regarding well permit application minimum content requirements discussed and approved at a public meeting on November 9, 2017. The District also discussed and approved amendment of its Administrative Fee Schedule at a public meeting on August 9, 2018.

#### **B.2 - Public Information Regarding Reducing Waste**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will provide information to the public on eliminating and reducing wasteful practices in the use of groundwater by including information on groundwater waste reduction on the District's website.

**Performance Standard** - The District website provides links to references regarding waste reduction and water conservation, including a brochure detailing indoor waste reduction and water conservation practices as shown in *Appendix A* of this report.

### **III.c Controlling and Preventing Subsidence 31 TAC §356.52(a)(1)(C) and TWC §36.1071(a)(3)**

#### **C.1 - Joint Conference**

**Objective** - Each year, the District may participate in a joint conference with the neighboring Groundwater Conservation or Subsidence Districts focused on sharing information regarding subsidence and the control and prevention of subsidence through the regulation of groundwater.

**Performance Standard** - During FY 2018, the District continued its participation with surrounding Groundwater Conservation and Subsidence Districts as part of the efforts associated with Groundwater Management Area 14 (GMA 14). Additionally, the General Manager attended regular business meetings and a summit meeting of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts on behalf of the District in January, May, and August of 2018.

## **C.2 - Public Information Regarding Subsidence**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will provide one article on the District's website to educate the public on the subject of subsidence.

**Performance Standard** - The District website provides links to references on subsidence, including the information shown in *Appendix B* of this report.

## **C.3 - PAM Monitoring**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will maintain Periodically Active Monitoring (PAM) subsidence monitoring locations within the District boundaries and may pursue installation of additional PAM subsidence monitoring locations.

**Performance Standard** - The District has partnered with Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD) to expand the regional subsidence monitoring network. Under an Interlocal Agreement between the District and HGSD, seven PAM sites have been installed in Brazoria County for the purpose of gathering data on land elevations and subsidence. These PAM sites are in service, expanding upon other subsidence monitoring efforts within the county and anticipated to greatly increase the available information regarding local subsidence. The District anticipates the installation of seven additional sites during FY 2019.

## **C.4 - Subsidence Evaluation**

**Objective** - At least once every two years, the District will request data from relevant entities on subsidence measurement data or summary information, including information for PAM subsidence monitoring locations within the District boundaries.

**Performance Standard** – A summary of subsidence information will be included in the District's Annual Report for FY 2019.

### **III.d Conjunctive Surface Water Management Issues 31 TAC §356.52(a)(1)(D) and TWC §36.1071(a)(4)**

#### **D.1 - Surface Water Coordination**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will participate in the regional planning process by attending, as able, the Region H - Regional Water Planning Group meetings to encourage the development of surface water supplies to meet the needs of water user groups in the District.

**Performance Standard** - Kent Burkett attended five Region H Water Planning Group meetings on behalf of the District during FY 2018, including meetings on November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> in 2017 and April 4<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and August 1<sup>st</sup> in 2018.



**III.e Natural Resource Issues That Affect the Use and Availability of Groundwater or are Affected by the Use of Groundwater  
31 TAC §356.52(a)(1)(E) and TWC §36.1071(a)(5)**

**E.1 - Salt Water and Waste Disposal Wells**

**Objective** - Each year the District will query the Texas Railroad Commission database to determine if any new salt water or waste disposal injection wells have been permitted by the Texas Railroad Commission to operate within the District.

**Performance Standard** - The District has received data from the Texas Railroad Commission identifying the location of existing salt waste or waste disposal injection wells within the District. This data is attached in *Appendix C* and is mapped in *Exhibit 2* of this document. Based on the information provided, ten permitted oil wells in Brazoria County were converted to permitted injection wells in FY 2018, and one previously permitted location has been re-listed as an injection well since the end of FY 2017.

**E.2 - Groundwater Quality Evaluation**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will evaluate available data regarding the aquifers of the District and the quality of groundwater within the District.

**Performance Standard** - Although the District does not currently maintain an independent groundwater quality monitoring network, the District does support and partially fund ongoing research efforts in Brazoria County by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). At the District meeting on January 18, 2018, the Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year 2018 Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for water resource investigations.

**E.3 - Activity Report**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will receive an update from the District's inspector or other representative summarizing activities undertaken to protect groundwater quality.

**Performance Standard** - The District's Field Operations Coordinator has verified 81 wells that were plugged when replacements were drilled. The District is currently considering procedures for identifying and addressing open, deteriorated, and abandoned wells.

**III.f Addressing Drought Conditions  
31 TAC §356.52(a)(1)(F) and TWC §36.1071(a)(6)**

**F.1 - Drought Monitor**

**Objective** - Each month, the District will check for the periodic updates to the Drought Monitor (<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>).

**Performance Standard** - Brazoria County experienced conditions ranging from normal (no drought) to moderate drought during FY 2018, with the majority of the year being within the normal rainfall range. The District monitored the status of the drought conditions in

the District and prepared regular briefings to the Board of Directors. Individual monthly drought maps are presented in *Appendix D*.

**III.g Conservation, Recharge Enhancement, Rainwater Harvesting, Precipitation Enhancement, or Brush Control Where Appropriate and Cost Effective**  
**31 TAC §356.52(a)(1)(G) and TWC §36.1071(a)(7)**

**G.1 - Public Information Regarding Water Conservation**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will provide one article or a link to an article on the District's website regarding water conservation.

**Performance Standard** - The District website provides links to several references on water conservation practices and related topics, including a brochure detailing indoor waste reduction and water conservation practices as shown in *Appendix A* of this report.

**G.2 - Public Information Regarding Rainwater Harvesting**

**Objective** - Each year, the District will provide one article or a link to an article on the District's website regarding rainwater harvesting.

**Performance Standard** - The District website provides links to several references on rainwater harvesting, including the Texas Water Development Board's Texas Manual on Rainwater Harvesting and other summaries of common rainwater harvesting practices. One such article is included in *Appendix E* of this report.

**III.h Addressing in a Quantitative Manner the Desired Future Condition of the Groundwater Resources**  
**31 TAC §356.52(a)(1)(H) and TWC §36.1071(a)(8)**

**H.1 - Strategic Initiatives**

**Objective** - In order to facilitate District operations and achievement of management goals, the District may undertake strategic initiatives such as evaluation of historic use, establishment of permit limits, model evaluations, or other studies or programs.

**Performance Standard** – The District did not initiate execution of new major strategic initiatives in FY 2018. However, the District has initiated discussions and planning related to several evaluations for FY 2019 and beyond, including technical evaluation of water levels, water level change relative to projected results consistent with DFC achievement, and evaluation of subsidence.

**H.2 - Water Level Evaluation**

**Objective** - At least once every two years, the District will examine water level data for the Chicot Aquifer and Evangeline Aquifer from the USGS monitoring well network, the TWDB groundwater database, or other data sources.

**Performance Standard** - A summary of water level analyses and recommendations regarding anticipated DFC achievement will be included in the Annual Report for FY 2019.

### **H.3 - Rule Review**

**Objective** - At least once every two years, the District will make an evaluation of the District Rules to determine whether any amendments are recommended to support achievement of the DFCs adopted by the District.

**Performance Standard** - The District Rules were evaluated and amended during FY 2017. The District will re-evaluate District Rules during FY 2019 to determine whether any new amendments are recommended to support achievement of the DFCs adopted by the District.

## **IV. Annual Audit of District Financial Records**

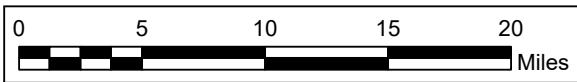
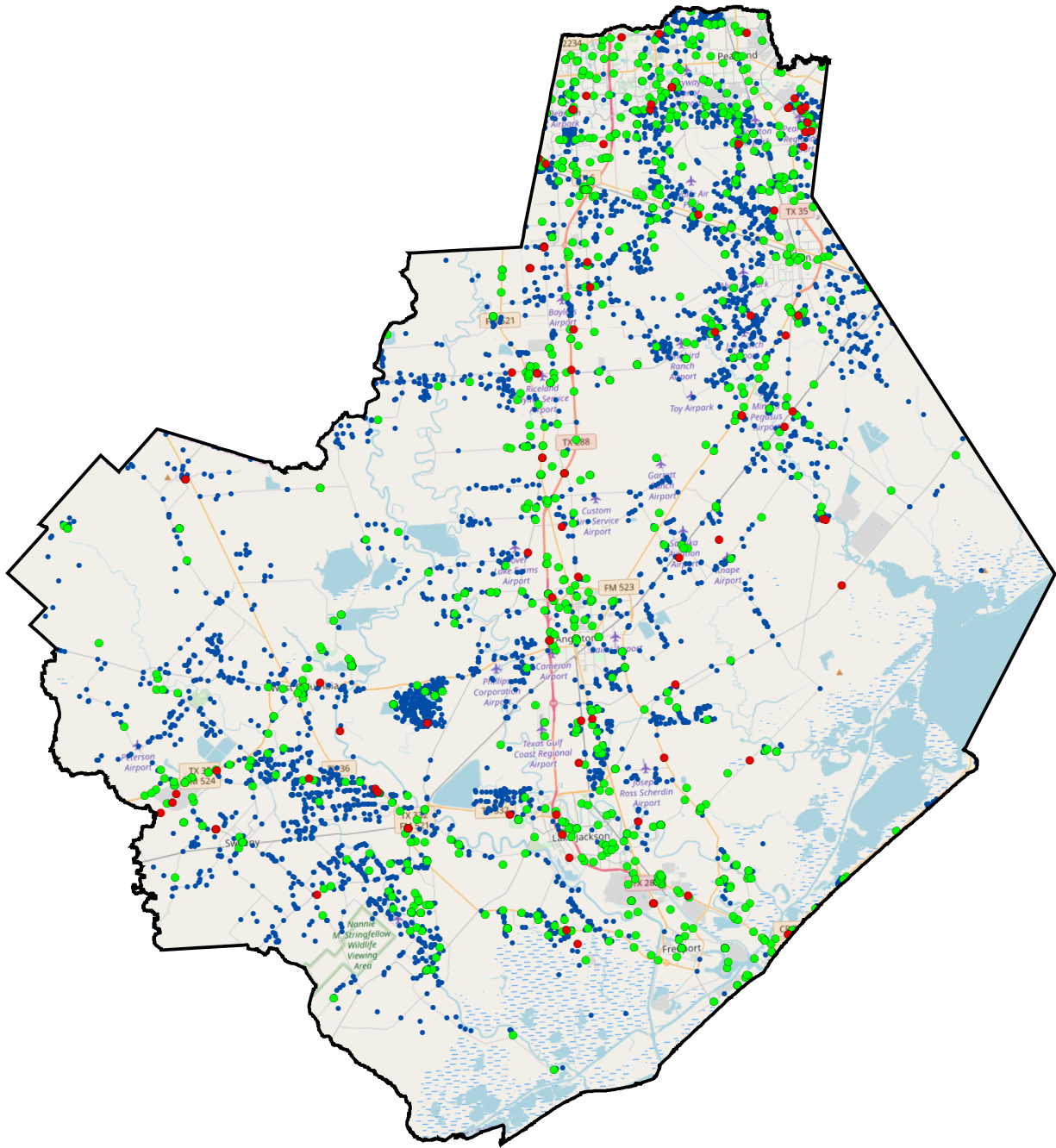
A copy of the FY 2017 annual audit of the District financial records is included as *Appendix F* of this report. The FY 2018 audit will be completed in early 2019 and will be included in the next Annual Report for the District.

