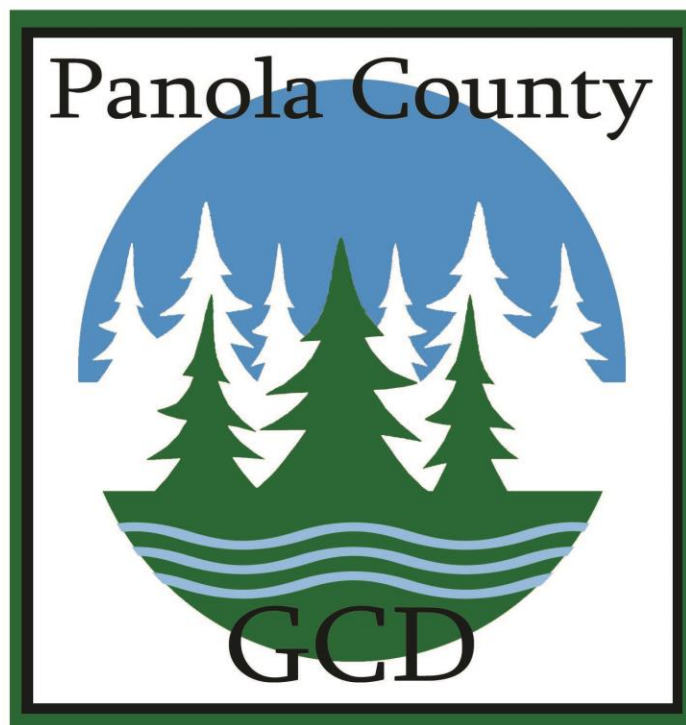


Panola County Groundwater Conservation District



Annual Report 2009

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Introduction

CREATION

The Panola County Groundwater Conservation District was created by the 80th Texas Legislature and the citizens of Panola County in 2007. The district opened it's doors for business in January of 2008.

MISSION

It is the District's mission to preserve and protect the groundwater resources of Panola County. The District will accomplish this mission by working to minimize the drawdown of the groundwater levels, prevent the waste of groundwater and reduce the degradation of the quality of the groundwater located in the Panola County area.

AUTHORITY

The District has the authority and duties given to Groundwater Conservation District's by Texas Water Code Chapter 36, 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 356, and the District's enabling act. The District exercises the authority it has been granted to preserve and protect the groundwater resources of Panola County through the adoption and implementation of rules for the District.

Introduction Continued

DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors consists of nine members who are elected by the voters of Panola County. The District utilizes the same four precinct boundaries which are used for the Panola County Commissioners when filling eight of the District's director positions. One director position for the District is elected at-large from Panola County. Elections are held in May of each even-numbered years. The directors of the District each are elected to a four –year term and a director may serve consecutive terms.

LOCATION AND EXTENT

The boundaries of the District are the same as Panola County. This area encompasses approximately 801 square miles (approximately 512,640 acres). The District is bounded by Harrison County to the north, Gregg and Rusk Counties to the west, Shelby County to the south, and the State of Louisiana to the east.



Board of Directors and Staff

DIRECTORS

Clayton LaGrone, President.....Precinct Four
James Browning, Vice-President.....Precinct Two
Larry Dorman, Secretary.....Precinct Two
Jim Payne, Treasurer.....At-Large
Danny Reed, Director.....Precinct One
Mike Pennington, Director.....Precinct One
Al Clay, Director.....Precinct Three
Earnestine Roberson, Director.....Precinct Three
Larry McMillan, Director.....Precinct Four

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Management Plan Requirements

The District Management Plan identifies the goals and objectives of the District and provides performance standards and tracking methods to measure the District's effectiveness in meeting these goals. The District goals are mandated by Texas Water Code Chapter 36 in Section 36.1071. Although all groundwater conservation districts are subject to these goals, each district chooses how to best implement the goals within their district by establishing their own objectives and performance standards. The District goals are as follows:

- A. providing the most efficient use of groundwater
- B. controlling and preventing waste of groundwater
- C. addressing conjunctive surface water management issues
- D. addressing natural resource issues which impact the use and availability of groundwater, and which are impacted by the use of groundwater
- E. addressing drought conditions
- F. addressing conservation, recharge enhancement, rainwater harvesting, precipitation enhancement, or brush control, where appropriate and cost effective

The following is a summary of the District's activities related to these goals.

A. Providing the Most Efficient Use of Groundwater

Objectives A.1 and A.2: Registration & Permitting of Wells.

A.1

The District Management Plan requires that the District will require the registration of all wells within the District's boundaries each year.

Summary of Actions:

1. Well Registration.

The District adopted its Temporary Rules which requires the registration of wells, on January 20, 2009. The District began accepting well registration forms in June of 2009. During the calendar year of 2009, 856 wells were registered. Of those registered wells, 671 were exempt and 31 were non-exempt. A total of 133 wells were reported not in use and 21 wells have not been identified as any of the above.

A. Providing the Most Efficient Use of Groundwater

Objective A.2 continued.

Summary of Actions:

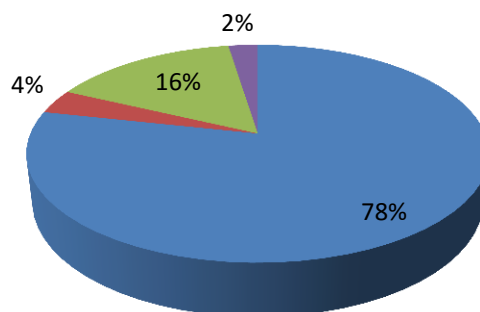
1. Well Permitting.

The District had not yet adopted its Permanent Rules and was still operating under Temporary Rules. The Temp rules did not require the permitting of wells, therefore which did not , no permits were granted in calendar year 2009.

The charts below summarize the well registration activity through December 31, 2009.

Wells Registered in 2009

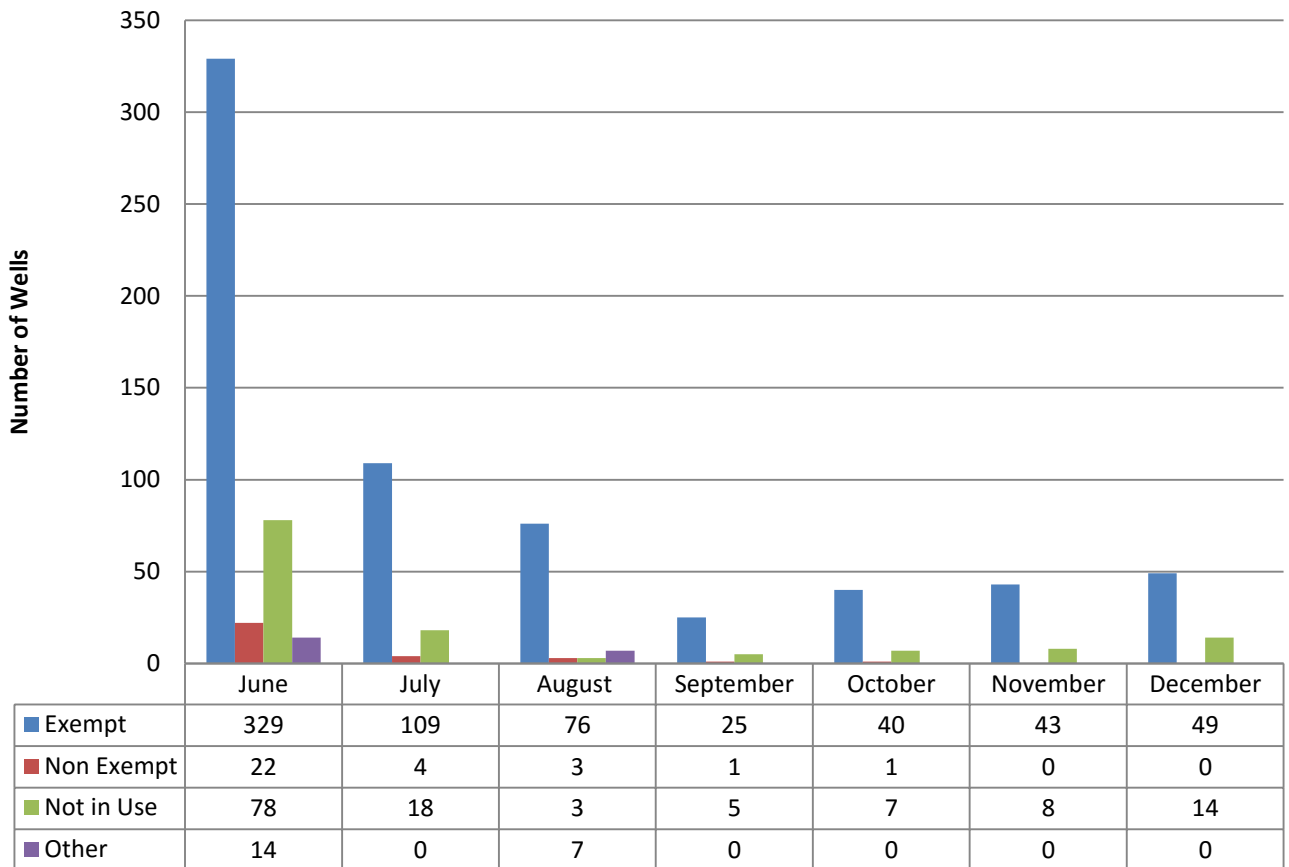
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A. Providing the Most Efficient Use of Groundwater

