



# PANHANDLE WATER NEWS

OCTOBER 2021

## BIENNIAL SYMPOSIUM DATE SET

### SAVE THE DATE

## 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial WATER CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 • Amarillo Civic Center • North Exhibit Hall  
For more information call or email: 806.883.2501 • [britney@pgcd.us](mailto:britney@pgcd.us) or [aedgar@pgcd.us](mailto:aedgar@pgcd.us)  
To Register Visit [www.pgcd.us/2022-water-conservation-symposium](http://www.pgcd.us/2022-water-conservation-symposium)



## PGCD BOARD SET RULES HEARING FOR DECEMBER

The Panhandle Groundwater District's Board of Director's voted to set a Rules Public Hearing on **District Rule 3.3 (e)** on **December 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**

The Board has been reviewing the District's Rules over the past several months and is committed to working with all water users as we move forward together. The main rule changes proposed for December 7 are moving from a 3 to a 4-year rolling average on production for compliance and adding clarifying statutory language from Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. A full draft copy of the proposed rule can be viewed at <https://www.pgcd.us/rules>. If there are any questions or concerns, please call the District office at 806-883-2501.

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### POINTS OF INTEREST

Rules Hearing Set for Tuesday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m.

C.E. Williams Retires after 31 Years

Education Program in Full Swing

Britney Britten Hired as new General Manager

# RETIREMENT OF C.E. WILLIAMS

The District announced that General Manger, C.E. Williams, retired effective October 1, 2021.

Williams was hired as General Manager in 1990, and has been an active member and leader in many organizations including The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD). He served as TAGD President from 1996-1998, and was awarded an Honorary Membership to the Alliance on August 31, 2021.

"C.E. did an incredible job making our District recognized all over Texas. His work regarding our rules and procedures was modeled by many other groundwater Districts throughout the state", said Jim Thompson, Board of Director's President.

Join us in wishing C.E. a happy retirement.



# FALL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PGCD's Education Program is in full swing. Aspen Edgar, Public Relations and Education Director, has presented to approximately 690 students from 21 different schools in the Panhandle since September 1, 2021.

Edgar promotes water conservation knowledge by incorporating interactive games into her presentations.

"I think it's very important that students are engaged during presentations. The tools they are learning now will mold them into being good stewards of water for the rest of their lives", said Edgar.

To schedule programming at your school, contact Aspen Edgar at 806-883-2501 or [aedgar@pgcd.us](mailto:aedgar@pgcd.us)



# BRITNEY BRITTEN HIRED AS GENERAL MANAGER

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District announced that Britney Britten, the District's Assistant General Manager, is now the General Manager, effective October 1, 2021.

Britten was hired in 2015 as the Public Relations and Education Director until transitioning into her most recent position as the Assistant General Manager.

"Britney is an incredible asset to the District. She has shown an undoubted ability to handle many projects regarding rules and regulations, biennial symposiums, water level depletion and meter implementation. We are excited to see the big things she and her team will accomplish in the upcoming years", said Jim Thompson, Board of Director's President.



Left: Britney Britten, Right: Aspen Edgar

## NEW HIRE

The District hired Aspen Edgar as the Public Relations and Education Director. Originally from Claude, Texas, Edgar holds a Bachelor's degree in Advertising and Public Relations from West Texas A&M University.

Edgar has experience as an Education and Communications Manager and is excited to share her knowledge with PGCD.

## TAX RATE UPDATE

During the August 18 Board Meeting, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's Board of Directors approved the 2021-2022 tax rate. As required, the District placed proper notices in newspapers and online. PGCD received no public comment regarding the tax rate.

Directors voted to keep the tax rate the same as last year at \$0.010200 per \$100 of taxable valuation. All funds will be used to fund the District's general operations.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Next Board Meeting and Public Hearing is set for December 7 at 9:00 a.m.
- Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show is Tuesday, November 30 through Thursday, December 2.
- 6th Biennial Symposium date set for Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

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## AG LOANS AVAILABLE

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is accepting loan applications from District producers for center pivot sprinklers, drip irrigation systems, soil moisture probes, and other water-saving equipment. The loan is available to producers at an interest rate of 1.08 percent with an eight year payback term. Approximate funds available are \$1,000,000. For more information about our ag loan program contact Katie Hodges at the District office at 806-883-2501.