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Burnet County Runs on Water



The Burnet County Runs On Water campaign is officially underway! You can find the signage and brochures at 12 locations in Burnet County, including Bluebonnet Café, Opie's BBQ, Bear King Brewing Co., Double Horn Brewing Company and Smithwick

Market. The billboard designs are finalized, with the first of two billboards starting Mid June on Hwy 281 North of Marble Falls. A social media campaign will also coincide with the billboard launch beginning in Mid June.

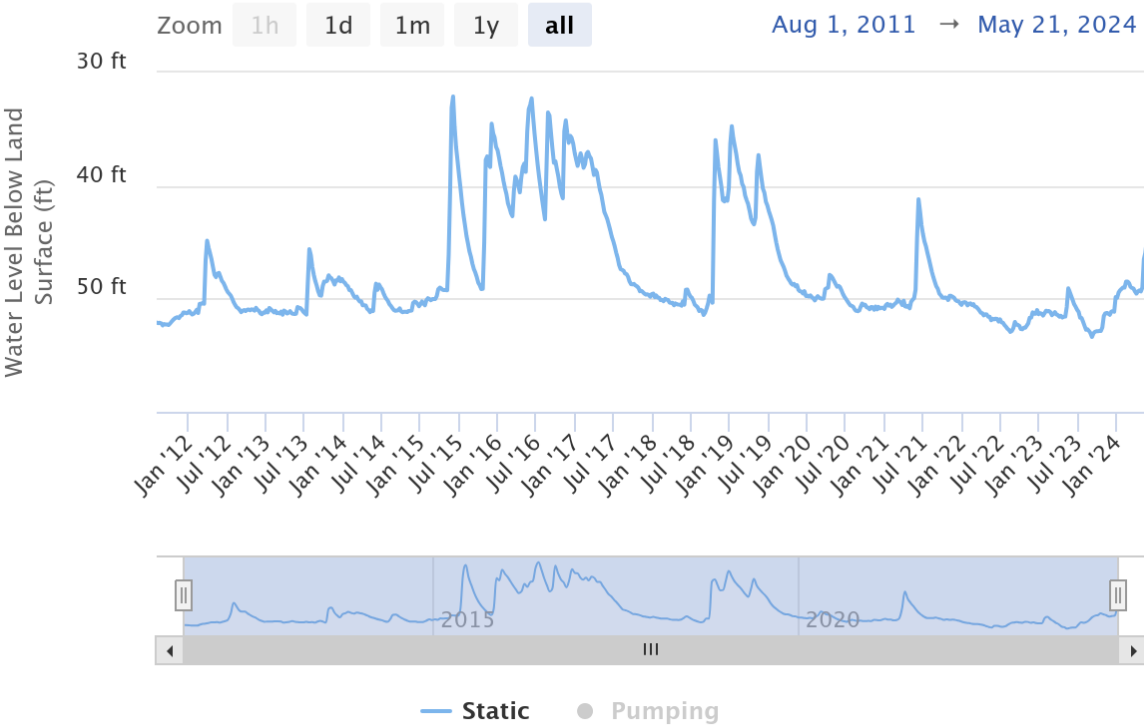
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Drought Update

The Board of Directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District has determined the District to be in **Stage 3-Severe Drought** and has initiated the Severe Drought stage of the District Drought Management Plan effective May 23, 2024.

Water Levels for Well ID: 4042 (Oak Vista)