Objective A.2 continued.

Registered Wells 2009



B. Controlling and Preventing Waste of Groundwater

Objectives B.1 and B.2: Educational Information and Rules Evaluation.

B.1

The District's Management Plan requires the dissemination of educational information on eliminating and reducing the wasteful use of groundwater.

Summary of Actions:

1. Informational Booth and Educational Brochures.

In October of 2009, the District participated in the Panola County Oil and Gas Blast. The General Manager was available to answer questions and to distribute informative brochures. At the close of the event, the District had distributed over 100 brochures, 200 pens, and 300 color changing cups.

B. Controlling and Preventing Waste of Groundwater

Objective B.1 continued.

2. Provide Information on the District's Web Site.

The District's web site contains links to a number of useful websites pertaining to the elimination, reduction, and prevention of the waste of groundwater. (See exhibit A) The web site also contains a specific section devoted to the significance of abandoned wells and well plugging. The web site is located at www.pcgcd.org. (See exhibit B)

B.2

The District's Management Plan requires the District to make an annual evaluation of its Rules to determine whether any amendments are necessary to facilitate prevention of waste of the groundwater within District boundaries.

Summary of Actions:

B. Controlling and Preventing Waste of Groundwater

Objective B.2 continued.

1. Annual Assessment of Rules.

The District adopted their Temporary Rules on January 20, 2009. The Temporary Rules have been continually reviewed for needed changes prior to adoption of Permanent Rules. The District anticipates the adoption of the Permanent Rules sometime in 2010.

C. Addressing Conjunctive Surface Water Management Issues

Objectives C.1 : Regional Planning Participation

C.1

The District's Management Plan requires the District to participate in the regional planning process by sending a representative to attend at least one meeting of the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region I) each fiscal year.

Summary of Actions:

1. Region I.

President Clayton LaGrone attended the July 8, 2009 East Texas Regional Water Planning Group meeting held in Nacogdoches, Texas. (See exhibit C)

D. Addressing Natural Resource Issues which Impact the Use and Availability of Groundwater, and which are Impacted by the Use of Groundwater

Objectives D.1 : Monitoring Water Levels

D.1

The District's Management Plan requires the District to monitor water-levels within District boundaries on an annual basis by measuring the water level of at least 5 wells.

Summary of Actions:

1. Well Monitoring Network.

Well monitoring duties fall under the responsibility of the Field Technician. As of the end of the 2009 calendar year, the District was operating with only a General Manager and an Office Manager. The District anticipates hiring a Field Technician sometime in 2010. The District is currently looking into potential wells for a well monitoring network. This program is to be established shortly after a Field Technician is hired.

E. Addressing Drought Conditions

Objectives E.1 : Drought Conditions

E.1

The District's Management Plan requires the District to download at least one updated Palmer Drought Severity Index ("PDSI") map each month and will check for the regular updates to the Drought Preparedness Council Situation Report ("Situation Report").

Summary of Actions:

1. "PDSI" and "Situation Reports".

Both the "PDSI" and "Situation Reports" can be found in the appendix of this document. (See exhibits D and E)

F. Addressing Conservation, Recharge Enhancement, Rainwater Harvesting, Precipitation Enhancement, or Brush Control, Where Appropriate and Cost Effective

Objectives F.1, F.2, and F.3 : Conservation Promotion, Recharge Enhancement, and Rainwater Harvesting

F.1

The District's Management Plan requires the District to promote conservation at least once during each year.

Summary of Actions:

1. Groundwater Conservation Promotion.

The District began working with the Carthage Independent School District to add the "Major Rivers" program to the fourth and fifth grade curriculum. In December of 2009 the Board moved and approved the purchase of the supplies for the "Major Rivers" program for CISD. The program will be incorporated into the curriculum to begin in Fall of 2010.

F. Addressing Conservation, Recharge Enhancement, Rainwater Harvesting, Precipitation Enhancement, or Brush Control, Where Appropriate and Cost Effective

Objective F.1 continued.

2. Fun for Kids.

The District web site contains a link to a site created specifically for children between kindergarten through twelfth grade. The site is maintained by the Texas Water Development Board and is a trusted source for water conservation. The site is located at <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/kids/index.htm>

F. Addressing Conservation, Recharge Enhancement, Rainwater Harvesting, Precipitation Enhancement, or Brush Control, Where Appropriate and Cost Effective

Objective F.1 continued.

3. Newspaper Articles.

Board President, Clayton LaGrone had an article published on May 29, 2009 in The Panola Watchman. (See exhibit F) The following is a link to the article.

<http://www.panolawatchman.com/default.asp?sourceid=&smenu=94&twindow=&mad=&sdetail=9890&wpage=1&skeyword=&sidate=&ccat=&ccatm=&restate=&restatus=&reoption=&retype=&repmin=&repmax=&rebed=&rebath=&surname=&pform=&sc=2100&hn=panolawatchman&he=.com#>

F. Addressing Conservation, Recharge Enhancement, Rainwater Harvesting, Precipitation Enhancement, or Brush Control, Where Appropriate and Cost Effective

F.2

The District's Management Plan requires the District to provide information relating to recharge enhancement on the District web site at least one time each year.

Summary of Actions:

1. Recharge Enhancement.

This goal is presently not applicable or cost effective and is therefore not applicable to the district at this time.

F. Addressing Conservation, Recharge Enhancement, Rainwater Harvesting, Precipitation Enhancement, or Brush Control, Where Appropriate and Cost Effective

F.3

The District's Management Plan requires the District to advocate rainwater harvesting each year by providing updated information about rainwater harvesting on the District web site at least one each year.

