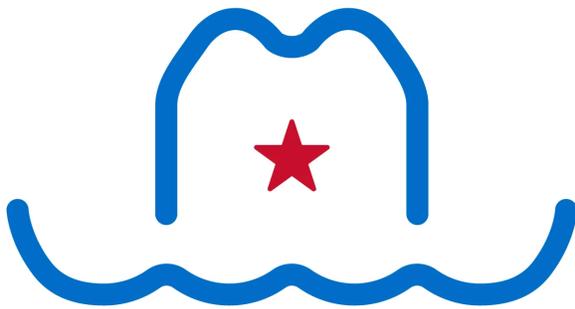


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## Burnet County Runs on Water

As summer quickly approaches, the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District is dedicated to reaching out to the residents of Burnet County. In collaboration with the Texas Water Foundation, a new campaign has been developed with an important message: Burnet County Runs On Water. Be on the lookout for 2 billboards - one on Highway 281 and another on Highway 29. In addition to the billboards, the campaign also includes community business signage in high traffic businesses such as gas stations, restaurants and hardware stores, digital ads on tv screens in bars, gyms and hair salons, and a social media campaign. The campaign launches June 2024!

Texas Runs On Water

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# Donnita Retires



Longtime office manager, Donnita Coats, officially retired on April 26th. She was celebrated at the April 19th board meeting, where General Manager, Mitchell Sodek, presented her with a plaque.

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## Rules Revised 3-27-24

The District has undertaken a nearly 10-month exercise in developing, conversing, and drafting over multiple rules changes. In the summer of 2023, the District created an advisory stakeholder committee of 11 members that represented various water user groups, industries, economic sectors, and geographic areas of the District. There was a total of 5 committee meetings in which various rule concepts, specific rule changes, and broader ideas were considered. Sarah Faust, of Ross Strategic, was contracted as a neutral facilitator and developed a final summary report viewable by clicking the Report button below. The report was presented to the Board in the fall of 2023 and the Board held several rule workshops to further discuss potential rule changes. In March 2024, after conducting a rule making hearing, the Board adopted revised Rules which are effective March 27, 2024, and viewable by clicking the Rules button below.

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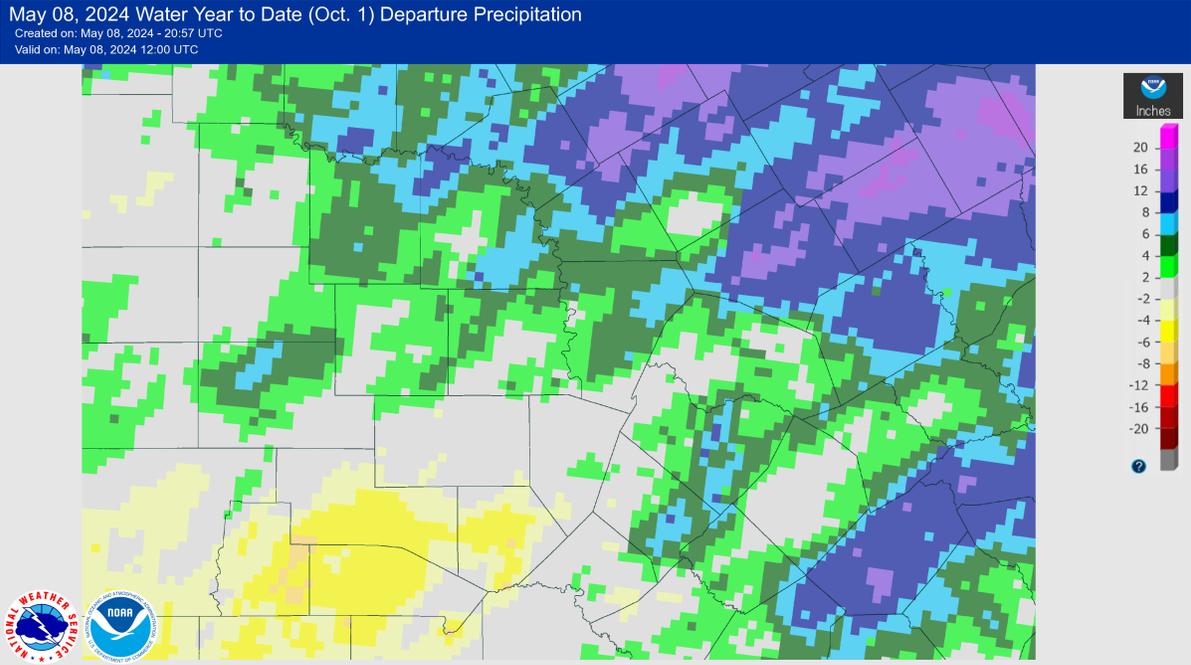
# Real Estate

Notice To Purchaser



House Bill 1221 requires sellers of residential real estate to disclose whether any part of a property is in a Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) or Subsidence District. The law affects all transfers taking place January 1, 2016 or later. Central Texas GCD has created a Notice to Purchaser form with current tax rate information and local GCD requirements that may be used by real estate agents.