Click and drag in the plot area to zoom in



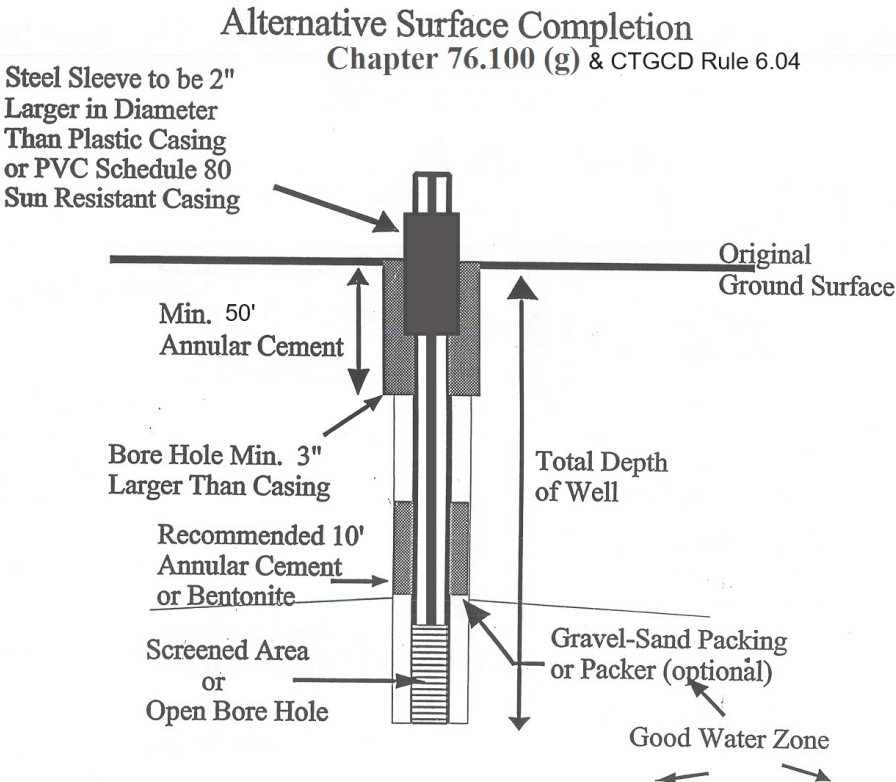
Above average rainfall for the month of May and from Year to Date has occurred throughout the District and modest water level increases have been measured in District monitoring wells. The District acknowledges that we are still in a long term drought but that enough improvement has been seen to warrant reducing the District drought stage from Stage 4 to Stage 3 and reducing the mandatory drought water reductions from 15% to 10% for 2024.

Stage 3- Requires 10% mandatory water reductions for permitted users from the total annual permitted production volume for non-exempt permit holders for 2024. Requests

voluntary reduction of 20% total usage and applies to all Burnet County wells and all persons or organizations, public or private, owning or operating wells within Burnet County, regardless of purpose of use, size, capacity, date drilled, ownership, or the exempt or non-exempt status of a well.

New Well Completion Rule Begins June 1, 2024

For all wells Drilled after June 1, 2024 there is now a requirement for a 50 foot annular cement seal. For full context of rule please see [District Rule 6.04\(c\)](#).



Texas Rain Catcher Award

Deadline for submission is June 30

The Texas Water Development Board hosts an annual rainwater harvesting competition for individuals, companies, organizations, municipalities, and government entities. To enter, go to www.twdb.texas.gov, fill out the application and include a minimum of 5 photos with your entry. Entries will be judged based on the following factors:

- Demonstration of how the rainwater harvesting system has helped conserve surface water and/or groundwater through reduced dependency on conventional water supply systems.
- Demonstration of how the rainwater harvesting system has saved money for the owner.
- Originality and innovation as evidenced by the application of new knowledge, new application of existing knowledge, or an innovative mix of existing and new knowledge.
- Demonstration of how the system has benefited the environment (for example, reduced erosion or the threat of flooding) without itself adversely impacting the environment.
- Uniqueness of the system

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Rainwater collection at Anodamine, Inc.- one of the 2020 Rain Catcher Award Winners.

View this photo and others on the TWDB website [HERE](#)