Summary of Actions:

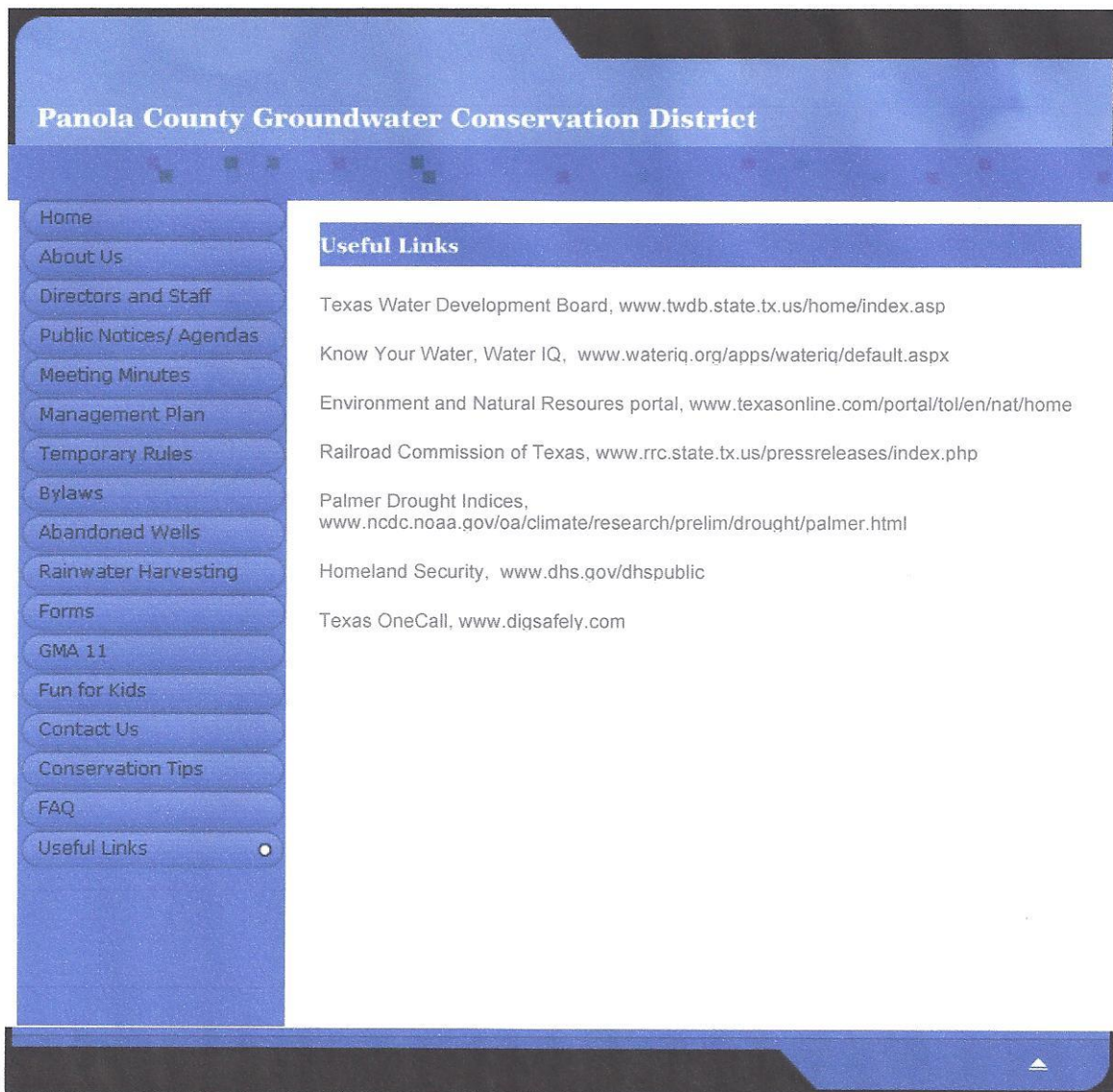
1. Rainwater Harvesting.

The District web site contains a link to the "Texas Manual on Rainwater Harvesting". This manual is provided by the Texas Water Development Board at no charge. It is available for download at

http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/publications/reports/RainwaterHarvestingManual_3rdedition.pdf

Appendix

Exhibit A



Appendix

Exhibit B

Panola County Groundwater Conservation District

- Home
- About Us
- Directors and Staff
- Public Notices/ Agendas
- Meeting Minutes
- Management Plan
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- Conservation Tips
- FAQ

Abandoned Wells

Abandoned water wells pose a hazard, as well as a potential source of contamination for groundwater. If you have an abandoned well on your property, you should take steps to plug or fill in the well to prevent accidents from occurring. Landowners can fill shallow water wells their selves by following the proper guidelines. In some cases, the county may help a landowner to fill in these wells. Counties are naturally reluctant to come on private land where their equipment may damage water or sewer lines. However, if you have an abandoned well contact your commissioner or the groundwater conservation district office and see if they can help if you do not have the means to do so yourself.

Groundwater Districts are encouraging the State to make available more money to assist landowners in filling and plugging abandoned wells. A deep water well can be plugged by removing the casing if possible and cementing and/or using bentonite clay to fill the penetration to the surface, from the bottom up. Contact the PCGCD District office if you have any questions about abandoned water wells.

An abandoned well is a direct conduit from the surface to the aquifer below. Contaminants that enter the well are introduced directly into the aquifer with no opportunity for natural filtration by soils or geologic materials. If a contamination incident occurs with a concentrated chemical, the potential for health threatening levels in the underlying aquifer is high. This puts other wells in the aquifer at risk, particularly those wells on the same property or those that are close to the abandoned well. Just one gallon of 2,4-D herbicide can contaminate about three to four million gallons of water. In terms of groundwater, approximately that much water would be held in the upper three feet of an aquifer over a 20-acre area.

A well open to more than one aquifer will allow water to migrate out of a zone with higher pressure head and enter a zone with lower pressure head. In many areas of Texas, deep aquifers are under high pressures and are extremely salty. When the casing from a high pressure well deteriorates and the well is abandoned without proper plugging, continual upward flow of salty water from the deeper aquifer will cause contamination of the shallow, freshwater aquifer. Also, any pollutants that occur in one zone can migrate to another zone through the well.

Appendix

Exhibit C



**Region I
East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
AGENDA**

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

**Nacogdoches Recreation Center
1112 North Street
Nacogdoches, TX**

1. Call to order - Kelley Holcomb, Chairman
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
4. Consideration and approval of the minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting
5. Report from City of Nacogdoches - Lila Fuller
6. Reports of adjoining regions activity (only as needed)
 - A. Region C - Mike Harbordt/Connie Standbridge
 - B. Region D - Worth Whitehead/Mindy Rabicoff
 - C. Region H - David Alders/Steve Tyler
7. Reports from Standing Committees (only as needed)
 - A. Executive Committee - Kelley Holcomb
 - B. Finance Committee - Darla Smith
 - C. Bylaws Committee - David Alders
 - D. Technical Committee - Mike Harbordt
 - E. Nominations Committee - George Campbell
8. Reports from other state agencies
 - A. Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife - Terry Stelly
 - B. Texas Department of Agriculture - Linda Parker
9. Report from Texas Water Development Board staff - Temple McKinnon
10. Report from consultant team - Rex Hunt/Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.
 - A. Discussion on Chapters 4, 5 and 6
11. Educational Presentation - Legislative Update - Temple McKinnon
12. Public Comment (limited to three minutes)
13. Unfinished Business - None
14. New Business
 - A. Consideration and Approval of Population and Water Demand Revisions for 2011 Region I Water Plan - Rex Hunt
 - B. Consideration and Approval of Draft Chapter 1-
 - C. Consideration and Approval of Draft Chapter 2 - Rex Hunt
 - D. Consideration and Approval of Draft Chapter 3 - Rex Hunt
 - E. Consideration and Approval of Methodology for adopting Management Strategies and Alternative Management Strategies 2011 Region I Water Plan - Rex
 - F. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Methodology for and/or Recommendation of Unique Reservoir Sites - Rex Hunt
 - G. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Methodology for and/or Recommendation of Unique Stream Segments - Rex Hunt
 - H. Consideration and Possible approval of FY 2010 Annual Budget.
15. Chairman's Report
16. General discussion
Proposed dates for future meetings: October 7, 2009
17. Adjourn