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# Exhibits

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- Existing Permit
- New Permit
- Exempt Well



Based on BCGCD Database as of 2018/10/18



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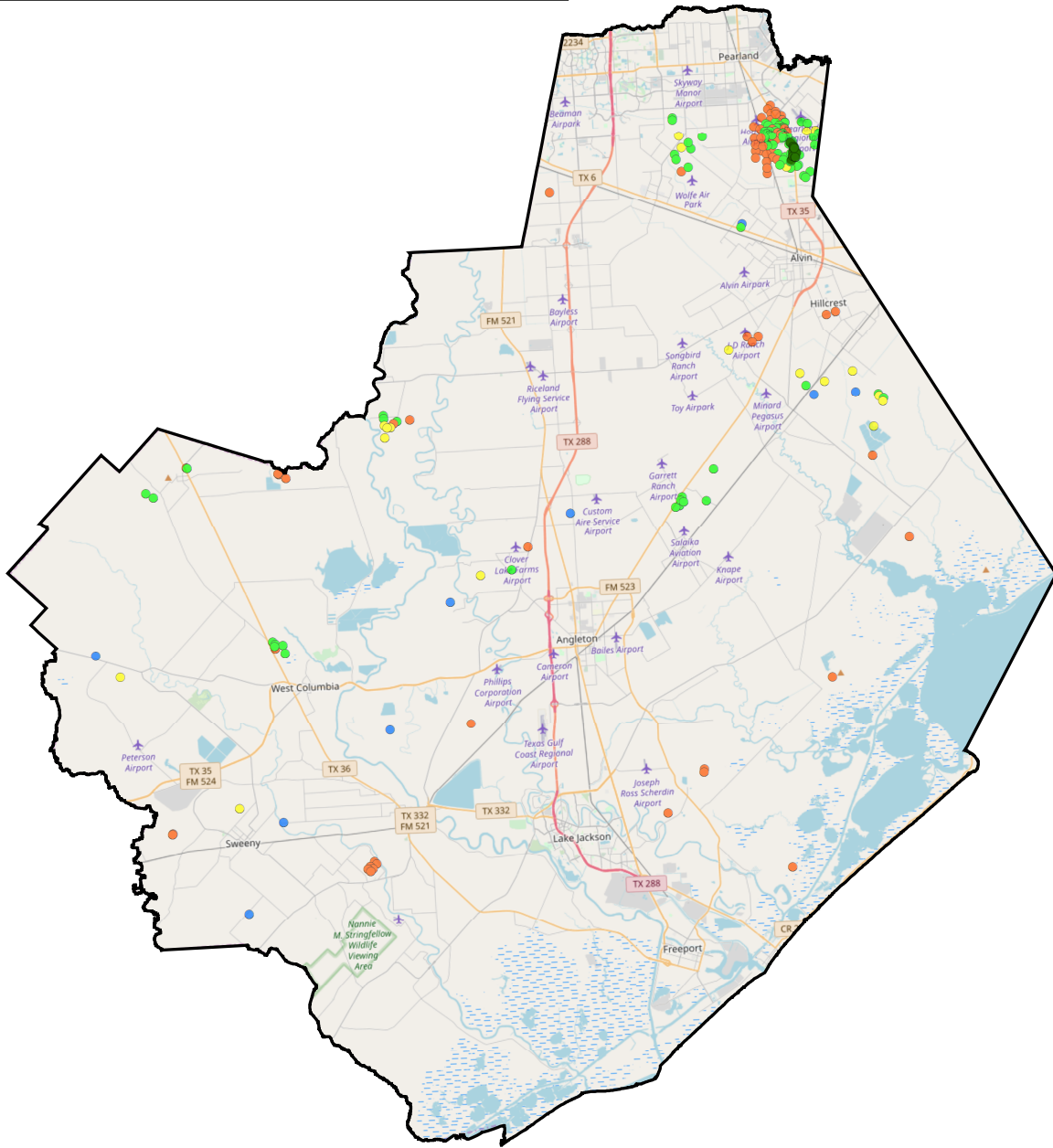
**FY 2018 Permit Wells and  
 Documented Exempt Wells**

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**Exhibit**

- Injection/Disposal From Gas
- Injection/Disposal From Oil
- Injection/Disposal From Oil/Gas
- Injection/Disposal Well
- Reclassified as Injection Well since Oct. 2017



Injection Wells - Bottom Well Locations  
 Texas Railroad Commission Data  
 Received October 2018  
 Eleven (11) wells reclassified as injection wells since October 2017





Appendix A  
Public Information Provided by the District  
Regarding Reducing Waste

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# CONSERVING WATER INDOORS



**YOU CAN EASILY SAVE WATER** at home and at work through simple practices such as installing water-efficient fixtures and locating and eliminating leaks.

Water use in Texas averages 169 gallons per person per day. By adopting water-saving measures, you can reduce that amount and save money. Making a habit of conservation makes sense. It protects the water resources of both current and future Texans.

## PRACTICE GOOD WATER-USE HABITS

### Kitchen

- Dry scrape dishes instead of rinsing them, and do not pre-rinse dishes if you are using the dishwasher.
- Run the dishwasher with a full load to save water, energy, detergent, and money.
- If your machine has a “quick wash” or “light duty” cycle setting, use it!
- Fill a basin or the sink with soapy water instead of letting the water run continuously when washing dishes by hand. Soak pans rather than scrubbing them while the water is running.
- Rinse produce in a pan of cold water instead of letting the water run.
- Transfer frozen foods to the refrigerator to defrost the night before you need them instead of letting water run over them.
- Keep a container of water in the refrigerator rather than running tap water until it is cool enough to drink.
- Limit the use of garbage disposals and consider composting.

### Laundry room

- Wash only full loads.
- Match the load setting with the amount of laundry to be washed if you must wash partial loads.
- Use the shortest wash cycle for lightly soiled loads as it uses less water than other cycles.

### Bathroom

- Use only as much water as you really need, and turn the water off when you aren't using it.
- Never use your toilet to dispose of trash.
- Run water just to wet and rinse the toothbrush instead of allowing the water to run while brushing your teeth. Apply the same idea when washing your hands.
- Take a short shower instead of a bath.
- Turn off the water while you are shampooing your hair.
- Find out what a “greywater system” can do and if it is right for your situation.



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## INSTALL WATER-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES AND FIXTURES

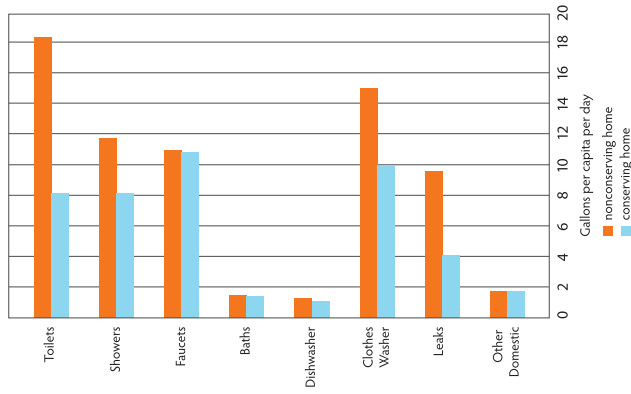
**Toilets:** Toilets are by far the main source of water use in the home, accounting for approximately 30 percent of indoor water use. They also happen to be a major source of leaks and/or inefficiency. Under state and federal law, toilets must not exceed 1.28 gallons per flush.

- Over the course of your lifetime, you will likely flush the toilet nearly 140,000 times. If you install a high-efficiency toilet, you can save 4,000 gallons per year.
- Many local utilities offer rebates to replace old toilets.
- A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water per day, and it is estimated that nearly 20 percent of all toilets leak.
- Test toilets for leaks. Once in a while, take the top off your toilet tank and watch it flush. Do you notice any leaks? Yes? Replace the flapper or rubber washer. Don't forget about those less obvious leaks. Add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the water in the tank, but do not flush the toilet. If the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes, the toilet has a leak that needs to be repaired.
- Check toilet parts regularly. Replace worn parts with good quality parts as necessary, and retest to make sure the leak has been fixed.

**Showers:** Installing a water-efficient showerhead is one of the single most effective water-saving steps you can take inside your home.

Take shorter showers. A full bathtub can require up to 70 gallons of water versus a 5-minute shower that uses as little as 10 gallons.

Average indoor water use in conserving versus nonconserving single-family homes in North America



The average indoor use in a conserving North American single-family home is 45.2 gallons per capita per day, and in a nonconserving home it is 69.3 gallons per capita per day.

Source: *Handbook of Water Use and Conservation*, 2001.

## DON'T WAIT TO FIX LEAKS!

Leaks waste both water and energy and could account for 10 percent or more of your water bill.

Use your water meter to check for invisible leaks.

- Turn off all faucets and any water-using appliances.
- Read the dial on the water meter and record the numbers. (It is often located along the property line near the street.)
- Recheck the meter after 15 to 20 minutes.

If the numbers on the meter changed while no water was used, you have a leak! The services of a plumber or trained water utility employee are often required to locate and fix these invisible leaks.

**Sinks:** Install faucet aerators on sinks for a simple, cost-effective way to save water. Aerators are inexpensive and do not require special adapters. The faucet's efficiency can double without sacrificing performance.

Faucet leaks are usually caused by worn washers or "O" rings (for a washerless faucet). Note the faucet brand, and take the original part with you to a home improvement center for an easy and inexpensive solution.

**Washing Machines:** When buying a washer, look for a high-efficiency model that has adjustable water levels for different load sizes. High-efficiency washers use 35 to 55 percent less water and 50 percent less energy. They also require less detergent, rinse more thoroughly, are less abrasive on clothes, and can fit larger capacity loads in the same size drum.

**Dishwashers:** High-efficiency dishwashers use a maximum of 7 gallons per load, but some use as little as 2.1 gallons. Replacing an older model with a water-efficient model could cut dishwasher water use in half. Look for energy efficiency features to cut costs even more.



Appendix B  
Public Information Provided by the District  
Regarding Subsidence

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---- Measurement FAQ's ▼

## Measurement FAQ's

### ▫ Why do we measure subsidence?

In the simplest terms, it keeps us from “flying blind”. Groundwater can be a significant freshwater source, but it is increasingly important that we use it wisely. The harmful effects of pumping too much groundwater must be minimized, and measuring subsidence plays a key role in this. The more data we have, and the more accurate that data is, the easier it is for us to maintain a necessary balance.

Measurements not only provide us with data on changes in land elevation, but they also provide us with the data necessary to calibrate models. Why is this important? It allows us to “see” into the future. Through these sophisticated groundwater and subsidence models, we can predict the results of future groundwater pumpage. This means we can plan ahead...developing groundwater regulations that will prevent foreseeable subsidence.

### ▫ How do we measure subsidence?

The need for data and the distribution of that data is key. As early as 1906, surveys were conducted throughout the Houston area to establish permanent benchmarks (some of which are still used today). Over the years, subsidence measurement methods have evolved from manual site measurement of benchmarks to satellite-based technology, and for the Subsidence Districts, the goal has always been the same: to monitor the effects of groundwater withdrawal within our area(s), and to take appropriate actions based on those measurements.

All land measurement systems have been developed and controlled by the National Geodetic Survey (part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – NOAA). From the creation of the HGSD and FBSD to present-day, the NGS has been an integral partner...serving as counselor, setting standards, studying and housing data, and much more.

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## Conventional Measurement Method

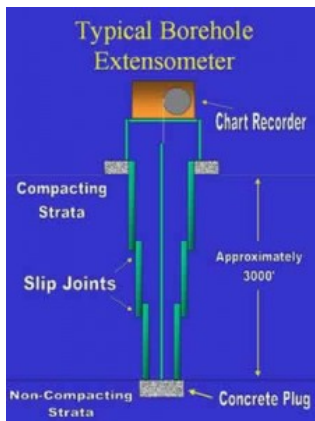


Also called “geodetic differential leveling”, this initial form of measurement originally consisted of the establishment of permanent benchmarks. Included in these benchmarks were precise elevations, latitudes and longitudes for each point.

As the land surface began to subside due to groundwater withdrawal, the need to relevel benchmarks became necessary. Over the years, new benchmarks were added (for a total of more than 2,500) and “relevelings” were conducted in 1978, and again in 1987. And although this measurement method provided excellent spatial subsidence data, the cost of the releveling procedure for a single epoch prohibited us from accessing up-to-date data at a rate necessary to sufficiently monitor the sometimes monthly, weekly, or even daily effects of subsidence. It was time to take advantage of new technologies that could provide us with the same accuracy, yet allow us to constantly monitor subsidence in a cost-effective way. In 1987, in conjunction with the conventional releveling, an experimental GPS releveling was initiated.

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## Borehole Extensometers



The first of thirteen (13) deep borehole extensometers (designed and installed by the United States Geological Survey – USGS – in the early 1960s) were used in preparation for the soon-to-be-built manned spacecraft center. Of the thirteen in operation today, six (6) of those are “subsidence” or “total depth” monitors (meaning their bottom is below the aquifers from which we draw water), and the other seven (7) are less than total depth, or “compaction” monitors.

What are they and how do they work? Borehole extensometers are deeply anchored benchmarks. To construct each, a hole is drilled to a depth at which the strata are stable. The hole is then lined with a steel casing with slip-joints to prevent crumpling as subsidence occurs. An inner pipe rests on a concrete plug at the bottom of the borehole and extends to the top. This inner pipe then transfers the stable elevation below to the surface. A measurement of the distance from the inner pipe to the surrounding land surface provides us with the amount of compaction that has occurred.

Although the accuracy of this measurement method is impressive, there is one drawback. The high cost to construct and install the equipment prohibits their use in sufficient numbers, resulting in a lack of adequate information for the entire Harris-Galveston and Fort Bend areas. And, as was stated in the overview, the



sufficient amount of and wide distribution of data is extremely important. Over time, as technologies have evolved, we have moved toward more cost-efficient and equally accurate forms of measurement...but borehole extensometers are playing an important role in this new era. Three of our existing extensometers have been outfitted with GPS (Global Positioning System) antennas, and are now the only stable GPS points within the greater Houston area.

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## GPS – Using Technology from the World Above To Monitor the Land Below

From feeds to our television sets to national security, the use of satellites has become almost commonplace, and our world of subsidence measurement is no different. In fact, we began working with GPS technology as far back as 1987, and the class-A benchmarks established for that very GPS releveling have proven to be the most valuable benchmarks in the Houston area.



So what do we gain from using GPS, and how does it differ from previous measurement methods? One of the most important advantages to GPS is the ability to have constant data. Using dual-frequency, full-wavelength GPS instruments (with geodetic antennas), data is collected at 30-second intervals and averaged over 24 hours. That means that specific stations being monitored can be assessed on a daily basis. And just as important, the measurements are more reliable and handled at a fraction of the cost. Improved GPS techniques and processing have reduced the cost of releveling from millions of dollars to less than \$100,000, and the data provided is accurate to + or – one centimeter. Now that's progress!

Where are GPS measurements taken ? GPS measurements are taken using a system of CORS and PAM's. Sounds complicated, but it's really quite simple. Because of the broad extent of subsidence in the Houston-Galveston area, there were no stable benchmarks. Therefore, stable borehole extensometers were equipped with GPS antennas to provide a reference frame to measure subsidence at other stations throughout the area. These permanent stations are known as local GPS Continuously Operating Reference Stations, or CORS. In the mid 1990s, the District and NGS began developing the use of GPS Port-A-Measure, or PAM's., to provide subsidence measurements.