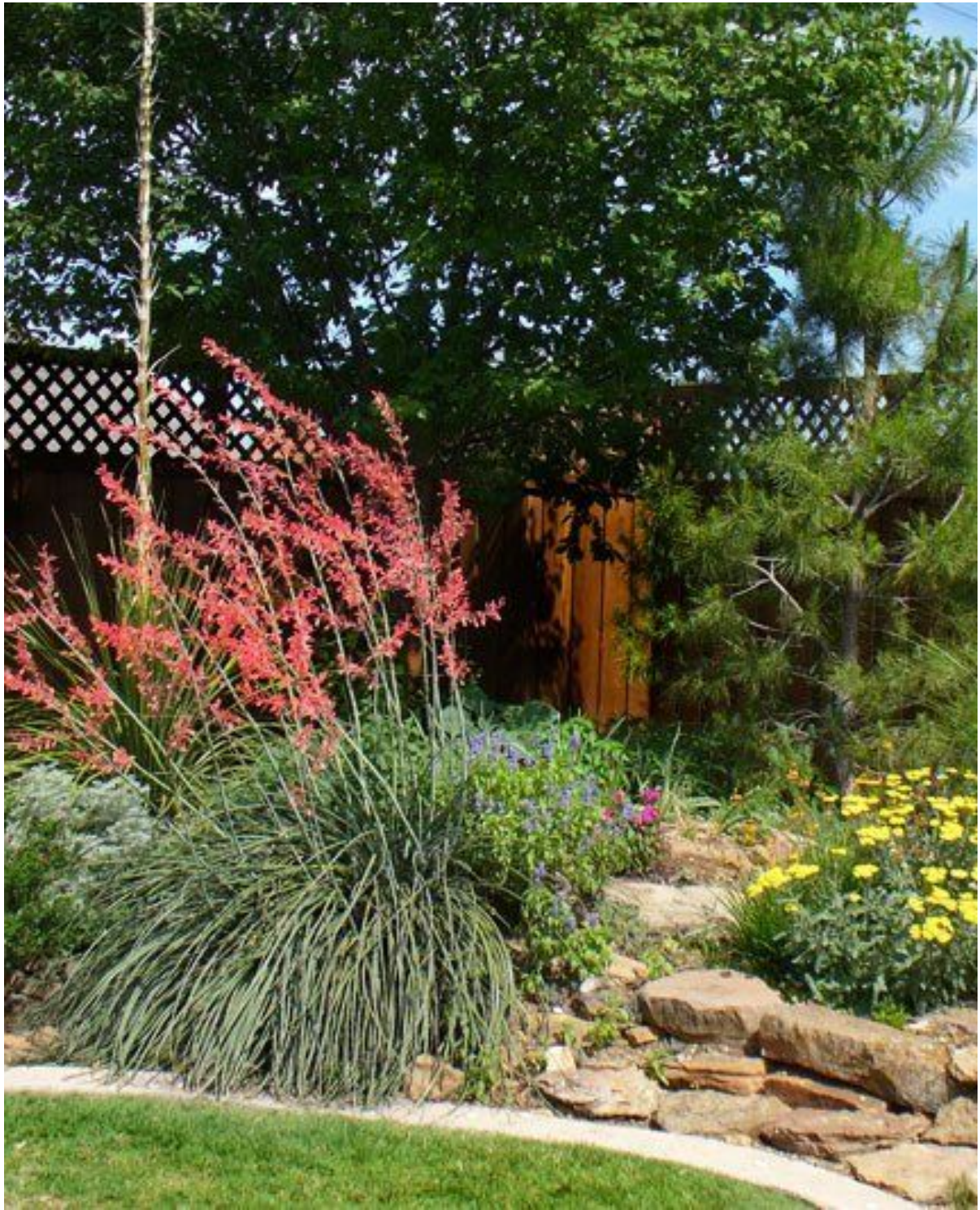
Native Plants for

Water-Wise Landscaping

Native plants are not only "low-maintenance", but they are also drought-tolerant and they typically perform well, even in extreme drought conditions, allowing you to create beautiful landscaping that helps conserve one of our most precious natural resources. Added bonus- they provide habitats and a food source for bees, butterflies and birds. Check out the Native Plant Society of Texas and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center for more information and a list of drought tolerant plants.

www.npsot.org

www.wildflower.org





4- H Water Ambassadors



The Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District was honored to host the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors for a presentation and well camera demonstration at the District office and nearby well. The District has been a signature sponsor of the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program since its inception in 2017. Each year 30 high school youth are selected to participate in a summer 4-H2O Leadership Academy (tour). Students travel throughout Texas to learn how water is collected, conveyed, treated, conserved and managed to meet the need of our economy and citizenry.

Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors



Talking Groundwater



The [Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts](#) (TAGD) hosts an annual meeting which brings together groundwater professionals from all over the State of Texas. In 2022 our General Manager, Mitchell Sodek, was interviewed along with other GCD managers at the Texas Groundwater Summit. The footage from those interviews was compiled to make this 6 minute video, available on YouTube. They discuss the value of groundwater, responsibilities of GCDs, and challenges facing GCD's.

Conservation Tip of the Month



Start simple Rainwater Harvesting with a few steps:

1. Acquire a food grade rain barrel & create an outlet for the water.
2. Position under a gutter downspout, or if you don't have gutters, you can position it under the valley of the roof where the two slopes meet.
3. Utilize the rainwater to water your yard, garden, plants, or other non-potable household water needs.

To learn more about techniques, uses, and larger systems, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension is a great resource.

<https://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu/rainwater-basics/>

Upcoming Events

June 19, 2024: District office closed in observance of Juneteenth.

June 20, 2024: 9:00 a.m. - Board Meeting and Permit Hearing at the District office. 225 S Pierce, Burnet TX

Have an idea, topic, or question you'd like to see featured in our newsletter? Email us at district@centraltexasgcd.org

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