Lila Fuller, Administrative Contact
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Phone: 936-559-2504 Fax: 936-559-2912

Appendix

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP "I"
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.
Nacogdoches Recreation Center
1112 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas

1. Call to Order – Chair Kelley Holcomb called the regular meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance –Kelley Holcomb led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. David Alders gave the invocation.
3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum –The roll was called by Lila Fuller and a quorum was determined as follows:

Voting Members Present (16 of 23)

Kelley Holcomb
David Alders
Jeff Branick
David Brock
George P. Campbell
Josh David
Scott Hall
Mike Harbordt
Bill Kimbrough
Glenda Kindle
Duke Lyons
Monty Shank
Darla Smith
Worth Whitehead
John Windham
J. Leon Young

Voting Members Absent (6)

Jerry Clark
Ernest Mosby
Chris Davis
William Heugel
Hermon Reed
Dale R. Peddy

Proxies:

Kelley Holcomb for Jerry Clark
Monty Shank for Chris Davis
Darla Smith for William Heugel

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Non-Voting Members Present:

Walter Glenn, SETGCD

Governmental Reporting Agencies Present:

Temple McKinnon, Texas Water Development Board

Terry D. Stelly, Texas Parks and Wildlife-CF

Other Guests Present:

Rex Hunt, Alan Plummer Associates, Project Consultant

Lauren Gonzalez, APAI

Simone Kiel, Freese and Nichols, Inc.

James Beach, LBG-Guyton Associates

John Martin, Southeast Texas GCD

Phil Yocom, Toledo Chronicle

Brice Clements, City of Nacogdoches

J. Clayton LaGrove

Bill Jacobs

Gary Graham, GE Walker & Assoc.

Mary C. Decker

Terry D. McFall

D. Qualls

Billy D. Sims

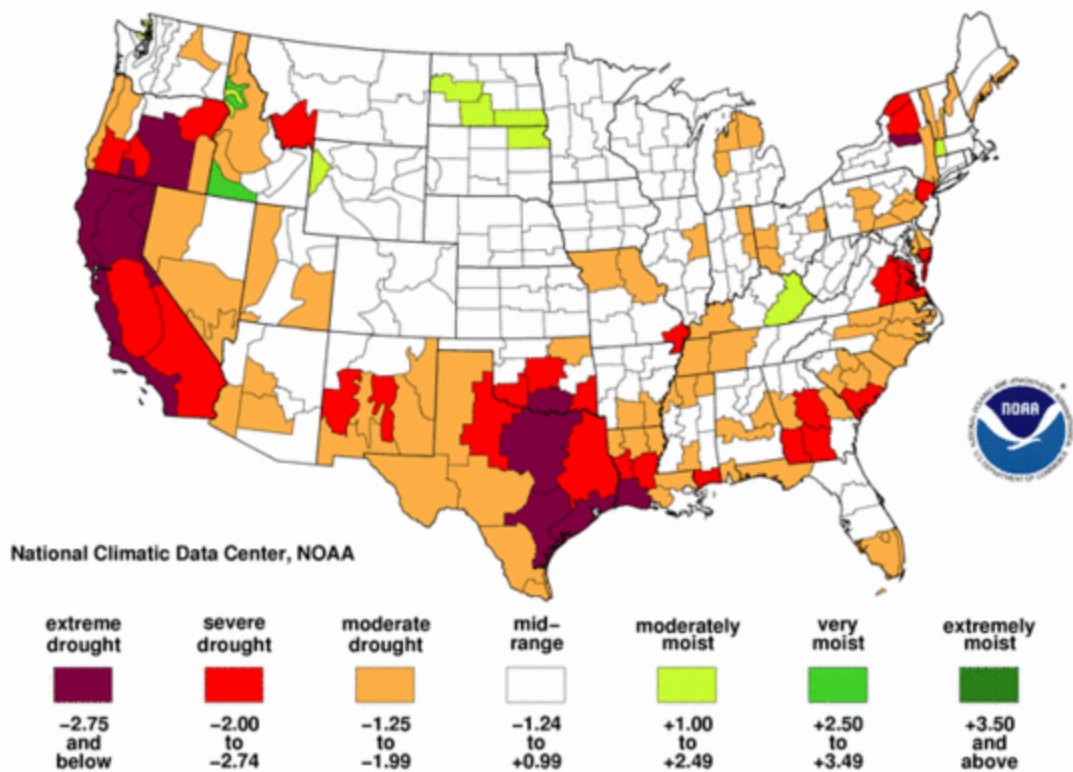
Jimmi Cooley

4. **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes for the April 8, 2009 meeting.** Chair Kelley Holcomb referenced the minutes in the packet. Glenda Kindle moved to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by George Campbell and unanimously passed.
5. **Report from City of Nacogdoches** – Lila Fuller presented those in attendance with a Membership Directory. Ms. Fuller also directed the membership to the most recent newsletter and stated that a distribution list was being developed and the newsletter would be emailed to as many individuals as possible to save costs. She asked that if anyone knew of someone that would benefit from the newsletter, to notify her. Ms. Fuller also stated Region I had obtained a bulk mail permit that would result in a 59% cost savings on the large mailings required through the grant, as well as on the newsletter.
6. **Reports from adjoining regions activity:**
 - A. **Region C** – Mike Harbordt stated Region C was forming three new GWDs in their region. He stated there were concerns with cost estimates for infrastructure and discussed some of the concerns. He stated the next meeting would be held in September.
 - B. **Region D** – Worth Whitehead stated there was a public hearing held regarding Lake Marvin Nichols where approximately 40 people spoke against the proposed lake. Mr. Whitehead stated population adjustments for water demands were made in preparation for their plan update.

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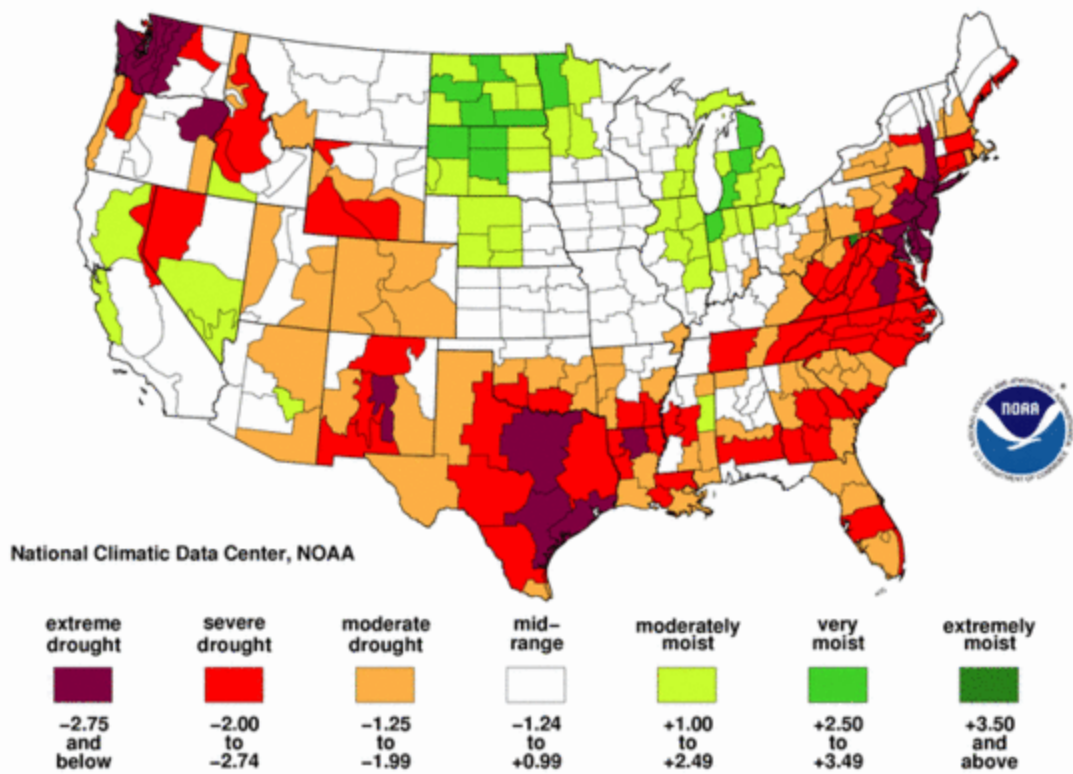
Exhibit D Palmer Drought Severity Index