Seven, portable trailers were built to house and secure GPS receivers and associated equipment (batteries, recording equipment and solar panels). The trailers are moved weekly to different PAM stations where they record Phase data every 30 seconds, allowing for a week's worth of observations on each PAM, every month. The District also operates four (4) permanent CORS, which provide Phase data continuously, providing a basis from which change comparisons may be made and analyzed.

In addition to the points operated by the District, there are a number of additional CORS and Cooperative CORS which can also be used for monitoring purposes. They include:

- Eight (8) CORS operated by TXDOT
- Seven (7) CORS operated by the City of Houston
- A CORS in Angleton operated by the U.S. Coast Guard
- A WAAS (Wide Area Augmentation System) CORS in Houston operated by the FAA
- Six (6) other Cooperative CORS throughout the area

All additional CORS are relatively new and will require several months before they can be reliably used for monitoring.

Historical comparisons between the existing CORS and PAM's. have indicated that some sites are subsiding at rates of seven (7) centimeters per year. This correlates well with rates observed at the Extensometers.

The District plans to double the number of PAM's. from twenty-eight (28) to fifty-six (56), and this will be accomplished without an increase in personnel, equipment and overhead costs. Improvements in GPS equipment have recently eliminated the need for the seven trailers, and they will be phased out in the near future. The expansion of the monitoring network will not only permit a more comprehensive view of what is occurring in Houston and the surrounding areas, but will also serve as a future model for other localities facing similar problems.

With the equipment and technologies available, we're confident we can continue to accomplish our goal of curtailing, and eventually eliminating subsidence.

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## Measuring Subsidence in the Future

### The Evolution of GPS

In the GPS arena, a new Civil Frequency (L5) is in the planning stages for future satellites. Although not scheduled to be deployed for five years, this advancement will greatly increase the accuracy of GPS and decrease the time required for high-accuracy applications. High-accuracy positioning on moving platforms (auto, plane, boat) will be possible in real time, without the need to post process data through a computer to obtain solutions.

Also, the former Soviet Union and European Space Agencies will launch their own Global Satellite Navigation Systems which can be integrated with our current GPS system. As the number of space vehicles (satellites) increase, so to will the accuracies that can be obtained.

### Evolving Technologies

LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and INSAR (Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar): these and other interferometric imaging techniques will play a major role in future subsidence detection and tracking as sensors and science improve.

### Pulsars and Quasars and Stars

In the not-so-distant future, as technology is developed to efficiently and affordably manufacture powerful semiconductors, GPS will likely be replaced by a system which will use stars, Pulsars, Quasars and more as a signal source. This futuristic navigation system will be more precise than GPS and will be available on a galactic scale!

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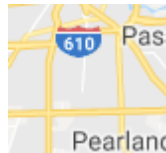
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Appendix C  
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# Brazoria County Injection Wells

## Railroad Commission of Texas Data

API Number <sup>1</sup>	Well Type	Reliability of Position <sup>2</sup>	Longitude (DD) <sup>3</sup>	Latitude (DD) <sup>3</sup>
<b>4203931441</b>	<b>Injection/Disposal From Oil</b>	<b>RRC Hardcopy Map</b>	<b>-95.24846081</b>	<b>29.49058902</b>
4203902195	Injection/Disposal Well	RRC Hardcopy Map	-95.7313505	29.2967353
4203930035	Injection/Disposal Well	RRC Hardcopy Map	-95.6592338	29.2897567
4203901981	Injection/Disposal Well	RRC Hardcopy Map	-95.653868	29.2870571
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4203933099D1	Injection/Disposal Well	Operator Reported Location	-95.27122934	29.49771167
4203933117D1	Injection/Disposal Well	Operator Reported Location	-95.27633737	29.49785596
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4203900933	Injection/Disposal From Oil/Gas	Operator Reported Location	-95.1880637	29.326776
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4203931261	Injection/Disposal From Oil	RRC Hardcopy Map	-95.2297224	29.5002519



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4203900425	Injection/Disposal From Oil	Operator Reported Location	-95.2647082	29.51130886
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4203932533	Injection/Disposal From Oil	Operator Reported Location	-95.29029124	29.44623118
<b>4203931312D1</b>	<b>Injection/Disposal From Oil</b>	<b>RRC Hardcopy Map</b>	<b>-95.24700302</b>	<b>29.49361755</b>
4203931366	Injection/Disposal From Oil	RRC Hardcopy Map	-95.24983114	29.50141063
<b>4203900708</b>	<b>Injection/Disposal From Oil</b>	<b>RRC Hardcopy Map</b>	<b>-95.24536293</b>	<b>29.49267397</b>
4203901107	Injection/Disposal From Oil	Operator Reported Location	-95.25779545	29.48779018
<b>4203900554</b>	<b>Injection/Disposal From Oil</b>	<b>Operator Reported Location</b>	<b>-95.24835781</b>	<b>29.50265978</b>
<b>4203933193D1</b>	<b>Injection/Disposal From Oil</b>	<b>Operator Reported Location</b>	<b>-95.24639972</b>	<b>29.50037933</b>
<b>4203932971</b>	<b>Injection/Disposal From Oil</b>	<b>Operator Reported Location</b>	<b>-95.24417312</b>	<b>29.49562195</b>
<b>4203932972</b>	<b>Injection/Disposal From Oil</b>	<b>Operator Reported Location</b>	<b>-95.24596373</b>	<b>29.49913799</b>
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4203902194	Injection/Disposal From Oil	RRC Hardcopy Map	-95.73075814	29.2962626
4203933093D1	Injection/Disposal Well	Coordinates from Operator	-95.2592006	29.52296616
4203903051	Injection/Disposal From Oil	RRC Hardcopy Map	-95.66782698	29.17217367

<sup>1</sup>New wells shown in **bold italics** were permitted as of October 2017 but have since been converted to injection wells.

<sup>2</sup> Position given for bottom well location.

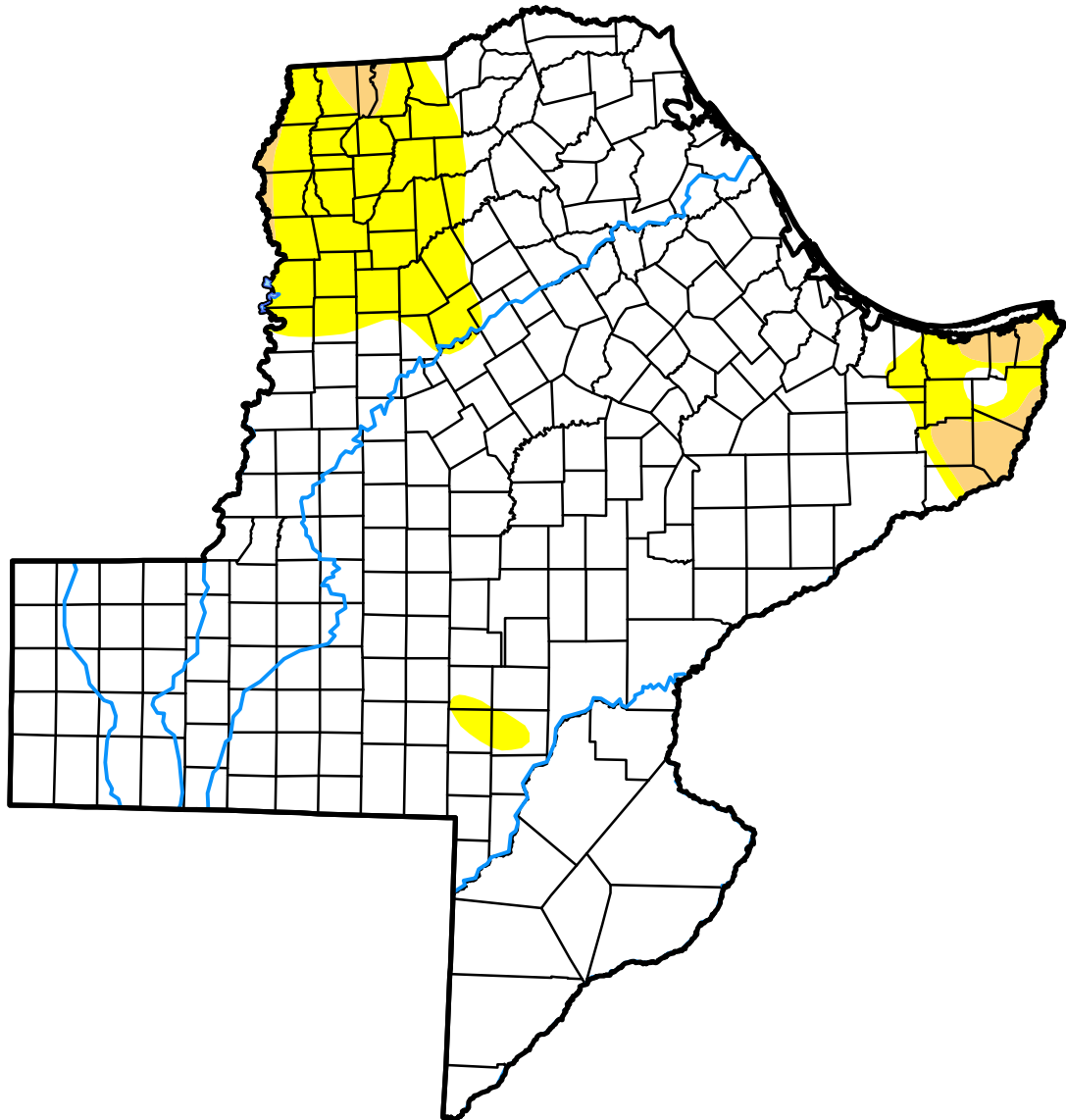
<sup>3</sup> Horizontal datum: North American Datum of 1927.

Appendix D  
U.S. Drought Monitor  
Monthly Summaries

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# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**October 3, 2017**  
 (Released Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	86.76	13.24	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 09-26-2017	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-04-2017	73.51	26.49	6.01	0.92	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2017	81.50	18.50	6.29	1.97	0.04	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-04-2016	88.04	11.96	1.41	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

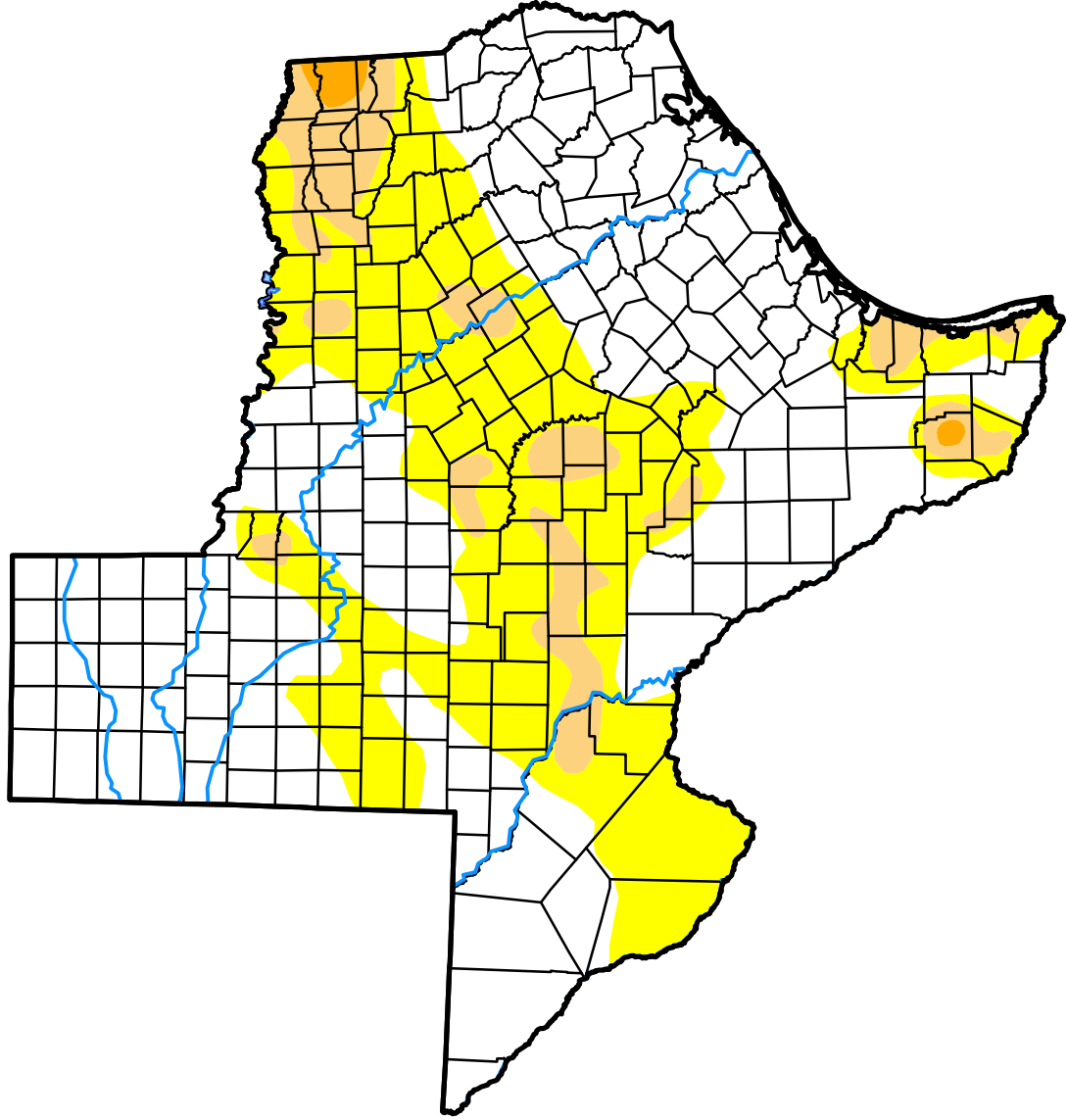
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**November 7, 2017**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	58.23	41.77	8.80	0.56	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-31-2017	71.18	28.82	2.52	0.11	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 08-08-2017	79.97	20.03	4.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2017	81.50	18.50	6.29	1.97	0.04	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11-08-2016	64.99	35.01	14.03	5.55	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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**December 5, 2017**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

