

PANHANDLE WATER NEWS

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2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE TO VIEW ONLINE



PGCD's 2021-2022 Annual Report is now available online at www.pgcd.us/annual-reports. Each year the District has a set plan of goals and objectives that must be completed. The Annual Report serves as an outline for these goals.

Each objective is listed as well as marked Complete or Incomplete. PGCD is proud to show the District's constituents our accomplishments throughout the year, as well as the areas we would like to improve. For questions regarding the Annual Report, please call 806-883-2501.

**PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

"Conserving Water For Future Generations"

POINTS OF INTEREST

PGCD Scholarship Reminder

Water Level Measurements in Progress

PGCD History

Grants Available for RMS Systems

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PGCD SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District established its scholarship program in 2002 and has since given away \$180,000 to graduating District students. First place is awarded a \$4,000 scholarship, second place receives \$3,000 and third place \$2,000. Each scholarship amount is broken up and paid out over four years.

Graduating seniors from the District (Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Potter, Rogers, and Wheeler counties) are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Applications will be accepted through **Friday, March 10th, 2023**. Applicants must write a 500-1,000 word essay on the topic chosen by the District. Recipients are required to enroll as a full-time student, attend college the fall semester immediately following selection and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA at the college of their selection.

The 2023 essay topic is:

How many ways do we rely on water in our community? Consider municipal, agricultural, and industrial uses.

Please note, we are no longer using Amarillo Area Foundation's website to filter our applications. Please help us pass the information along to your students. To see an electronic application, visit our website at www.pgdc.us/pgcd-scholarship. Please email your completed application to aedgarepgcd.us, or mail it to P.O. Box 637 White Deer, TX 79097.



PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS

Each year Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District takes measurements on a network of 800+ wells throughout the District to determine yearly aquifer changes in water levels. The measurements are taken not only to determine the water level in the aquifer, but also to collect data, provide information for our 50/50 goal, contribute to our saturated thickness map and future planning. The measurements are taken during the winter months when demands for irrigation are lower so that a more representative static water level can be obtained.

Our Field Technicians began water level measurements in November and will finish in the next couple months. The measurements taken will be made available in our July 2023 Newsletter. If you have any questions, please call the office for assistance at 806-883-2501.

PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HISTORY



Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District was created by legislature in 1955, and it began operating on 1956 in portions of Gray, Carson, Potter and Armstrong counties. Elections were held in 1988, 1991, 1994, 1997, and 2000 to annex the remaining portions of the District within the present boundaries.

The District is governed by 9 Board of Directors who all reside within their respectable precincts. Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) cover nearly 70 percent of the area of the state. There are 60 single-county GCDs in Texas. PGCD is one of 38 Districts that cover more than one county.

TWDB AWARDS GRANT FOR TELEMETRY SYSTEMS

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) has received grant funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to help local producers purchase telemetry systems for their center pivots.

TWDB will provide a 50/50 cost share with producers interested in participating in the program. Due to limited funds, producers will only be allowed one system per calendar year and the program will be run on a first come first serve basis. For more information, please reach out to Meter Specialist, Jake Robinson at 806-883-2501, or email at, jrobinson@pgcd.us

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Next Board Meeting is set for Thursday, February 9th.
- Deadline for Scholarship Application submissions is Friday, March 10th.
- Stewarding Our Aquifer Field Day is on Wednesday, February 8th.
- Candidate filing for election dates are: 1.18.23 through 2.17.23
- PGCD Board of Elections on May 6th, 2023
*Unless all incumbents run unopposed

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STEWARDING OUR AQUIFER FIELD DAY

Ogallala Commons is hosting a "Stewarding our Aquifer Field Day" on Wednesday, February 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Board Room in Amarillo. This event is for City managers, municipal planning, public works directors, county judges, regional water planners, regional flood planners, groundwater conservation districts, educators and students at universities and community colleges, farmers, ranchers, agency personnel, and the interested public. Please scan the QR Code below for registration information.

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