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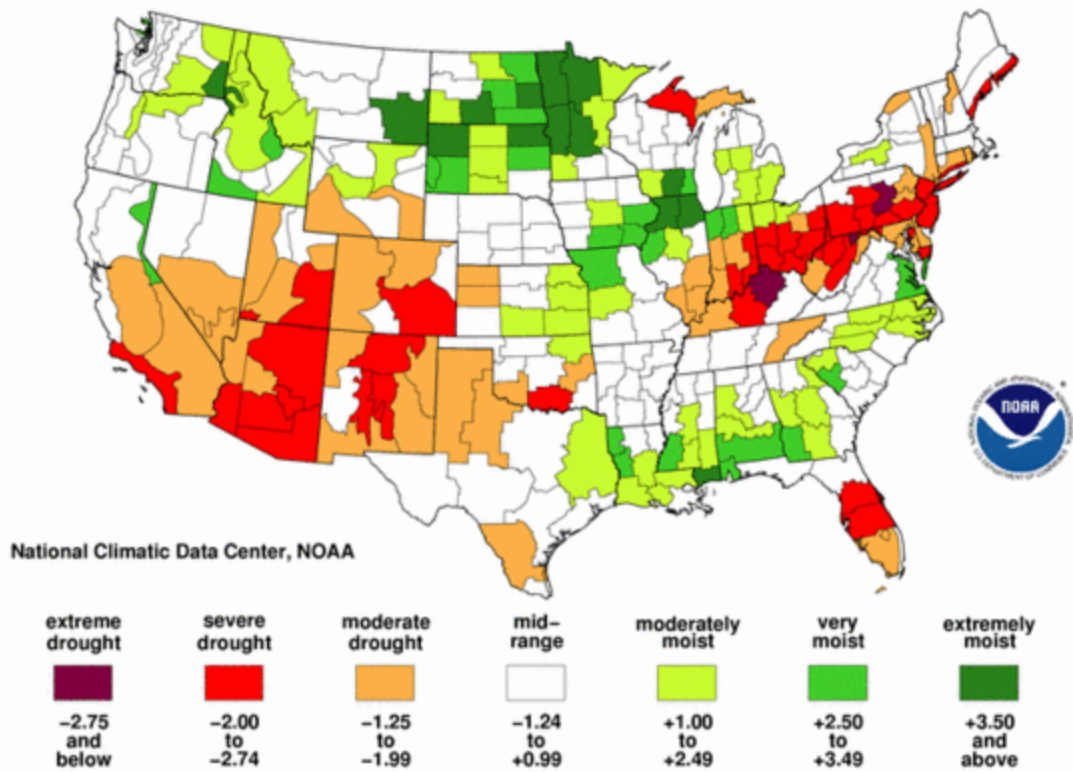
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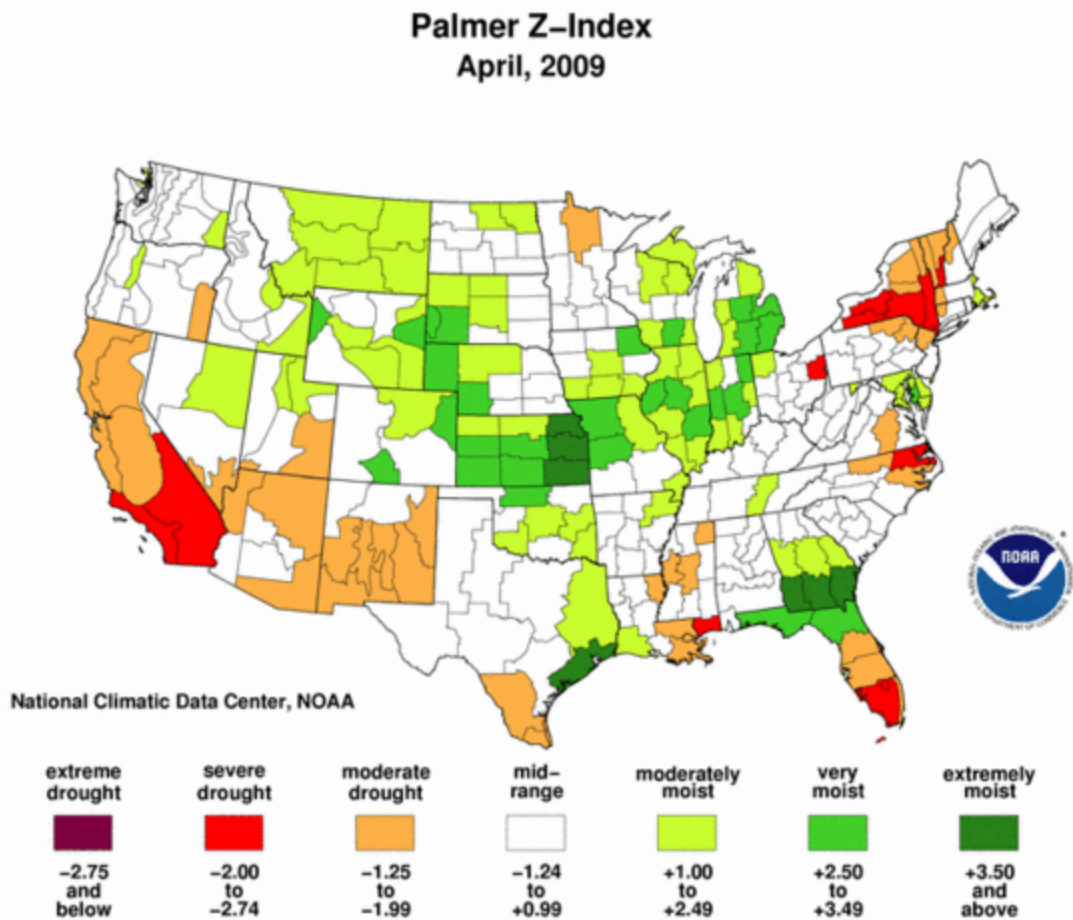