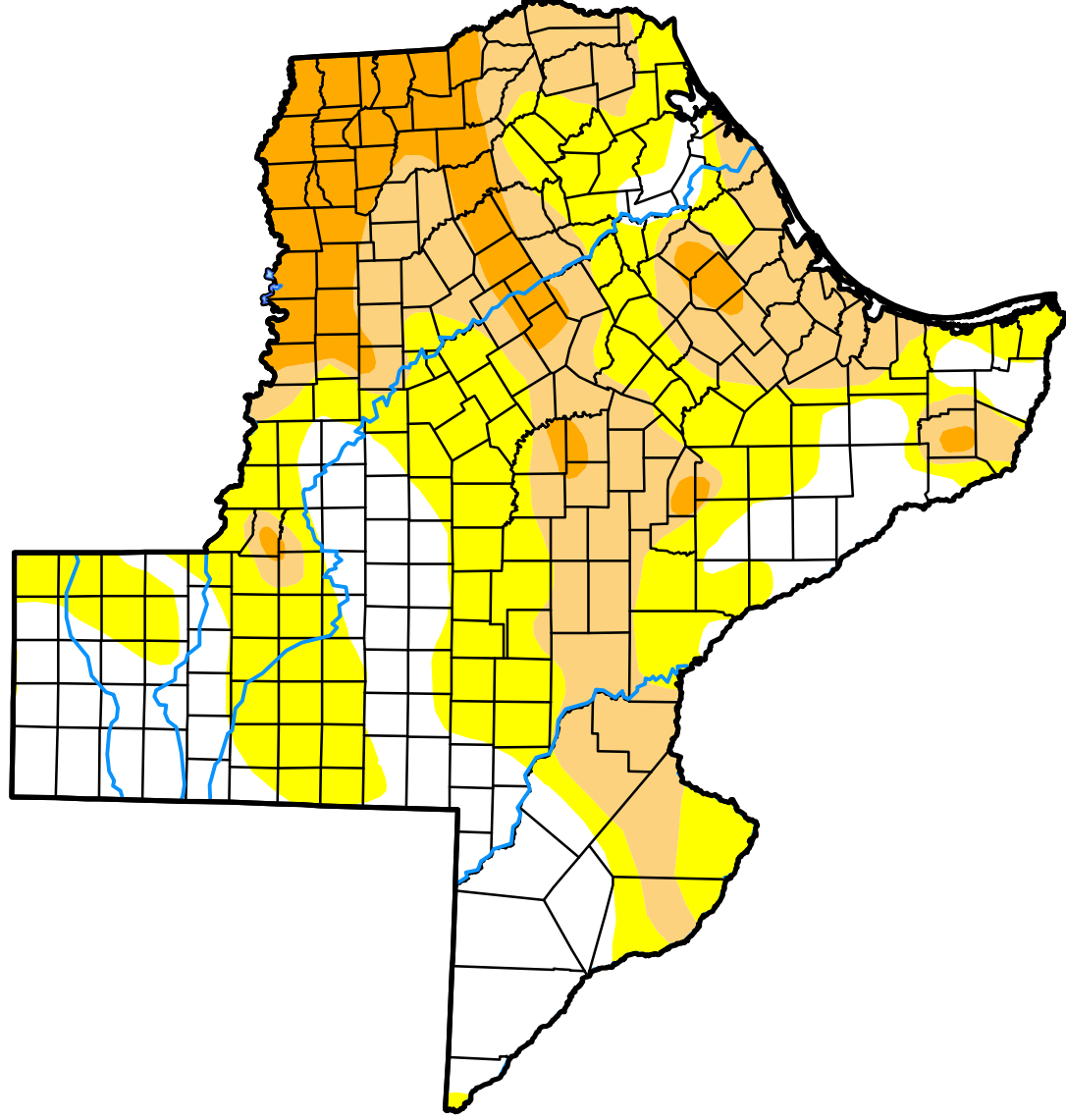
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	27.60	72.40	37.06	10.82	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>11-28-2017</i>	28.73	71.27	35.11	5.50	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-05-2017</i>	94.84	5.16	0.79	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2017</i>	81.50	18.50	6.29	1.97	0.04	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-06-2016</i>	81.90	18.10	4.87	0.65	0.03	0.00

**Intensity:**

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- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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## Texas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

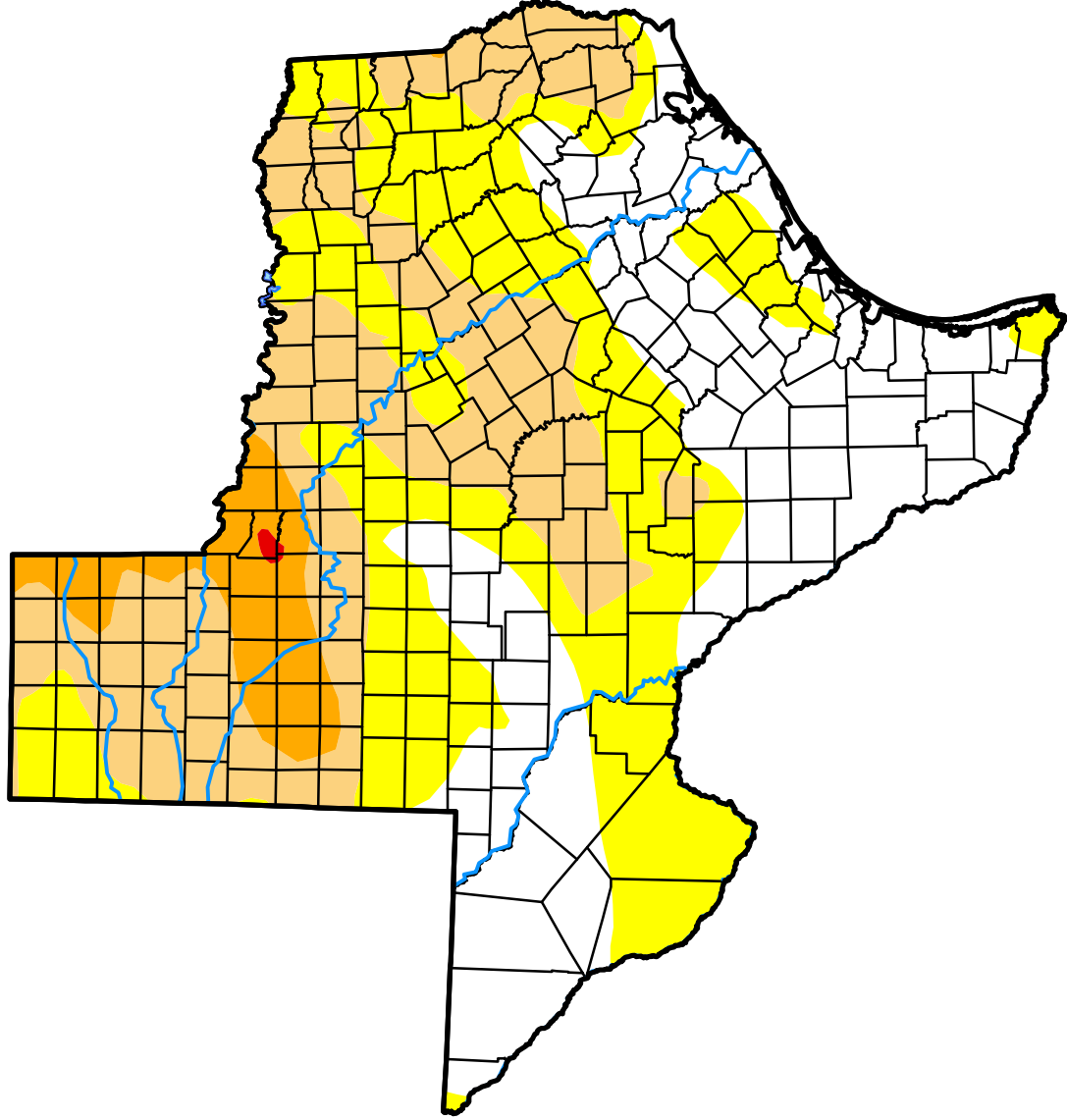
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 12-26-2017	37.16	62.84	32.93	2.90	0.11	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 10-03-2017	86.76	13.24	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 01-03-2017	81.50	18.50	6.29	1.97	0.04	0.00

**Intensity:**

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- D1 Moderate Drought
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**February 6, 2018**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

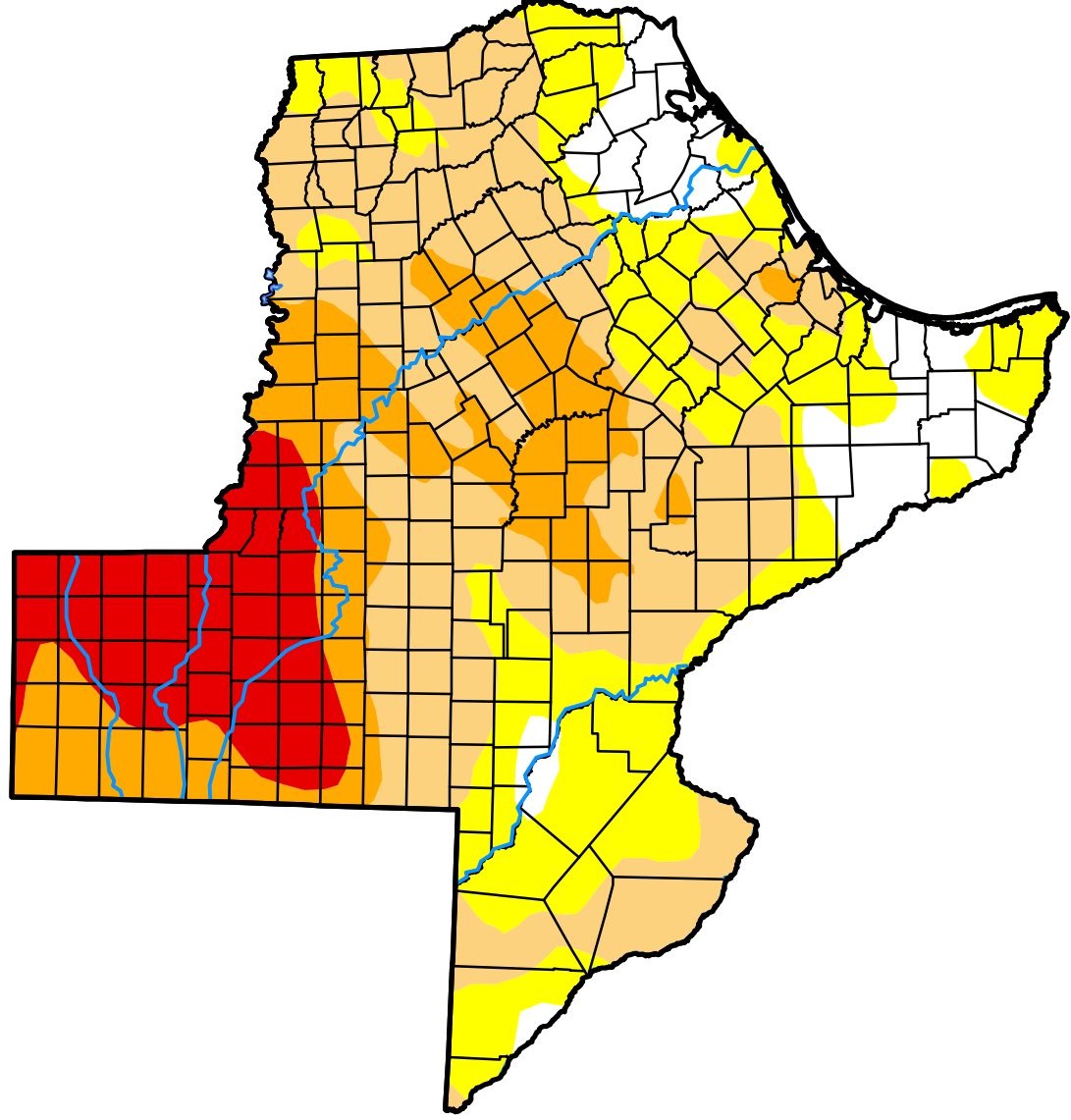
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	9.76	90.24	64.88	29.56	11.79	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>01-30-2018</i>	13.27	86.73	56.47	21.98	7.30	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-07-2017</i>	58.23	41.77	8.80	0.56	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-07-2017</i>	90.56	9.44	3.40	1.22	0.19	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
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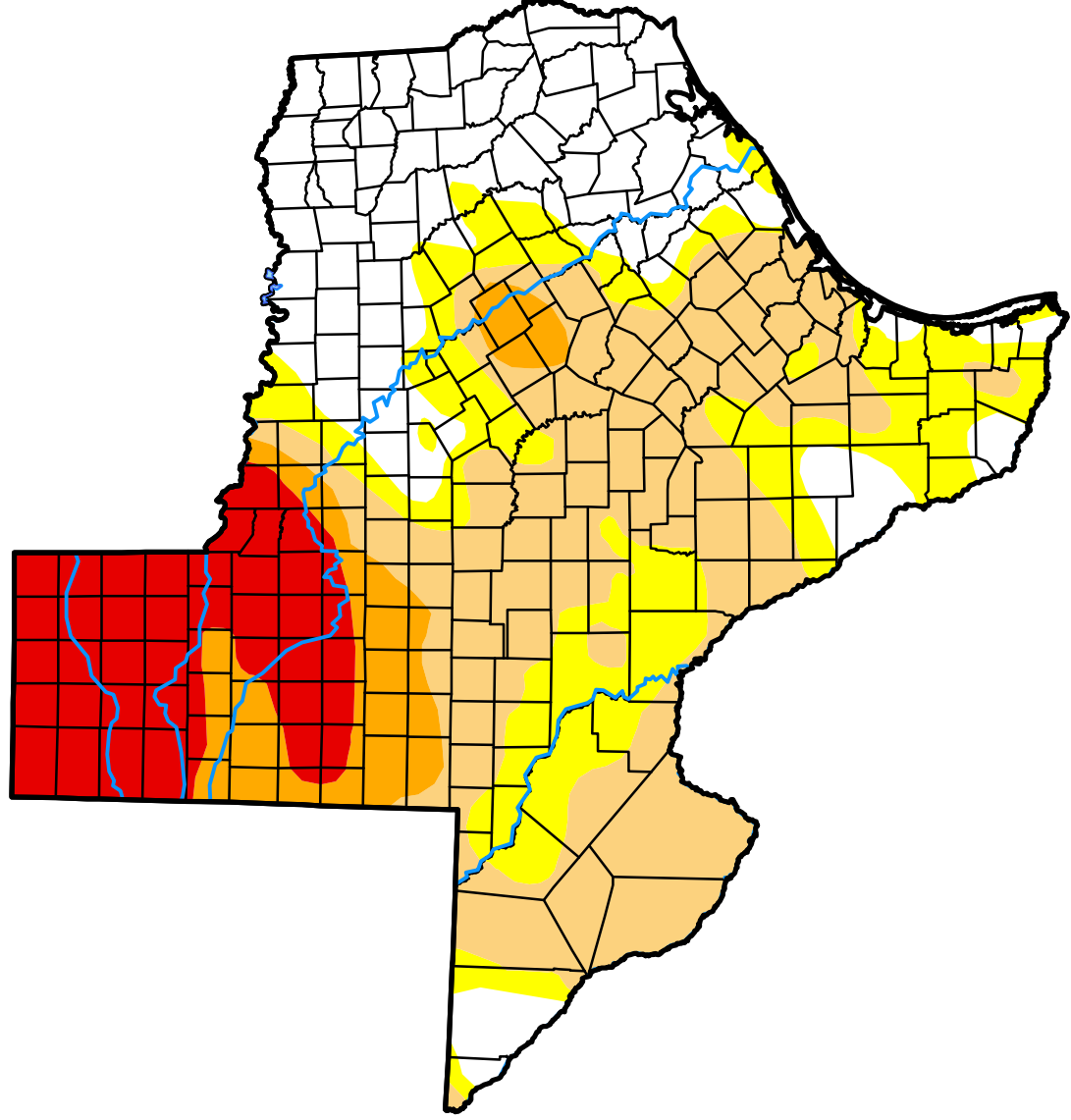


# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

## March 6, 2018

(Released Thursday, Mar. 8, 2018)

Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	25.76	74.24	54.22	21.74	14.16	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-27-2018</i>	22.75	77.25	55.19	22.04	11.47	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-05-2017</i>	27.60	72.40	37.06	10.82	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-07-2017</i>	70.92	29.08	4.65	0.93	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

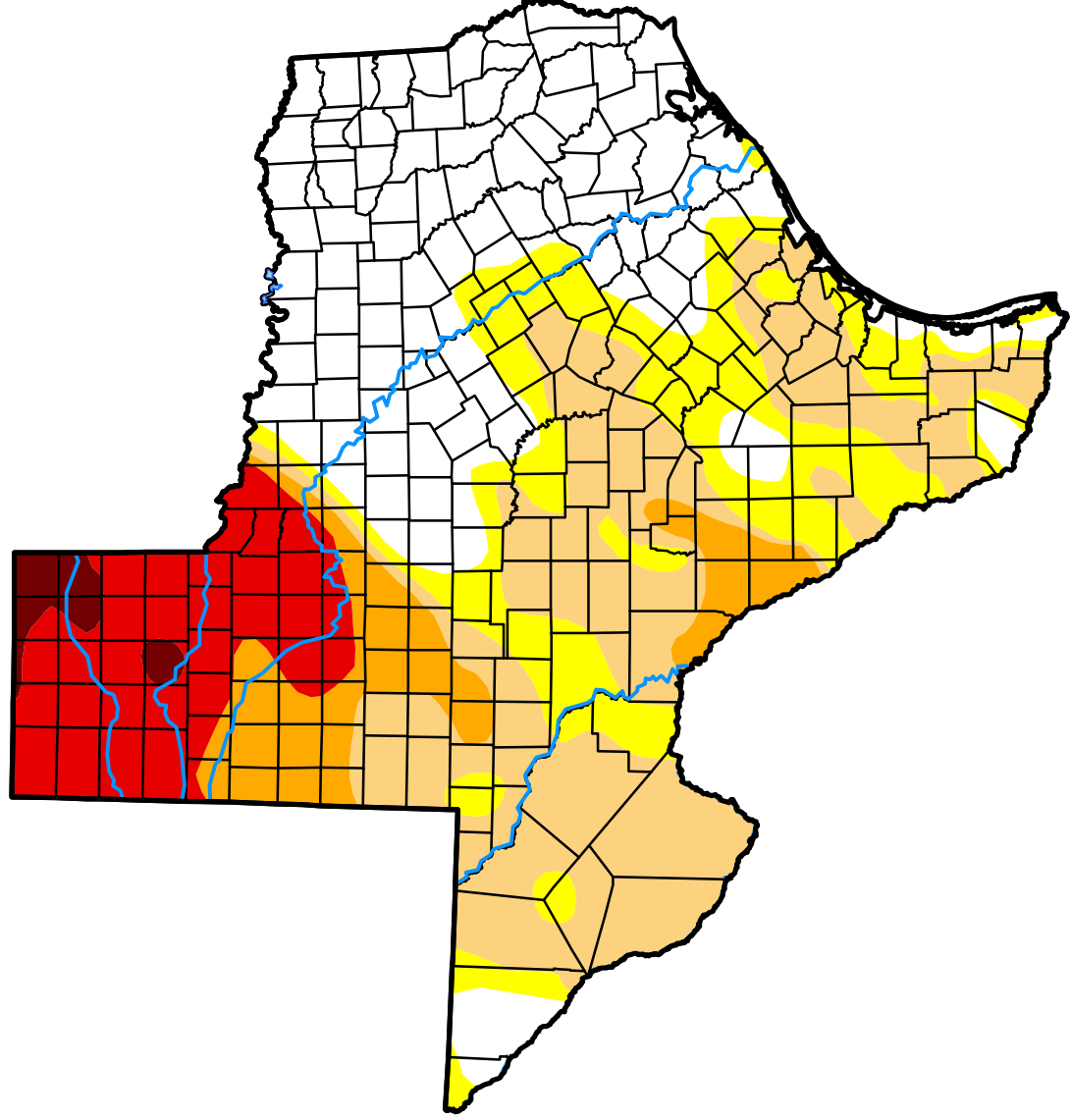
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**April 3, 2018**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	33.29	66.71	49.43	21.57	13.21	1.47
<b>Last Week</b> 03-27-2018	26.19	73.81	64.23	28.30	15.08	1.21
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-02-2018	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-04-2017	82.49	17.51	2.91	0.01	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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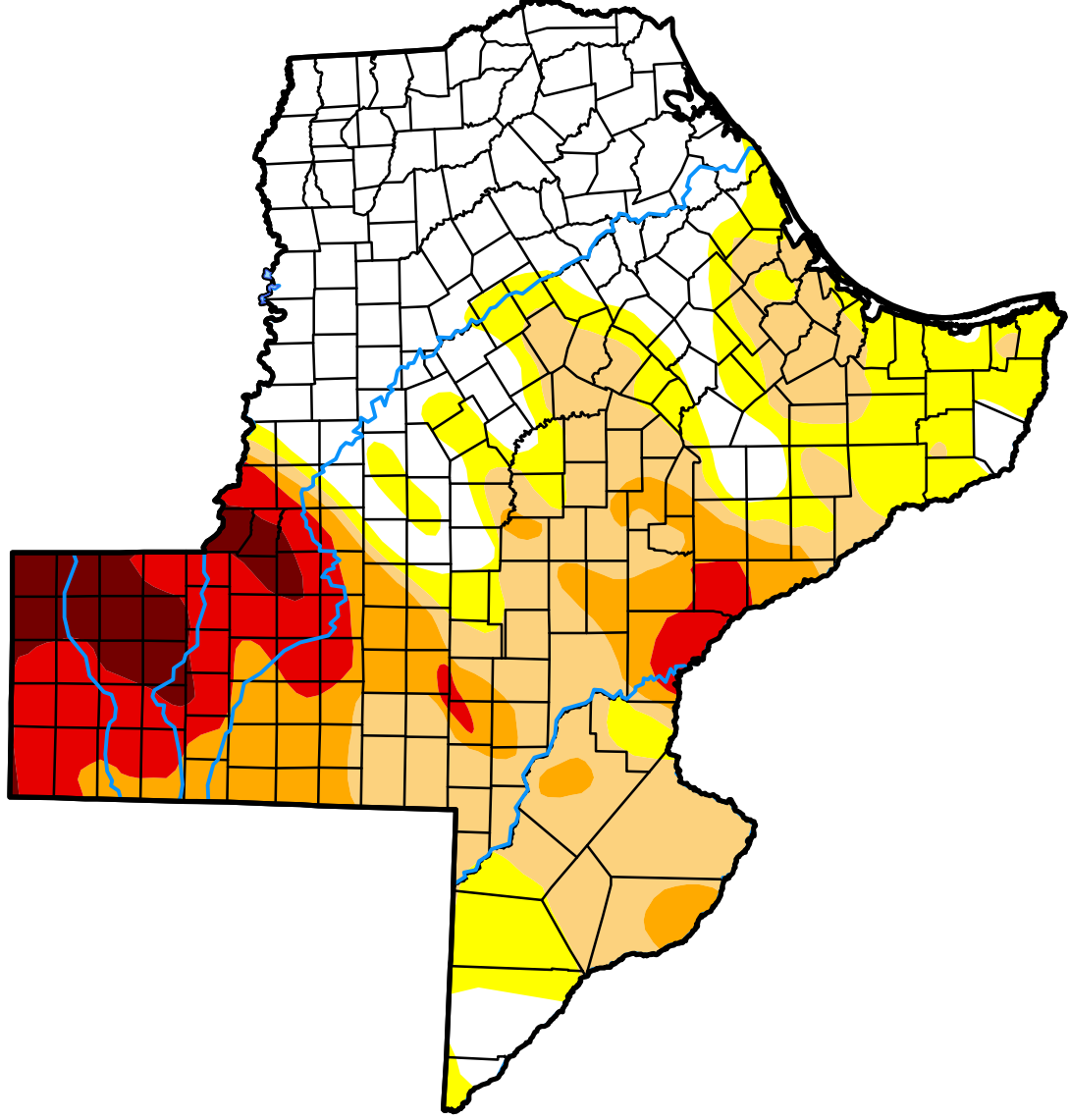


