

PANHANDLE WATER NEWS

APRIL 2022

PGCD HOSTS 6TH BIENNIAL WATER CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD), along with 23 sponsors, hosted the 6th Biennial Water Conservation Symposium on February 16, 2022. It was a beautiful day with a high number of attendees.

The District hosted 16 speakers from all over the state of Texas and one speaker from Maryland. A pertinent topic of the day was Rural Land Trends, which featured Dr. Roel Lopez, Director of Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute and Dr. Robert Mace, Executive Director of Meadows Center for Water & the Environment. Lopez and Mace explained the current rural land trends and the impact they have on groundwater and will continue to have in the future.

More presentations included: Brooke Paup, Chairwoman of the Texas Water Development Board, who gave an update on the 2022 State Water Plan. Randall County Master Gardner, Roger Gloe, informed attendees of efficient irrigation practices for lawns and gardens. Floyd Hartman, Assistant City Manager and Jonathan Gresham, Director of Utilities with the City of Amarillo explained the benefits of Amarillo's Smart Meter Technology. In addition to the speaker sessions, 14 of the 23 sponsors had booths with special giveaways and provided networking and educational opportunities for the attendees.

The District has been hosting a symposium biennially since 2012. In the summer of 2011, Texas residential and agricultural water consumption increased dramatically. Watching the trend of water use rise, the need and awareness for water conservation became apparent very quickly. Now, the District continues to host a symposium every two years whether the area is under drought conditions or not. The reality is that water conservation should always be at the forefront of our minds, so it becomes second nature and not just a necessity during times of drought.

The presentations from February were recorded and are now available to view on PGCD's website and YouTube Channel.

POINTS OF INTEREST

PGCD Hosts Water
Conservation Symposium

New Logo Announcement

5 year Service Award for Jake
Robinson

District Metering Updates

*"Conserving Water for Future
Generations"*

6TH BIENNIAL WATER CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM CONTINUED



Ben Weinheimer, President, Texas Cattle Feeders Association explaining the regional water planning process to attendees



Chairwoman Brooke Paup with the Texas Water Development Board presenting the State Water Plan for 2022

NEW DISTRICT LOGO ADOPTED

The Panhandle Groundwater District is proud to announce the launch of their new logo.

The District has grown and evolved over the last 67 years and the implementation of a new logo is a good representation of that. With the new logo in place, brand cohesion will be more successful and allow the District to maintain a consistent message throughout all relatable avenues. The District is currently in the process of rebranding their website, social media, and designing promotional materials.



**PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

5 YEAR SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED TO JAKE ROBINSON



Field Technician, Jake Robinson, (Left) Board President, Jim Thompson (Right)

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District recognized Field Technician, Jake Robinson, for his 5 years of working with the District during the January board meeting. "Jake has been an invaluable asset to the District." said General Manager, Britney Britten. "He's not only a great Field Technician, but a veteran employee who takes initiative and is very methodical. I am thankful to have him on our PGCD team."

DISTRICT METERING UPDATES

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's Board of Director's amended the District Meter Standards on March 24, 2022. Directors decided Operators are required to sign liability waivers prior to any meter installation. If a flow meter is no longer operating in accordance with the flow meter manufacturer's specification, operators will need to notify the District within three business days. District Field Technicians can perform installations, repairs and routine maintenance after the District has received the signed meter waiver. If operators choose not to sign the waiver, then all installations, repairs and maintenance will be their responsibility. Directors decided in the event of a meter failure (whether a traditional flow meter or remote monitoring system), operators will use their energy consumption (natural gas or electric) to calculate total usage. This method may only be used as an alternative if the first metering method is non-operational. For more detailed information on the alternative method that was adopted, please review the District Meter Standards at www.pgcd.us/metering.

Please see important meter reminders below:

- Start of season texts must include a clear view of the meter face while pumping and also must include the identifying sticker or the serial number plate which identifies your meter to the District. The purpose of this picture is not to obtain reading, but rather to see that your meter is operational. If your identifying sticker needs to be replaced, please contact the District. Texts can be sent to 806-883-2124.
- If an owner/operator replaces or adds a meter, the District must be notified so we can take the necessary steps to add the correct meter to the system. This also applies to any additional pivots added through RMS (PivoTrac, AgSense, FieldNET, etc.) so your use can be monitored.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Next Board Meeting is set for May 26th

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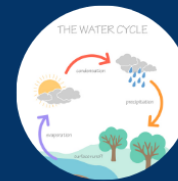
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EDUCATION 2021-2022



The District's Education Program has been successful this fiscal year. So far, the District has made 32 presentations in an educational setting along with 6 civic educational presentations. The District looks forward to finishing up the school year and planning summer programs.

AG LOANS AVAILABLE

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is accepting loan applications from District producers for center pivot sprinklers, drip irrigation systems, soil moisture probes, and other water-saving equipment. The loan is available to producers at an interest rate of 1.08 percent with an eight year payback term. Approximate funds available are \$297,672.99. For more information about our ag loan program contact Katie Hodges at the District office at 806-883-2501.