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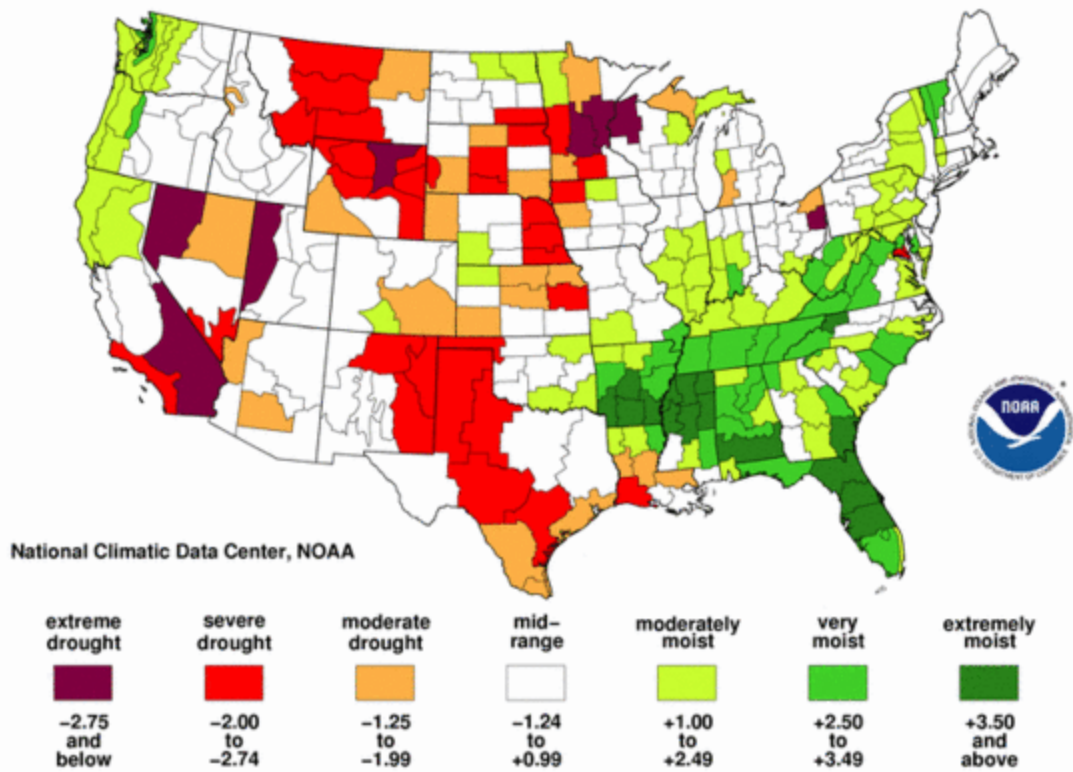


