

Hays Trinity GCD Manager's Report: May 2020

Since mid-March, the District's primary concern is the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The District is complying with state and local authorities in the effort to slow the spread of the virus by "social distancing" and other directives.

- On recommendation of the Governor, the District has closed its offices to visitors
- District has suspended all on-site well monitoring
- We will continue to work remotely, answer phones, and conduct the business of the District as we are practically able
- Staff has implemented a remote Board meeting platform that conforms to the Attorney General's temporary relaxation of the Open Meetings Act rules
- Our NOAV procedures are complicated and are best handled in person. For that reason, Staff recommends postponing that Board Meeting item until the next in-person Board meeting

HTGCD Assistant General Manager has resigned her position to take a position in the Groundwater Department at the Texas Water Development Board. The District has lost an excellent asset and wishes Kayla the best in her upward career path

Meetings

General Manager and/or Staff attended the following meetings on behalf of the District:

- May 4, GMA-9, Kerrville: Postponed
- May 4, Rule 15 Implementation vetting
- May 11, Permian Highway Pipeline: BSEACD, BPGCD
- May 12, Well Intel Dashboard demonstration
- May 13, SwTCGCD Board meeting
- May 13, Regional Water Planning assessment
- May 13, Dripping Springs Utility Commission: Cancelled
- May 14, USDA Reclamation webinar on grant opportunities for JWGMZ
- May 15, GET (Groundwater Evaluation Toolkit) Model demonstration
- May 15, Cyber security training

- May 18, USDA grant analysis discussion: EDF, BSEACD
- May 19, Site visit for report on murky water in well near PHP ROW
- May 20, *Standstill Agreement* signing: Kyle Dannhaus
- May 26, Cypress Creek Project
- May 27, Kayla Shearhart exit interview
- May 27, TAGD Business meeting
- May 28, TAGD live *Public Funds Investment Act* training webinar
- May 29, WaterSmart Grant development

Project progress report:

- **Staff Job Vacancy**
 - Office Administrator job description posted
- **November Elections**
 - HTGCD District 2 and 4 are up for election in November
 - Keaton Hoelscher is the Staff in charge of the process and is currently researching the District's requirements and assembling an election procedure packet.
- **Education and Outreach**
 - One press release and article printed in Wimberley View: May 14
 - Board authorized 20% Curtailment Stage in JWGMZ
 - Water quality well check
 - Website/Webpage updates
- **Cypress Creek Watershed Protection Program**
 - Charlie is on the Executive Committee with Linda Kaye Rogers as an alternate
 - Cypress Creek Yrs 4-6 Kickoff meeting with all executive stakeholders was held on 5/26/2020 to initiate the next phase of implementation including the District's JWGMZ implementation plan
- **Rule 13 Stakeholder Process preparation**
 - Standstill Agreement Board Approved and Signed
 - Calendar creation

- Invitation development
- Stakeholder contact verification
- Facilitator Research
- **JWGMZ – Rule 15 Jacobs Well GMZ Implementation**
 - Rule 15 Implementation Packet developed, vetted, and distributed to all permittees
 - *JWGMZ Support Committee*
 - *JWGMZ Implementation Plan Overview*
 - *JWGMZ Drought Curtailment Implementation Plan Requirements*
 - *JWGMZ Permit Amendment Procedure and Timeline*
 - *JWGMZ Drought Declaration, Notification, & Reporting Standard Operating Procedures*
 - *Definitions*
 - *Rule 15*
 - *Map of JWGMZ*
 - All Permittees have received personal explanations and been invited to review and respond before signing final documents
 - Staff has scheduled and begun meetings with all Tier 2 & 3 Permittees to discuss variables in drought curtailment charts and well disaggregation ratios
- **Form Updating Project**
 - Many **on-line forms** are very old, and inconsistent with our rules. We continue to work on the “*Reconciling on-line forms with current rules*” project.

2020 Well Registration & Water Connections:

- 13 New Well Registrations in May 2020 (all Domestic/Residential)
- 92 PWS Connections added in May 2020 (all single family residential)

May Drought Report:

As of May 29, our drought triggers at:

- Pedernales River at Johnson City and the Blanco River at Wimberley

are running above drought stage

- The Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (NOAA) shows No Drought conditions for all of Hays County
- Jacobs Well Spring 10-Day average discharge rate as of May 1, 2020 has improved to 24.77 CFS pulling the prescribed drought stage from 30% curtailment to 0% curtailment

Rain forecast from NOAA is average through August

Temperature forecast calls for above average temperatures through August

General Conservation Directives:

The District always wants to encourage the use of rainwater collection systems on all new homes, businesses, and on existing buildings. The District promotes proper brush management and re-establishing deep-rooted native grasses as a means of promoting infiltration into the aquifer. The District further promotes the use of surface water or other alternatives to groundwater in and around western Hays County.

We have expanded our educational materials on native plants, water conservation tips, and rainwater harvesting information for members of the public at the sign in sheet table.

The District encourages the public to view the District's educational videos available on the District's website.

Thank you!

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