## What About the Drought?



Spring rainfall has been very welcoming. Rainfall for the Water Year to Date has been above average and has led to groundwater levels that are higher than the previous two years on average. There has been some level of recovery from the

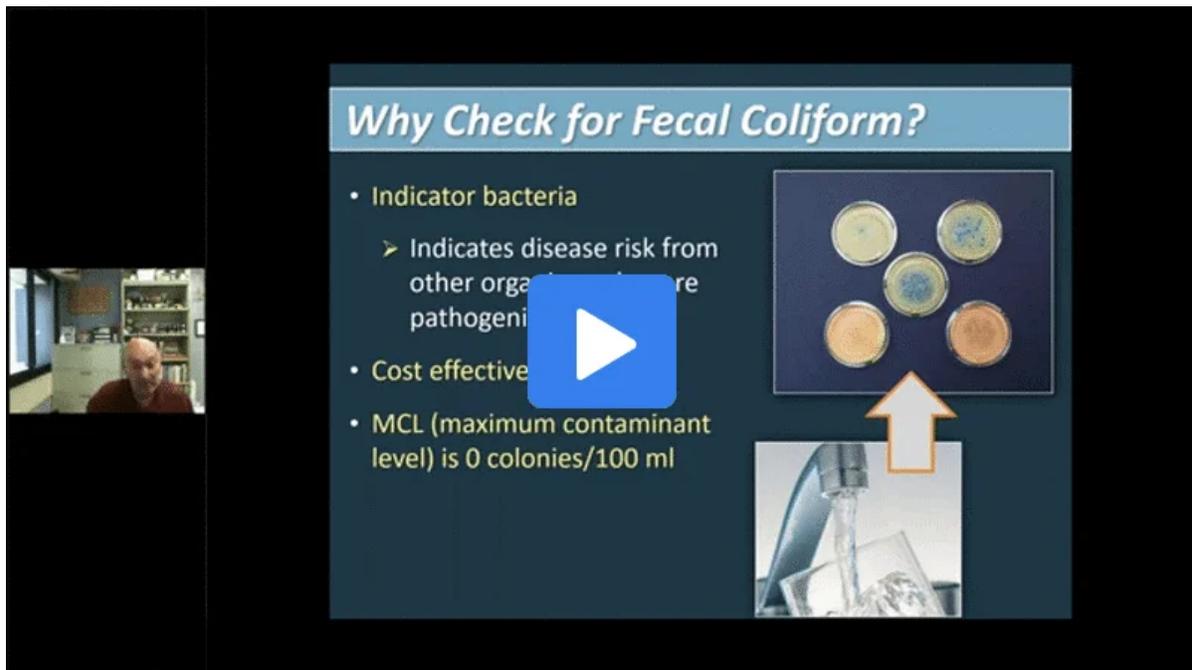
drought, but the drought has not been fully broken. Further evaluation of drought indexes and groundwater levels may indicate enough improvement later this month for the Board to consider changes to its drought stage. District drought stage 4 is still in effect with a 15% mandatory reduction for non-exempt users in 2024. Stay up to date on the latest drought stage information on the District website as the situation remains "fluid".

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## Texas Well Owner Network

Texas Well Owner Network is a program of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension that has many great resources available to new and old well owners alike. This video presentation highlights the program and an overview of private well water quality issues.

TWON



The image shows a screenshot of a video presentation slide. The slide has a dark blue background with a light blue header that reads "Why Check for Fecal Coliform?". Below the header, there is a list of bullet points:

- Indicator bacteria
  - Indicates disease risk from other organisms and more pathogenic
- Cost effective
- MCL (maximum contaminant level) is 0 colonies/100 ml

To the right of the text, there is an image of five petri dishes showing bacterial colonies. Below the petri dishes is an image of a faucet with water flowing into a glass. An orange arrow points from the faucet image up to the petri dishes. A large blue play button is overlaid in the center of the slide. On the left side of the video frame, there is a small inset video showing a man speaking.

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## Conservation and Business



Texan by Nature brings conservation and business together for the benefit of our people, prosperity, and natural resources. The TxN 20 is an effort to recognize the best work in conservation coming from businesses operating and based in Texas. For more info click on the image.

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## Tools for Managing Groundwater in the Texas Hill Country



The Hill Country Alliance, in coordination with many Hill Country groundwater conservation districts, has developed a guidance tool showing what GCDs, counties, cities and residents can do to protect groundwater in the region.

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# Conservation Tip of the Month



May is the gateway to summer in Texas. If you have garden beds, flower beds and trees, mulch and compost will maximize water retention by reducing moisture loss through evaporation. Mulch also helps keep the soil cooler during the hot summer months.

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## Upcoming Events

**May 23, 2024:** 9:00 a.m. - Board Meeting & Permit Hearing at the District office. 225 S Pierce, Burnet TX

**May 27, 2024:** Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

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