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## May 1, 2018

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	33.60	66.40	49.36	25.50	13.94	4.31
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-24-2018</i>	33.36	66.64	53.23	26.26	14.54	3.88
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-30-2018</i>	13.27	86.73	56.47	21.98	7.30	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-02-2017</i>	91.38	8.62	1.44	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
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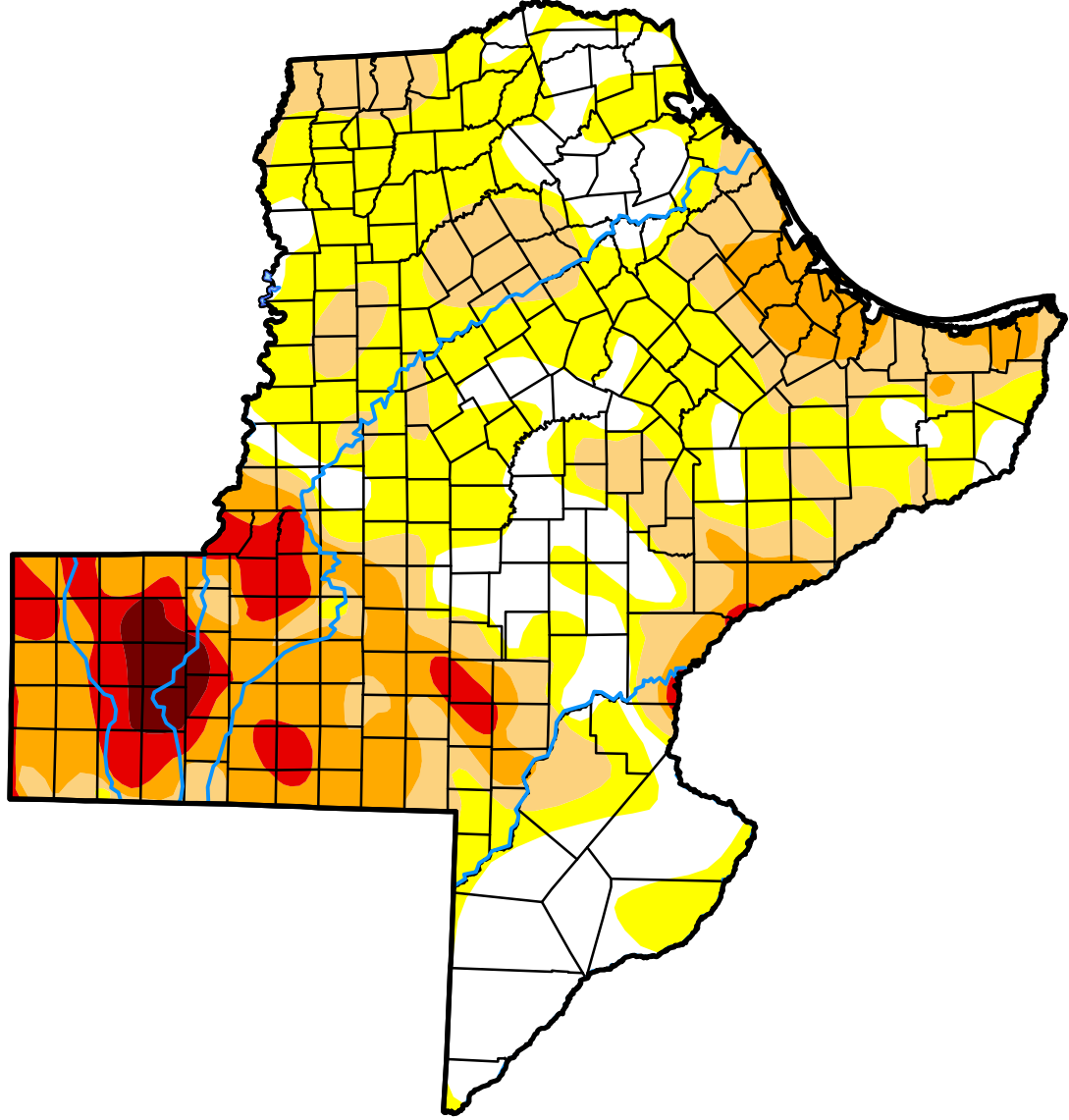


# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

## June 5, 2018

(Released Thursday, Jun. 7, 2018)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	21.20	78.80	44.37	23.44	7.29	1.59
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-29-2018</i>	31.26	68.74	40.06	21.93	7.82	1.17
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>03-06-2018</i>	25.76	74.24	54.22	21.74	14.16	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>06-06-2017</i>	83.43	16.57	1.16	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

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- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

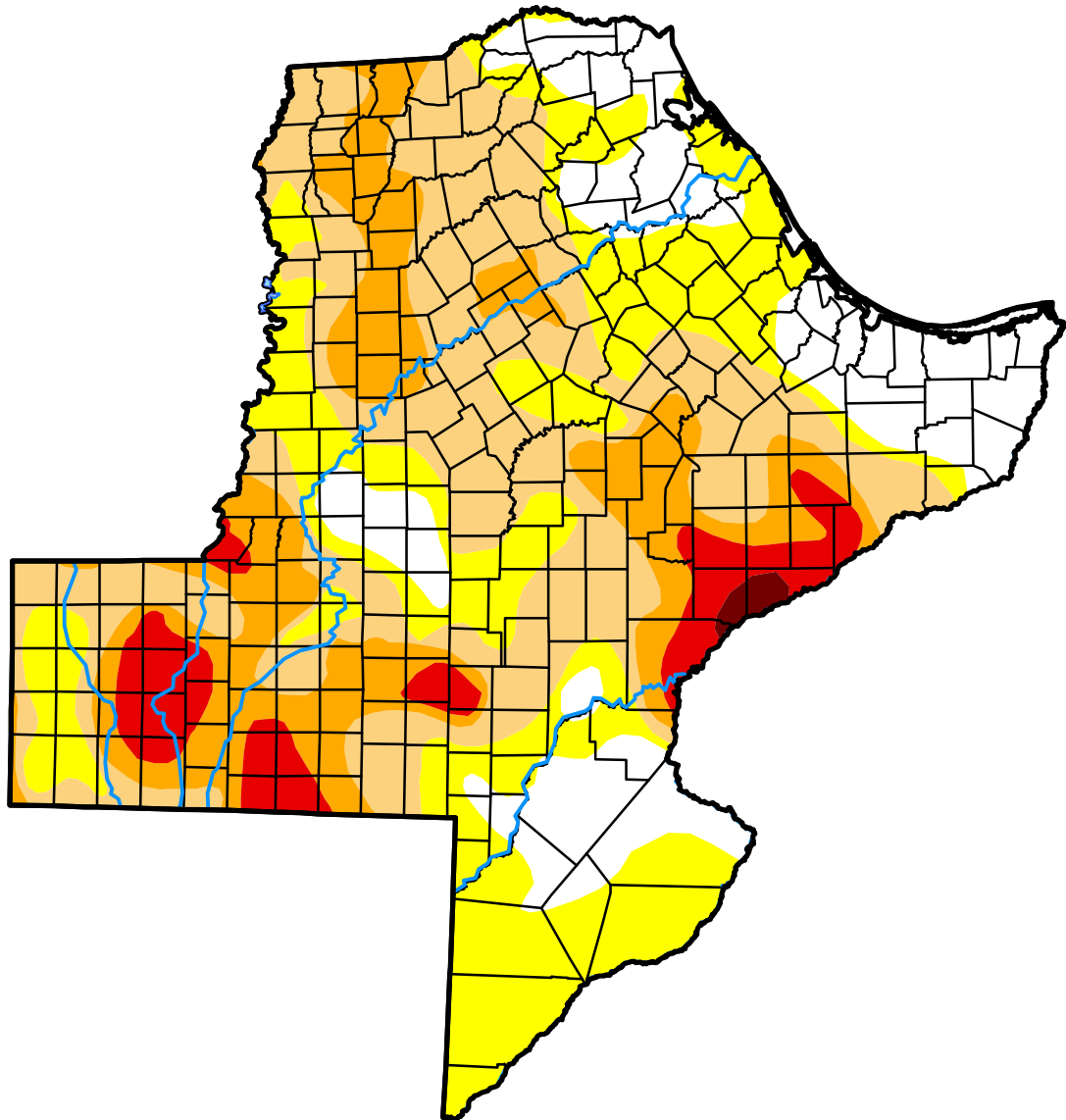
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**July 3, 2018**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	17.38	82.62	55.30	24.06	6.84	0.46
<b>Last Week</b> <i>06-26-2018</i>	27.33	72.67	47.80	17.91	5.07	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>04-03-2018</i>	33.29	66.71	49.43	21.57	13.21	1.47
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>07-04-2017</i>	73.51	26.49	6.01	0.92	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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**August 7, 2018**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

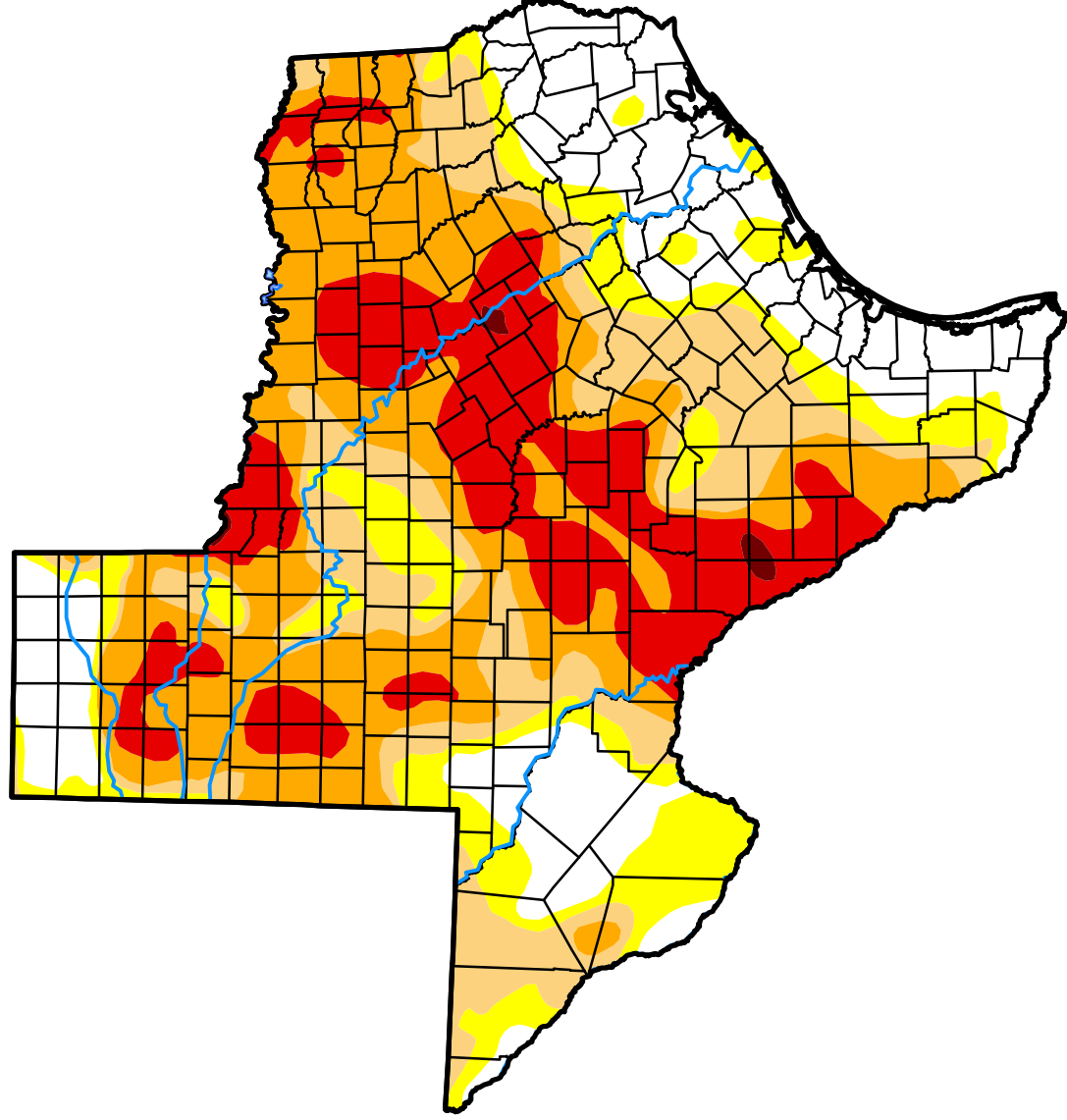
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	21.55	78.45	63.94	45.45	19.43	0.36
<b>Last Week</b> 07-31-2018	21.82	78.18	59.26	35.93	8.48	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-08-2018	39.78	60.22	38.80	22.30	12.97	4.61
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-08-2017	79.97	20.03	4.29	0.00	0.00	0.00

