

Protect and Conserve and Prevent Waste of Groundwater

Our mission at Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District (MPGCD) is to develop and implement an efficient, economical and environmentally sound groundwater management program to protect, maintain and enhance the groundwater resources of the District, and to communicate and administer to the needs and concerns of the citizens of Pecos County associated with these groundwater resources.

We have an 11-member Board of Directors that is elected by the citizens of Pecos County. There are two directors representing each county precinct, one representing the City of Fort Stockton, one representing the City of Iraan, and one representing Pecos County at large. Your current Directors are: Jerry McQuairt, Janet Groth, Weldon Blackwelder, Puja Boinpally, Vanessa Cardwell, Allan Childs, Jr., Ronnie Cooper, Larry Drgac, M. R. Gonzalez, Alvaro Mandujano, Jr., and Jeff Sims.

In keeping an eye on Pecos County groundwater, we monitor 125 water wells that are scattered throughout Pecos County. We check water quality analysis and depth of water levels throughout the county.

The public is invited to join us at our monthly Board Meetings that are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at our office located at 405 North Spring Drive in Fort Stockton, TX. Our agendas are posted on our website 72 hours before our meetings and can be reviewed on our website: <https://www.middlepecosgcd.org/>. or our facebook page: Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District.

MPGCD requires water well owners to register their well(s) with the District. A non-potable analysis can be provided by the District at no cost. MPGCD can carry out the overall responsibility of protecting our water supply by knowing where and how many wells we have in Pecos County. Examples of protection are oil/gas activity, excessive water production, monitoring water levels/analysis, and contamination.

Our office is willing to discuss any concerns, issues, etc., pertaining to our most precious natural resource – GROUNDWATER. You may contact us at 432-336-0698 or come by 405 North Spring Drive, Fort Stockton, Texas.

Efforts to Control and Prevent Waste of Groundwater and Promote Conservation

To promote conservation and prevent waste of groundwater related to agricultural, the following are the best management practices as stated by the Texas Water Development Board Conservation Division: * Irrigation water use management - irrigation scheduling, measurement of irrigation water use, crop residue management and conservation tillage, irrigation audit; * land management systems – furrow dikes, land leveling, contour farming, conversion of supplemental irrigated farm land to dry land, brush management; * on-farm water delivery systems – lining of on-farm irrigation ditches, replacement of on-farm irrigation ditches and pipelines, low-pressure center pivot sprinkler irrigation systems, drip/micro-irrigation systems, gated and flexible pipe for field water distribution systems, surge flow for field water distribution systems, and linear move sprinkler irrigation systems; * Water district delivery systems – lining of district delivery systems, replacement of irrigation district canals and lateral canals with pipelines; * Miscellaneous systems – tailwater recovery and reuse system, nursery production systems.

Other ways to promote conservation and prevent waste of groundwater: Sweep rather than hose driveways and other areas; use drip irrigation rather than spray irrigation; wash your car at a car wash; downsize your lawn area and/or Xeriscape; irrigate during the coolest part of the day; never water on windy days; protect plants with mulch and compost to reduce water loss; install low flow shower heads; insulate hot water pipes; reduce showering time; operate dishwasher and washing machine on full loads; install an aerator on kitchen faucet; and turn the water off while brushing teeth and on to rinse. If you see signs of contaminating substances on the surface, remember it could end up contaminating the water source below, so please report to us if you find signs of contamination that need to be checked out.