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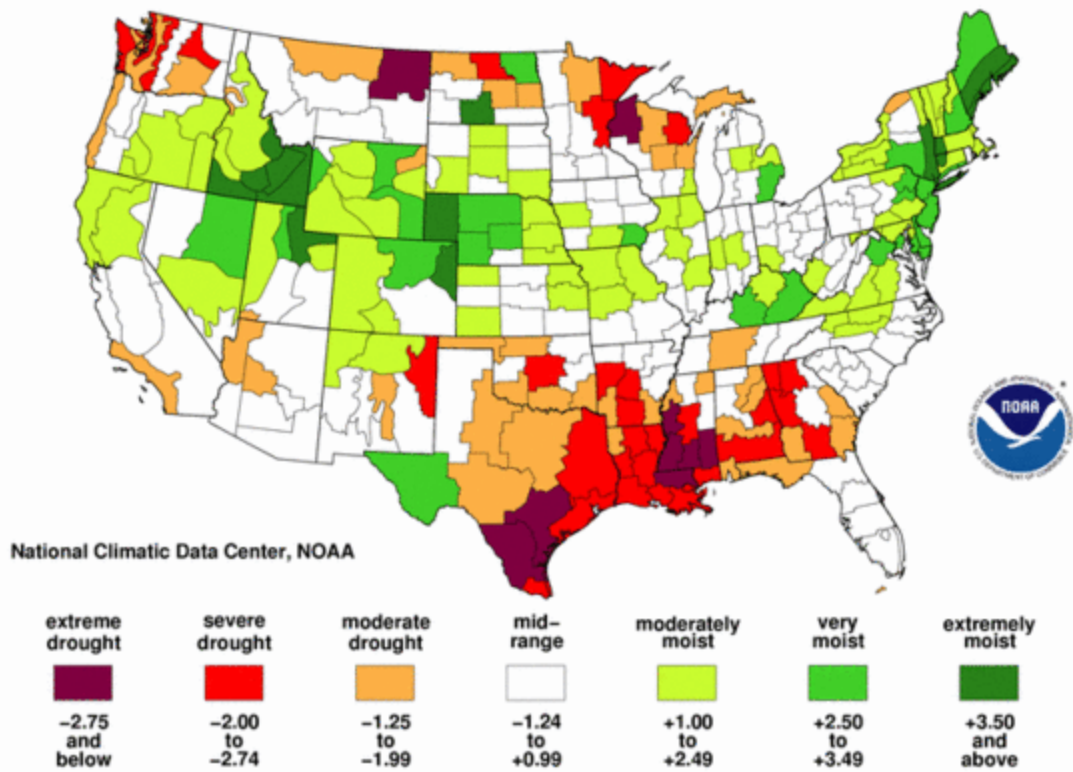
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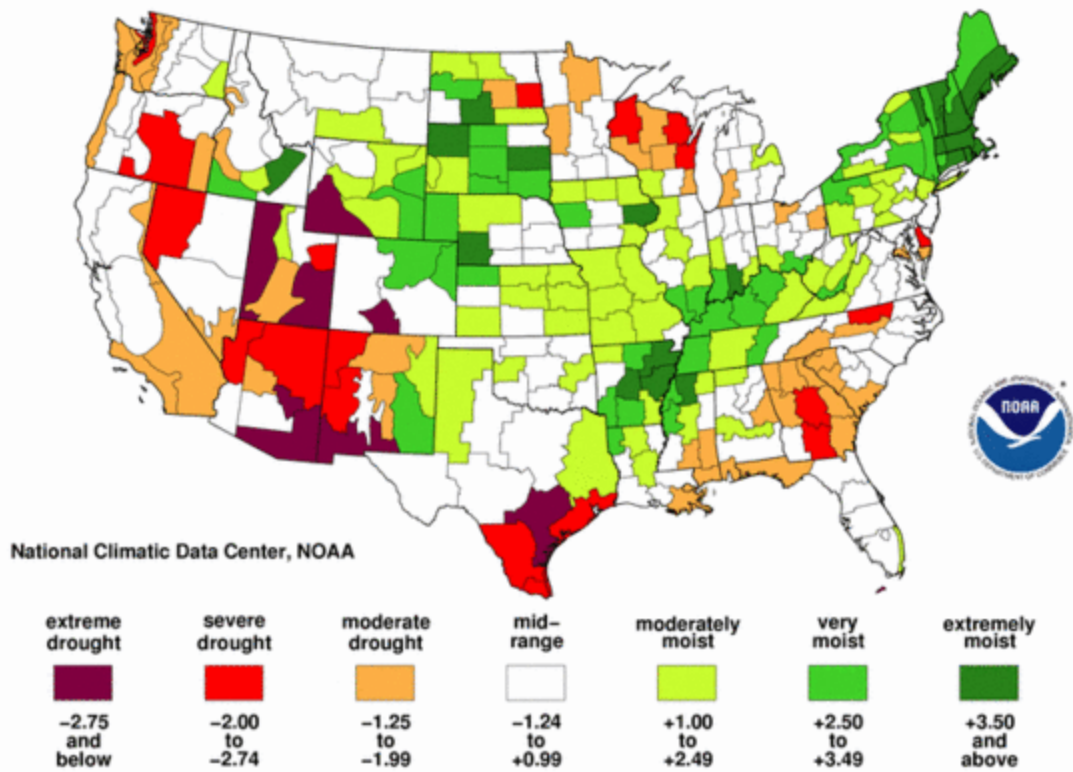
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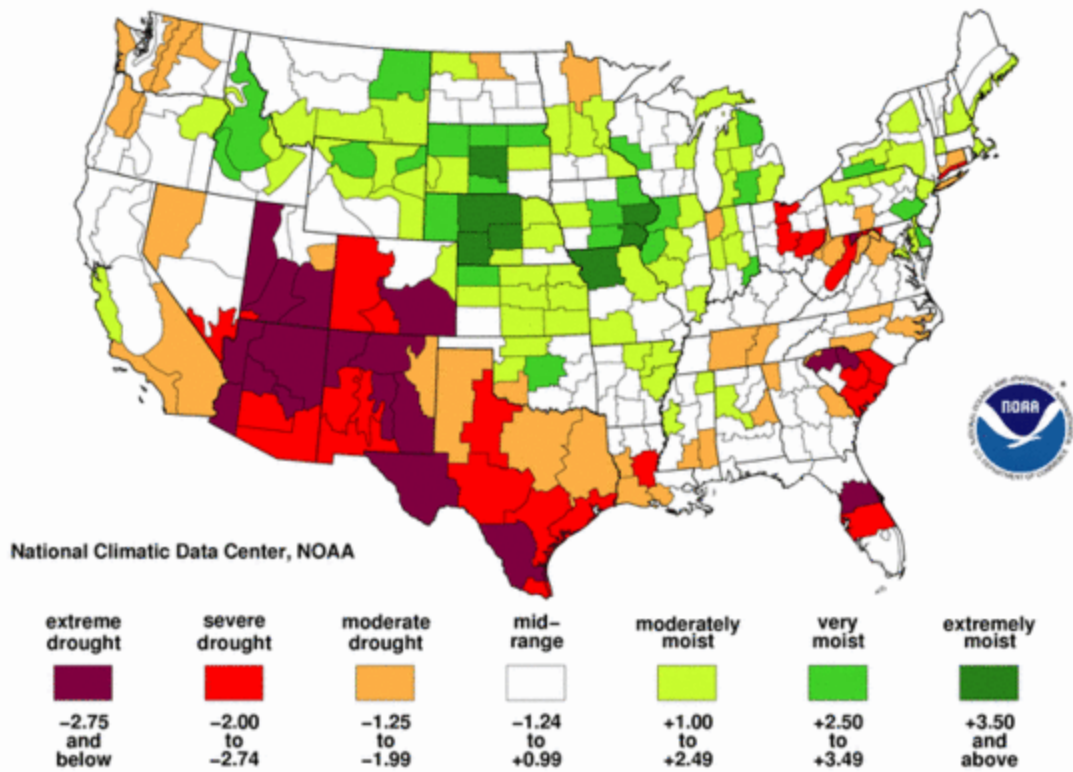
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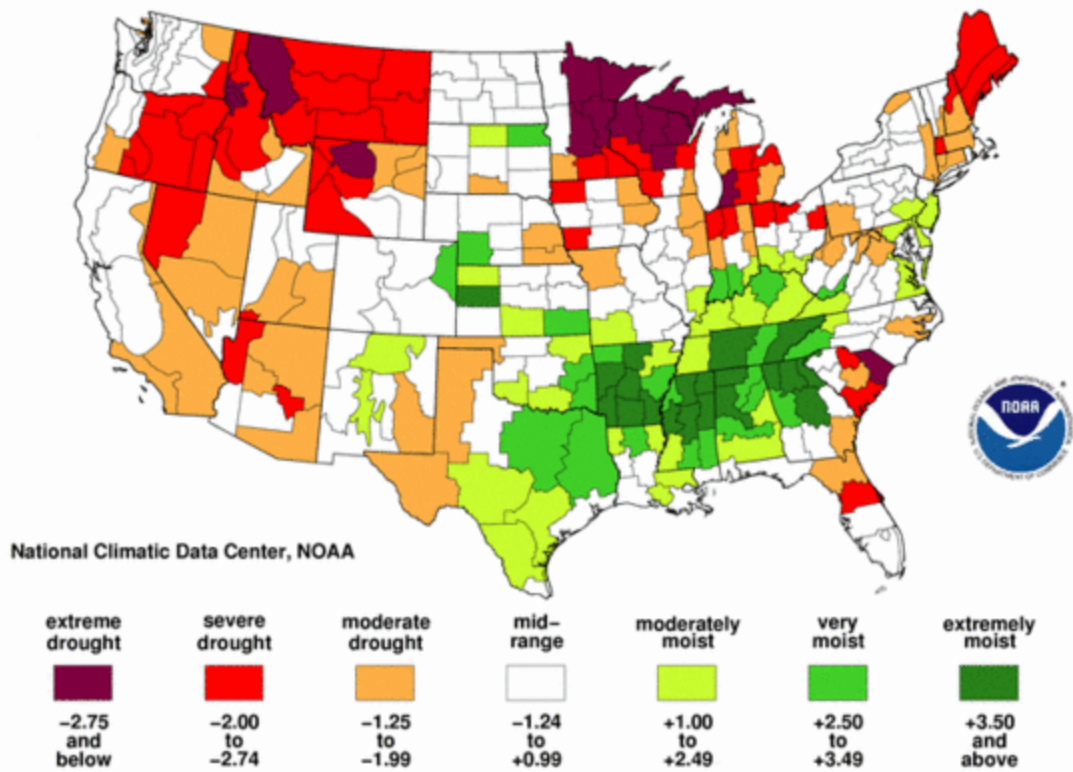
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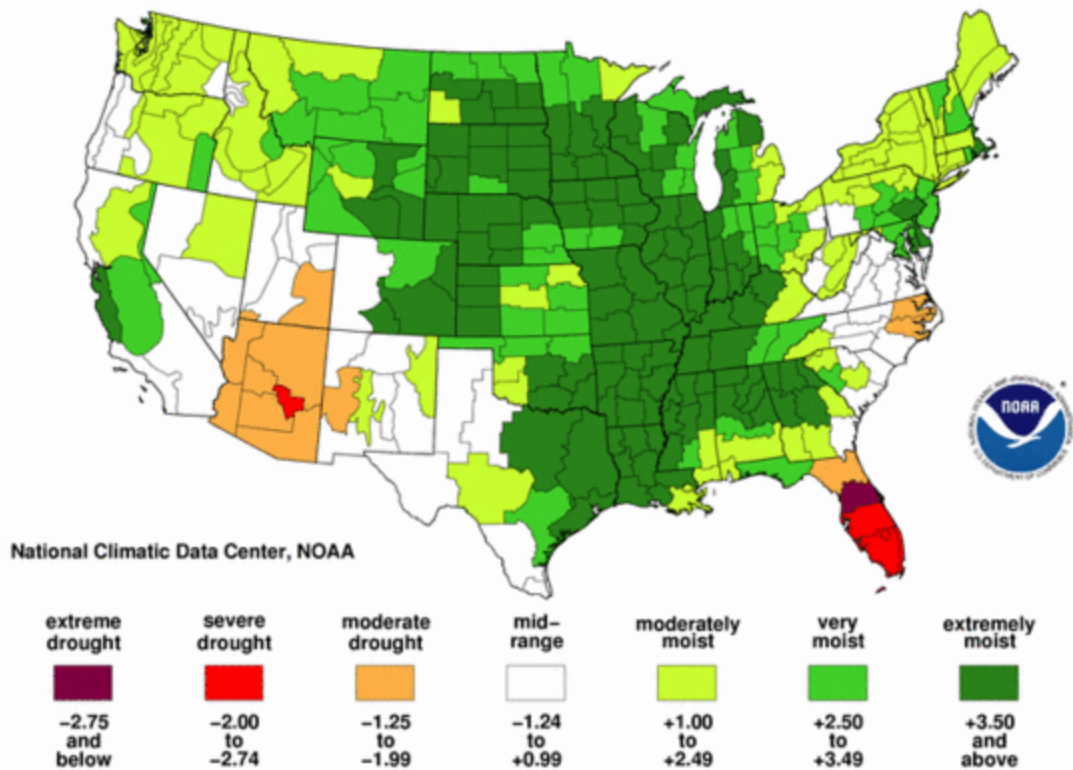
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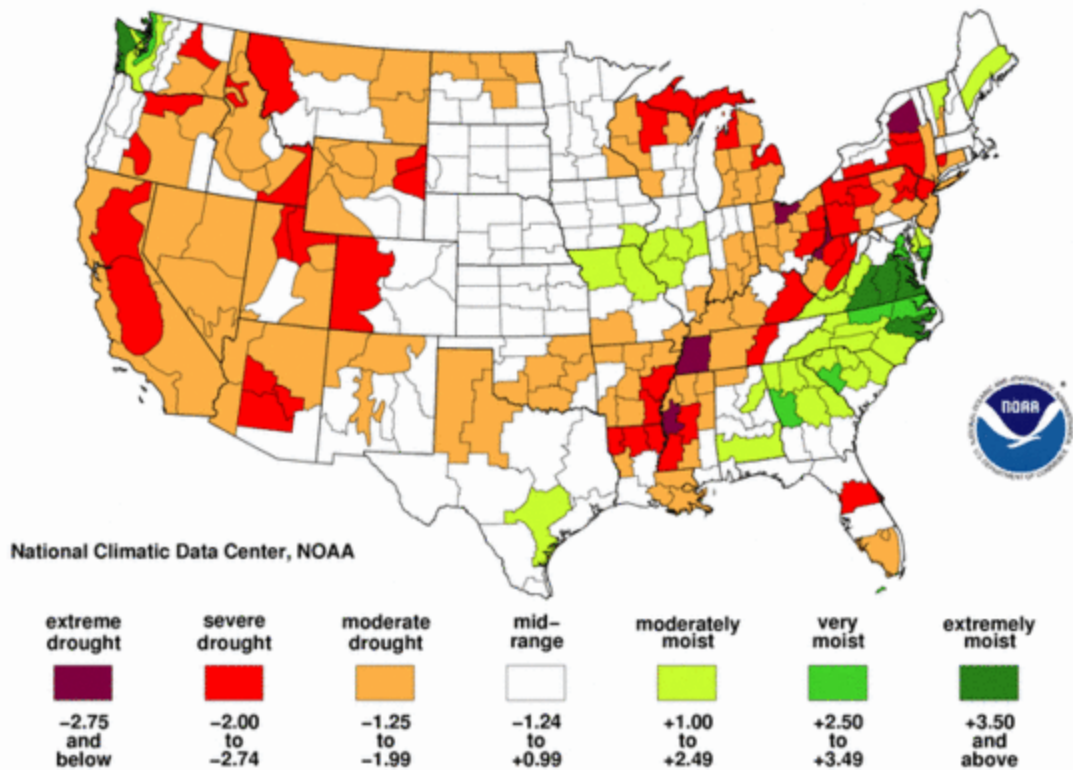
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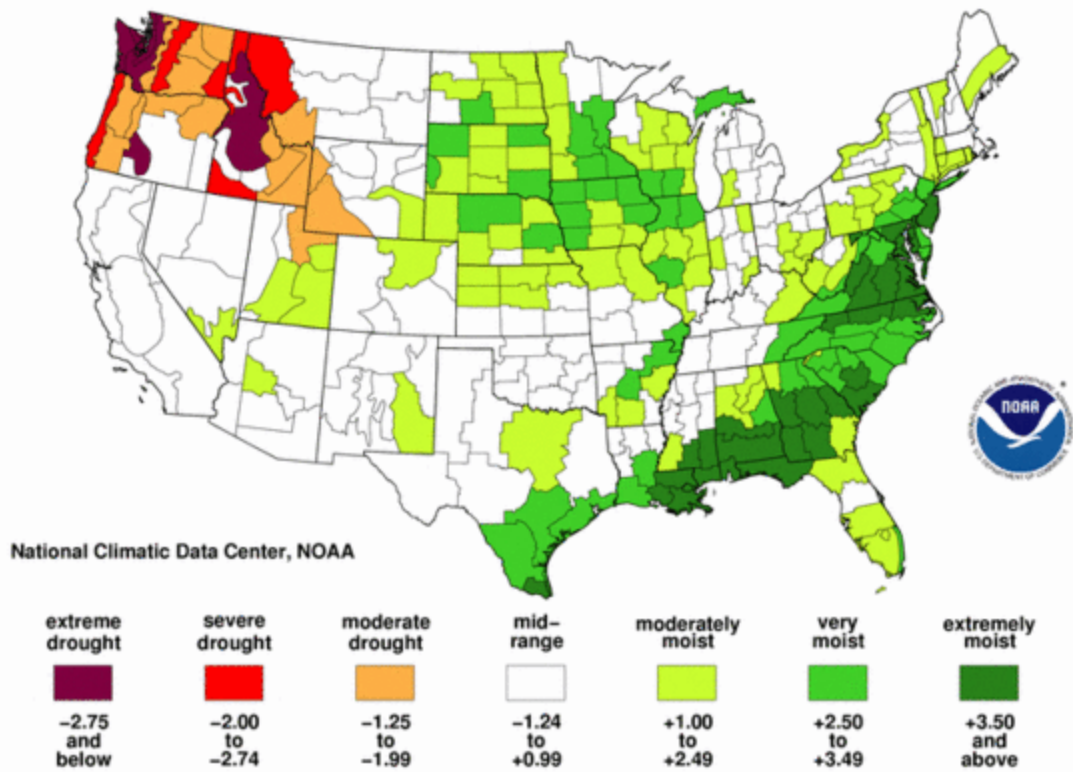