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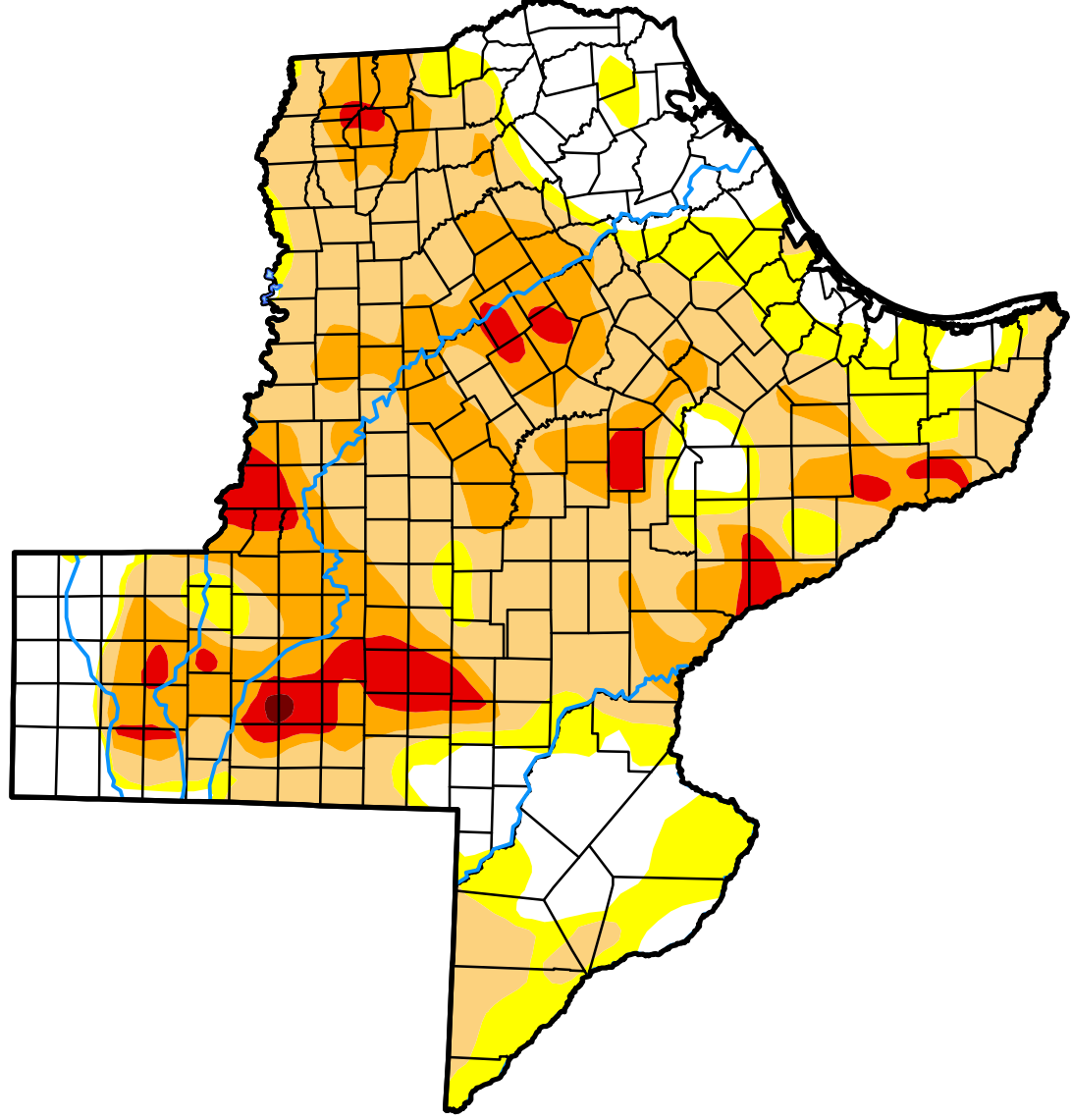
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**September 4, 2018**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	19.92	80.08	64.28	27.09	5.51	0.12
<b>Last Week</b> 08-28-2018	18.56	81.44	62.34	30.69	6.78	0.30
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-05-2018	21.20	78.80	44.37	23.44	7.29	1.59
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2017	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-05-2017	94.84	5.16	0.79	0.04	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

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Appendix E  
Public Information Provided by the District  
Regarding Rainwater Harvesting

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## Rainwater Harvesting in Texas

Dr. Hari J. Krishna  
Senior Engineer, TWDB

Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) is the practice of collecting rainfall for a beneficial purpose. It usually refers to the collection of rainfall runoff from roof surfaces in cisterns for domestic use; however, it may also include surface water collection in small tanks or impoundments for livestock watering and landscape irrigation. In the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, RWH was practiced in Texas, but with the development of municipal water systems, the practice became obsolete. Now, with limited water resources on the one hand and increasing demands for water on the other, there is a growing awareness to collect rainfall and make more efficient use of the water.

Rainwater Harvesting is most applicable where other sources of water are either not available or are too expensive. Hays county in Central Texas is an excellent example for the growth of RWH. There are inadequate surface water resources in the area, the tap fees for homeowners to connect to water supply pipelines can be very high, and the groundwater quality is poor. Rainwater Harvesting is therefore becoming the obvious choice for homeowners in rural Hays county. Rainwater collected from roof surfaces is stored in cisterns and either pumped back into the house for indoor use, or can be used for landscape irrigation. Generally, in rural areas the stored water is filtered, treated and used for all indoor purposes. In towns where municipal water systems are available, harvested rainwater is used primarily for landscape irrigation, thus reducing the overall demand for municipal water. Either way, RWH provides conservation of water supplies.

Austin and San Antonio are providing rebates of up to \$450 to homeowners who install RWH. Hays county provides a rebate in the application fee for homes with RWH systems, and the RWH system itself is exempt from property taxes. Rainwater is free of any chemicals and/or dissolved salts. Unlike well water, rainwater is naturally soft, and can be used for household purposes without the need for a water softener. Rainwater is also ideal for those on low-sodium diets, since it contains no salt. Plants respond to rainwater much better than they do to municipal water (which has several chemicals added to it during the treatment and purification process).

For every inch of rain, about 600 gallons of water can be collected from 1,000 sq.ft. of roof area. A typical home with 2000 sq.ft. of roof area in Central Texas can yield up to 40,000 gallons a year, water that would otherwise run off and contribute to erosion. If properly managed, the RWH system can provide up to 100 gallons of water per day for a typical home. The cost of a RWH system depends on the size of the cistern used for storage. A RWH system for a home can cost anywhere from \$5,000-\$8,000, which includes the guttering for leading the water to the cistern, costs for the cistern, pump and treatment system. Senate Bill 2 has recently provided sales tax exemption for rainwater harvesting equipment and supplies, which will benefit those who propose to build RWH systems in the future.

RWH is a growing trend not only in Texas but in other parts of the U.S. and overseas as well. Germany is a leading example of RWH in Europe. Many countries in Asia and the Caribbean practice RWH as well. RWH is particularly suitable to Texas because of our bimodal rainfall pattern. Our peak rainfall occurs in April/May followed by a dry period from late June through August. The rainfall collected in May can be very useful during the summer months either for landscape irrigation or for indoor use. We usually receive some rainfall again in September/October which can be collected and used during the rest of the year.

The Texas Water Development Board has produced the "Texas Guide to Rainwater Harvesting", a publication that is in great demand not only within Texas, but nationally and internationally. The publication can be downloaded free of cost from either the TWDB website [www.twdb.state.tx.us](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us) , or from the the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA) website [www.arcsa-usa.org](http://www.arcsa-usa.org)

Appendix F  
District Financials  
2017 Audit

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**BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

**KENNEMER, MASTERS & LUNSFORD, LLC  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
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# BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

*Annual Financial Report  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017*

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors  
Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District, as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison information on pages 9 through 13 and 35 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Kerremers, Masters & Hunzford, LLC*

Lake Jackson, Texas  
March 1, 2018

## BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### *Management's Discussion and Analysis*

*For the Year Ended September 30, 2017*

As directors of Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District (the "District"), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

### **Financial Highlights**

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$ 1,182,814 (net position). This is an increase in net position of \$ 50,349 from the prior year net position of \$ 1,132,465.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$ 1,182,814. The fund balance represents 263.87% of current year expenditures.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplemental information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide financial statements.** The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between these two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in the future fiscal periods.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by fees. The *governmental activities* of the District include general government and administration, and groundwater conservation.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 16 and 17 of this report.

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**Fund Financial Statements.** A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has only one major fund, which is the general fund, and is reported as a governmental fund.

- **Governmental Funds.** *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The fund financial statements can be found on pages 20 through 22 of this report.

**Notes to the Financial Statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 23 through 32 of this report.

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents required supplementary information. The required supplemental information can be found on page 35 of this report.

### **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$ 1,182,814 as of September 30, 2017. Net position of the District's governmental activities increased by \$ 50,349, from net position of \$ 1,132,465.



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**Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District's Net Position**

	Governmental Activities			
	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
Current and other assets	\$ 1,208,848	\$ 1,140,001	\$ 68,847	6%
Capital assets		8,712	( 8,712)	0%
Total assets	<u>1,208,846</u>	<u>1,148,713</u>	<u>60,135</u>	<u>6%</u>
Deferred outflows of resources			-0-	-0-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>0%</u>
Current and other liabilities	26,034	16,248	9,786	60%
Long-term liabilities			-0-	0%
Total liabilities	<u>26,034</u>	<u>16,248</u>	<u>9,786</u>	<u>60%</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			-0-	0%
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>0%</u>
Net Position:				
Net investment in capital assets		8,712	( 8,712)	0%
Unrestricted	<u>1,182,814</u>	<u>1,123,753</u>	<u>59,061</u>	<u>5%</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,182,814</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,465</u>	<u>\$ 50,349</u>	<u>5%</u>

**Governmental Activities:** Governmental activities increased the District's net position by \$ 50,349. The following table provides a summary of the District's operations for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

**BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

*Management's Discussion and Analysis*

*For the Year Ended September 30, 2017*

**Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District's Change in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities			
	Years Ended September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
Revenues:				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 478,304	\$ 417,580	\$ 60,724	15%
General Revenues:				
Investment income	6,505	5,717	788	14%
Miscellaneous	<u>22,506</u>	<u>5,046</u>	<u>17,460</u>	<u>346%</u>
Total revenues	<u>507,315</u>	<u>428,343</u>	<u>78,972</u>	<u>18%</u>
Expenses:				
General government and administration	421,151	366,329	54,822	15%
Groundwater conservation	<u>35,815</u>	<u>23,281</u>	<u>12,534</u>	<u>54%</u>
Total expenses	<u>456,966</u>	<u>389,610</u>	<u>67,356</u>	<u>17%</u>
Increase in net position	50,349	39,733	11,616	30%
Net position - October 1,	<u>1,132,465</u>	<u>1,093,732</u>	<u>38,733</u>	<u>4%</u>
Net position - September 30,	\$ <u>1,182,814</u>	\$ <u>1,132,465</u>	\$ <u>50,349</u>	<u>4%</u>

**Financial Analysis of the District's Funds**

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental funds.** The focus of the District's governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental fund reported a fund balance of \$ 1,182,814.

## **BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

*Management's Discussion and Analysis*

*For the Year Ended September 30, 2017*

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights.** The District enacted a formal budget for the year ended September 30, 2017. Budget exceeded actual expenditures by \$ 2,959 and actual revenues exceeded budget by \$ 69,915.

### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

The annual budget is the means by which District Director's set the direction of the District, and allocate its resources.

In considering the budget for fiscal year 2018, District Director's considered the following factors:

- Estimated fee revenues of \$ 410,392.
- Employee costs of \$ 258,889.
- Consultant costs of \$ 101,105.

### **Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Board of Directors, 111 E. Locust Street, Building A-29, Suite 140, Angleton, Texas, 77515.



**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
*September 30, 2017*

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	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Current:	
Cash	\$ 1,117,293
Accounts receivable - other	<u>91,555</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u><b>1,208,848</b></u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<u><b>-0-</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current:	
Accounts payable	17,072
Accrued wages and related liabilities	<u>8,962</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u><b>26,034</b></u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<u><b>-0-</b></u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Unrestricted	<u>1,182,814</u>
<b>Total net position</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,182,814</b></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

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<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues Charges for Services</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Primary Government</u>
			<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:</b>			
General government and administration	\$ 421,151	\$ 478,304	\$ 57,153
Groundwater conservation	<u>35,815</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>( 35,815)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 456,966</u>	<u>\$ 478,304</u>	<u>21,338</u>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>			
Interest income			6,505
Miscellaneous			<u>22,506</u>
Total general revenues			<u>29,011</u>
Change in net position			50,349
Net position - beginning			<u>1,132,465</u>
Net position - ending			<u>\$ 1,182,814</u>

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**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
*BALANCE SHEET – GENERAL FUND*  
 September 30, 2017

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	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,117,293
Accounts receivable	<u>91,555</u>
Total assets	<u>1,208,848</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>                    </u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>-0-</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 1,208,848</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 17,072
Accrued wages and related liabilities	<u>8,962</u>
Total liabilities	<u>26,034</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>                    </u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>-0-</u>
Fund Balance:	
Unassigned	<u>1,182,814</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,182,814</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	<u>\$ 1,208,848</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
*STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE*  
 (GENERAL FUND)  
 Year Ended September 30, 2017

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	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Licenses and permits	\$ 478,304
Interest income	6,505
Miscellaneous	<u>22,506</u>
Total revenues	<u>507,315</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current:	
General Government and Administration:	
Advertisement (Legal Notices)	154
Communications	3,830
Computer software/equipment	6,750
Conferences and training	325
Dues and licenses	2,050
Employee benefits	66,436
Equipment rental	1,945
Bonds	307
Insurance	3,522
Legal	13,245
Office supplies	4,969
Postage/Freight	894
Professional Services	136,300
Repairs and maintenance	260
Salaries	160,492
Subscriptions	186
Travel	10,657
Uniforms	117
Groundwater Conservation:	
Architecture/Engineering	<u>35,815</u>
Total expenditures	<u>448,254</u>
Net change in fund balance	59,061
Fund balance - beginning	<u>1,123,753</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 1,182,814</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
*RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE  
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES*  
Year Ended September 30, 2017

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Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds \$ 59,061

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the governmental activities statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

The amount by which depreciation of \$ 8,712 exceeds capital outlay of of \$ -0- in the current year.

( 8,712 )

\$ 50,349

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

*NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

*September 30, 2017*

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# BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2017

### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The District was formed on September 1, 2003 by the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Texas in House Bill No. 3602 (the "Act"). Pursuant to the Act, the Board of Directors of the District has the permitting and general management powers granted under Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. Section 36.101 of the Texas Water Code authorizes a groundwater conservation district to make and enforce rules to provide for conserving, preserving, protecting, and recharging of the groundwater or of a groundwater reservoir or its subdivisions in order to control subsidence or prevent waste of groundwater and to carry out the powers and duties provided by Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. The District board, a five-member elected group, is the level of government that serves to provide groundwater conservation within Brazoria County, Texas.

#### **Reporting Entity**

The elected Board of Directors has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers; significantly influence operations; and has the primary accountability for fiscal matters. Therefore, the District is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB in its Statement No. 61, "The Reporting Entity: Omnibus". There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

#### **Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report financial information on all of the activities of the primary government. The District maintains one fund (General Fund); therefore, there are no interfund activities. The *governmental activities* are supported by fees and loans. The District has no *business-type activities* that rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements. The General Fund is currently the only fund maintained by the District.

