

Upcoming Events:

Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District Brooks

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

At 9:30 A.M. Located at 732 W. Rice St.

Falfurrias, Texas 78355

Duval County Groundwater Conservation District

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

Tuesday, 30, 2023. At 6:00 P.M. located at 231 E.

Railroad Ave.

Benavides, Texas 78341

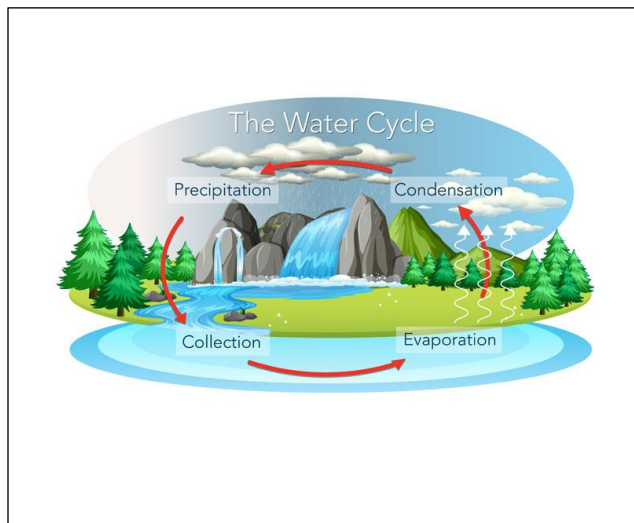
Kenedy Kleberg County Groundwater Conservation District

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023. At 9:30 A.M. located at 151

North Mallory St.

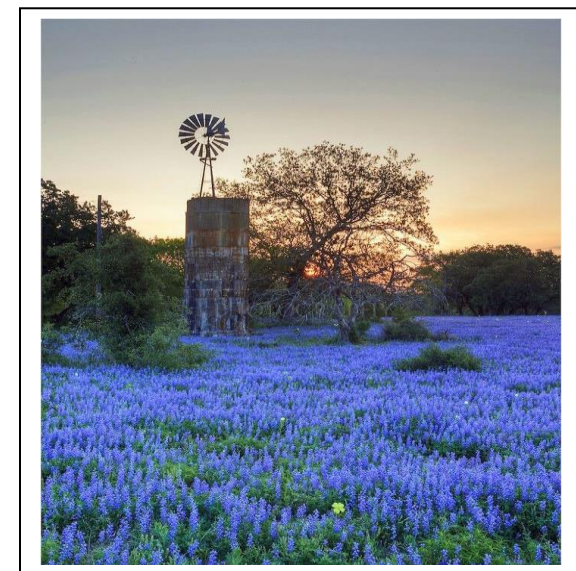
Sarita, Texas 78385



The Duval County Groundwater Conservation District is currently taking applications for their well plugging program. On January 23rd, 2018 the board hired a well plugging inspector and modified its rule amount not to exceed \$1,500 per well. Interested applicants may download applications from our web page at Duval GCD.com or may pick up applications at our office located at 231 East Railroad Avenue in Benavides.



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Water Well Owners Educational Event

TEXAS WELL OWNER NETWORK
RESOURCES HELP LANDOWNERS PROTECT GROUNDWATER

Sample Drop Off
Tuesday, May 23, 2023,
8:00–10:00 a.m.
Duval AgriLife Extension Office or Duval
Groundwater Conservation District

Educational Meeting
May 25, 2023
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Garza Ranch
11659 TX 339
Benavides

TEXAS WELL OWNER NETWORK PROGRAM
The Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) program is a free, educational training for Texas residents who depend on household wells for their water needs. TWON is for private well owners who want to become familiar with groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, well maintenance, water quality and water treatment. Private well owners are independently responsible for monitoring the quality of their wells. Essentially, they are the operators of their own water system and are responsible for ensuring that their water is safe.

BRING YOUR WELL WATER SAMPLES!
Well owners should bring water samples Tuesday, May 23 to be screened for nitrate-nitrogen, total dissolved solids (TDS) and *E. coli* bacteria. Pick up approved sample containers with instructions at your local County AgriLife Extension office, Duval AgriLife Extension, 131 West Main Street in Benavides or the Duval County Groundwater Conservation District office, 231 East Railroad Ave, in Benavides.

Drop samples at the same location where testing materials were picked up.
Samples are due on Tuesday, May 23 by 10:00 a.m. There is no cost for this screening.

Pre-register by contacting Joel Pigg
Phone: 979-845-1461
Email: j-pigg@tamu.edu

TWON
TEXAS
Well Owner
NETWORK

TEXAS A&M
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TEXAS STATE
Soil & Water
CONSERVATION BOARD

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Funding for the Texas Well Owner Network is through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source grant provided by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The project is managed by the Texas Water Resources Institute, part of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

District Information: The district is a groundwater conservation district created under and essential to accomplish the purpose of Section 59, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution. It was created as a part of S.B. No 1847 passed by the Texas legislature in May of 2005 the district encompasses all of Duval County and is located within Groundwater Management Area 16 and Regional Water planning Group

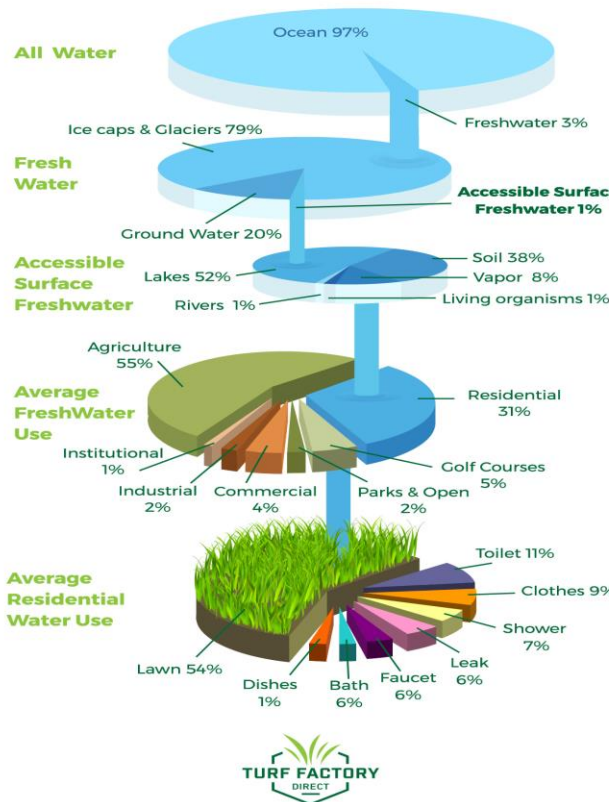
Amended Rule on Well Plugging Program:

Allows an assignment of rights to allow applicants easier access and eligibility into participation. For more information and details please contact the office.



The purpose of the district, as per Texas water code 36, Section 36.00.15, is to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging and prevention of waste of groundwater and of groundwater reservoirs or their subdivisions and to control subsidence caused by the withdrawal of water from those reservoirs. It has an obligation under Texas Water Code 36.107 to develop a groundwater management plan that will state how the district will meet that purpose. Under Texas Water Code 36C Section 36.101, the District has the authority to adopt and enforce rules that the district feels are needed to carry out that purpose.

Where does water come from and where does it go?



The Duval County Groundwater Conservation District is currently taking applications for their water well testing pilot program. Interested applicants should contact general manager Jorge (George) L. Gonzalez for more details or visit at our office located at 231 East Railroad Avenue in Benavides.