Exhibit E

"Situation Report" January 2009



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Mr. Jay Kimbrough, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
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FROM: Chief Jack Colley, Chairman, Drought Preparedness Council

SUBJECT: Statewide Drought Situation Report

1. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

February 12, 2009, 2:00 p.m., Governor's Conference Room of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, State Operations Center, Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters, 5805 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

At this time, the Council will continue to meet on a monthly basis.

"Situation Report" February 2009



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"Situation Report" April 2009



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1. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

April 23, 2:00 p.m., Audit & Inspection Conference Room, Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Building A, 5805 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas. The Council will continue to meet bi-monthly until further notice.

"Situation Report" May 2009



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May 26, 2009

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FROM: Chief Jack Colley, Chairman, Drought Preparedness Council

SUBJECT: Statewide Drought Situation Report

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1. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

June 11, 2009, 2:00 p.m., Audit & Inspection Conference Room, Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Building A, 5805 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

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1. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2009, 2:00 p.m., Audit & Inspection Conference Room, Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Building A, 5805 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

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1. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2009, 2:00 p.m., Audit & Inspection Conference Room, Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Building A, 5805 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

"Situation Report" December 2009



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1. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2010, 2:00 p.m., Audit & Inspection Conference Room, Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Building A, 5805 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Appendix

Exhibit F

Guest Column by J. Clayton LaGrone

Update on Panola County Groundwater Conservation District

A year and a half has passed since the voters of Panola County approved the formation of Panola County Groundwater Conservation District and a year ago voted in the present Directors.

I feel it is time to give you a report of what has happened in the meantime.

First of all, when you approved the District, it was a year before we had any funding from the ad valorem tax that was also approved. We did borrow a few thousand dollars to cover the bare essential expenses but not enough to do anything meaningful from a physical standpoint.

That wasn't a big problem, however, since it has taken that amount of time to get all of the procedural requirements fulfilled so we could do business. Numerous policies and other requirements had to be designed, voted on and have the approval of the various State agencies. In addition the Commissioner's Court has allowed us to use a room in the Armory for an office.

We now have temporary rules, a General Manager, Somer Page, and will shortly be sending out registration forms for existing wells. This is a mandate of the State and a very necessary piece of data for future purposes. We can't protect your wells if we don't know where they are. The form provides for a lot of information, much of which the well owner will not have. Don't worry that you don't have the latitude and longitude location or other information. Please provide the information you do have, and we will eventually be able to fill in the blanks. If you have more than one well, please furnish the information on each. Either make copies of the form, come by the office and pick up additional forms, call the office for additional forms or go to our website and print them off. Include all water wells drilled by oil and gas operators on your property.

We will, in the near future, be monitoring a number of wells spaced around the County. These monitor wells will be done with the consent of the owner. We will also be monitoring rainfall around the County so that we can estimate the recharge of our water sands.

As time goes by, we will be doing more work on preventing and solving instances of pollution.

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