#### **Measurement Focus, Basis Of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Fees are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are charged. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

# BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2017

### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Measurement Focus, Basis Of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of fees. Fee revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are both measurable and available.

Revenue from investments is based upon fair value. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. Most investments are reported at amortized cost when the investments have remaining maturities of one year or less at time of purchase.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first and the unrestricted resources as needed.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

The *general fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The major revenue source is fees (application, production, export and other administrative). Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operations of the District. The District has only one fund, the general fund.

#### Budgetary Data

The budget law of the State of Texas provides that amounts budgeted for current expenditures from the various funds of the District shall not exceed the balances in the funds, plus the anticipated revenues for the current year. The legal level of budgetary control is at the functional level (Current Expenditures: General Government and Administration and Groundwater Conservation, Capital Outlay, and Debt Service) of each fund. Any expenditures, which alter the total budgeted amounts of a fund, must be approved by the Board of Directors, and the budget amended. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

During the year ended September 30, 2017, the District Board of Directors enacted a formal budget.



# BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2017

### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Cash and Investments

The District considers highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools*, investments are reported at fair value. Fair values are based on published market rates. Current investments have an original maturity greater than three months but less than one year at the time of purchase. Non-current investments have an original maturity of greater than one year at the time of purchase.

#### Fees

Section 3.31 of the District's Rules authorizes the Board of Directors of the District to establish application fees, production fees, export fees and other administrative fees. Beginning October 1, 2006, each well permit holder shall be responsible for reading the meter which measures the amount of water produced by each permitted well at the end of each month. Each well permit holder shall also be responsible for measuring the amount of water exported outside the District's boundaries during the course of each month. Each well permit holder shall accurately report such production and export measurements to the District on reporting forms provided by the District. Failure to make such production and export measures and report the same to the District shall be a violation of the District's rules. The District shall have the right to audit the production and export measurements submitted by the well permit holder by reading the meter at each permitted well. Failure to maintain meters for accurate reporting shall be a violation of the District's rules. All fees must be paid by check or money order. No cash is accepted. Production fees and export fees shall be calculated on the form provided by the District and shall be delivered by the well permit holder to the District with the monthly production and/ or export fees. Application fees shall be submitted with the permit application. This process is referred to as self-reporting. The validity of any permit is contingent upon payment of any applicable application, export or production fee. Failure to make complete and timely payments of a fee will automatically result in a one-time late payment penalty of ten (10) percent of the amount not paid. Failure to make complete and timely payment may also result in the Board declaring the respective well permit void.

The District adopted the following fee schedule effective October 1, 2016:

**Permit Application Fees.** The District charges well permit application fees of \$ 100 for one-year permits.

**Production Fees.** The production fee is \$ 0.03 per 1,000 gallons of groundwater produced. Such production fee shall be assessed against all groundwater produced by permitted wells located in the District for all uses other than personal or agricultural uses or to otherwise benefit the land on which the well is located. The production fee is due and payable within 30 days of the date the production fee statement is issued by the District. The minimum production fee is \$ 30 per well.

**Export Fees.** An export fee of one and a half times the maximum wholesale water rate charged by the City of Houston based on the most recently published fee schedule per 1,000 gallons of groundwater transferred out of the District. Such export fee shall be assessed in addition to the District's production fee. The export fee is due by the last day of the month following the month for which export fee was calculated.

# BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2017

### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Long-Term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. Debt premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt using the straight-line method. Debt payable is reported net of the applicable debt premium or discount. The District had no outstanding debt balance at September 30, 2017.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize debt premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing resources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized.

Assets capitalized have an original cost of \$ 5,000 or more and three or more years of useful life. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Software

3 Years

#### Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Guidance for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources is provided by GASB No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position". Concepts Statement No. 4, Elements of Financial Statements, introduced and defined those elements as a consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period, and an acquisition of net position by the government that is applicable to a future period, respectively. Previous financial reporting standards do not include guidance for reporting those financial statement elements, which are distinct from assets and liabilities. Further, GASB No. 65, "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities", had an objective to either (a) properly classify certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources or (b) recognize certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities as outflows of resources (expenses or expenditures) or inflows of resources (revenues).

# BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2017

### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Fund Equity

##### Fund Balance

The Board of Directors meets on a regular basis to manage and review cash financial activities and to ensure compliance with established policies. The District's unassigned General Fund Balance is maintained to provide the District with sufficient working capital and a margin of safety to address local and regional emergencies without borrowing. The unassigned General Fund Balance may only be appropriated by resolution of the Board of Directors. Fund Balance of the District may be committed for a specific source by formal action of the Board of Directors. Amendments or modifications of the committed fund balance must also be approved by formal action by the Board of Directors.

The District has implemented GASB 54, "Fund Balance, Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", for its governmental funds. Under this standard, fund balances are required to be reported according to the following classifications:

*Non-spendable Fund Balance* - Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form, or, for legal or contractual reasons, must be kept intact. This classification includes inventories, prepaid amounts, assets held for sale, and long-term receivables.

*Restricted Fund Balance* - Constraints placed on the use of these resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors or other governments; or are imposed by law (through constitutional provisions enabling legislation).

*Committed Fund Balance* - Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes because of a formal action (resolution or ordinance) by the government's highest level of decision-making authority.

*Assigned Fund Balance* - Amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Intent can be stipulated by the governing body, another body (such as a Finance Committee), or by an official to whom that authority has been given. With the exception of the General Fund, this is the residual fund balance classification for all government funds with positive balances.

*Unassigned Fund Balance* - This is the residual classification of the General Fund. Only the General Fund reports a positive unassigned fund balance. Other governmental funds might report a negative balance in this classification, as the result of overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

##### Net Position

Net position represents the differences between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciations, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Restricted net position, as presented in the government-wide Statement of Net Position, are reported when constraints placed on the use of net position are either 1) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments), or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

# BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2017

### NOTE 2. NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS

GASB issues statements on a routine basis with the intent to provide authoritative guidance on the preparation of financial statements and to improve governmental accounting and financial reporting of governmental entities. Management reviews these statements to ensure that preparation of its financial statements are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to anticipate changes in those requirements. The following recent GASB Statements reflect the action and consideration of management regarding these requirements:

GASB Statement No. 72, "Fair Value Measurement and Application", was issued February 2015. This statement enhances the transparency and comparability of fair value measurements and disclosures in the state and local governments financial statements. This statement was implemented and did not have a material effect on the financial statements. This statement was effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015.

GASB No. 73, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not Within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of Statements 67 and 68" was issued June 2015. This statement was implemented and did not have a material effect on the financial statements. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016.

GASB No. 74, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans" was issued June 2015. This statement was implemented and did not have a material effect on the financial statements. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016.

GASB No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions" was issued June 2015. The management of the District does not expect the implementation of this standard to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2017.

GASB No. 76, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments" was issued June 2015. This statement was implemented and did not have a material effect on the financial statements. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015.

GASB No. 77 "Tax Abatement Disclosures" was issued in August 2015. This standard was implemented and did not have a material effect on the financial statements. This statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015.

GASB No. 78 "Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans" was issued in December 2015. This standard was implemented and did not have a material effect on the financial statements. This statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015.

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### NOTE 2. NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

GASB No. 79 "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants" was issued in December 2015. This standard was implemented and did not have a material effect on the financial statements. This statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015.

GASB No. 80 "Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units and amendment of GASB No. 14" was issued in January 2016. This standard was implemented and did not have a material effect on the financial statements. This statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016.

GASB No. 81 "Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements" was issued in March 2016. The management of the District does not expect the implementation of this standard to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2016.

GASB No. 82 "Pension Issues – an amendment of GASB No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73" was issued in March 2016. This standard was implemented and did not have a material effect on the financial statements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016.

GASB No. 83 "Certain Asset Retirement Obligations" was issued in November 2016. The management of the District does not expect the implementation of this standard to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2018.

GASB No. 84 "Fiduciary Activities" was issued in January 2017. The management of the District does not expect the implementation of this standard to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2018.

GASB No. 85 "Omnibus 2017" was issued in March 2017. The management of the District does not expect the implementation of this standard to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2017.

GASB No. 86 "Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues" was issued in May 2017. The management of the District does not expect the implementation of this standard to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2017.

GASB No. 87 "Leases" was issued in June 2017. The management of the District does not expect the implementation of this standard to have a material effect on the financial statements of the District. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2019.

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### NOTE 3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The District contracts with Brazoria County to provide accounting services. As part of this agreement, Brazoria County maintains accounting records for the District as well as a shared cash account as an agency fund for the District. This agency fund cash account is covered by the same depository agreement and pledged securities maintained by Brazoria County.

The District classifies deposits and investments for financial statement purposes as cash and cash equivalents, current investments, and non-current investments based upon both liquidity (demand deposits) and maturity date (deposits and investments) of the asset at the date of purchase. For this purpose an investment is considered a cash equivalent if when purchased it has maturity of three months or less. Investments are classified as either current investments or non-current investments. Current investments have maturity of one year or less and non-current investments are those that have a maturity of one year or more. See Note 1 for additional Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 31 disclosures.

#### Deposits

**Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits.** Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to them. The District requires that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized in an amount equal to 100 percent of uninsured balances.

Under Texas state law, a bank serving as the District's depository must have a bond or in lieu thereof, deposited or pledged securities with the District or an independent third party agent, an amount equal to the highest daily balance of all deposits the District may have during the term of the depository contract, less any applicable FDIC insurance.

#### Investments

Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code (the Public Funds Investment Act) authorizes the District to invest its funds in areas that primarily emphasizes the safety of principal and liquidity, addresses investment diversification, yield, and maturity and addresses the quality and capability of investment personnel.

The District held no investments at or for the year ended September 30, 2017. Further, as of September 30, 2017, the District has adopted Brazoria County's investment policy, as the County has custody of all cash and investments, when applicable. On December 9, 2008, Brazoria County adopted its current investment policy. According to the policy, District funds will be invested in compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act and the County's Investment Policy, except when a resolution is issued by the District. The County will invest according to investment strategies for each fund as they are adopted by the Commissioners' Court resolution.

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### NOTE 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Balance 10/01/16	Additions	Retirements	Balance 9/30/17
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Software	\$ 78,410	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 78,410
Total capital assets, being depreciated	78,410	-0-	-0-	78,410
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Software	69,698	8,712	-0-	78,410
Total accumulated depreciation	69,698	8,712	-0-	78,410
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	\$ 8,712	\$ 8,712	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General government and administration	\$ 8,712
Total depreciation expense-governmental activities	\$ 8,712

### NOTE 5. CONTINGENCIES

The District is contingently liable in respect to lawsuits and other claims in the ordinary course of its operations. The potential settlement (if any) of such contingencies under the budgetary process would require appropriation of revenues yet to be realized and in the opinion of the District management would not materially affect the financial position of the District at September 30, 2017.

### NOTE 6. GASB STATEMENT NOS. 68 AND 71

No retroactive restatement of net position or component of long term debt has been separated for recognition in the financial statements of Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District, as the District's piece is immaterial to its financial statements. The Brazoria County financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2017 have reported amounts in total, and contain the appropriate note disclosures related to the adoption of these standards.

### NOTE 7. EVALUATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District has evaluated subsequent events through March 1, 2018, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.





**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



**BRAZORIA COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
Year Ended September 30, 2017

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	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Licenses and permits	\$ 422,290	\$ 422,290	\$ 478,304	\$ 56,014
Interest income	5,110	5,110	6,505	1,395
Miscellaneous	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>22,506</u>	<u>12,506</u>
Total revenues	<u>437,400</u>	<u>437,400</u>	<u>507,315</u>	<u>69,915</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General Government and Administration:				
Advertisement (Legal Notices)	1,000	1,000	154	846
Books and supplements	100	100		100
Building rental	1	1		1
Communications	4,888	3,988	3,830	158
Computer software	1,000	7,000	6,750	250
Computer equipment	1,000	1,000		1,000
Conferences and training	800	800	325	475
Dues and licenses	1,000	2,000	2,050	( 50)
Employee benefits	64,736	65,936	66,436	( 500)
Equipment rental	2,000	2,000	1,945	55
Bonds	500	500	307	193
Insurance	4,300	4,300	3,522	778
Legal	7,500	15,000	13,245	1,755
Office supplies	9,000	5,000	4,969	31
Postage/Freight	600	900	894	6
Professional Services	139,125	139,125	136,300	2,825
Repairs and maintenance	500	500	260	240
Salaries	160,263	160,263	160,492	( 229)
Subscriptions	300	300	186	114
Travel	12,600	11,000	10,657	343
Uniforms			117	( 117)
Groundwater Conservation:				
Architecture/Engineering	<u>83,800</u>	<u>30,500</u>	<u>35,815</u>	<u>( 5,315)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>495,013</u>	<u>451,213</u>	<u>448,254</u>	<u>2,959</u>
Net changes in fund balances	( 57,613)	( 13,813)	59,061	72,874
Fund balances – beginning	<u>1,123,753</u>	<u>1,123,753</u>	<u>1,123,753</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Fund balances – ending	<u>\$ 1,066,140</u>	<u>\$ 1,109,940</u>	<u>\$ 1,182,814</u>	<u>\$ 72,874</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

