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ES, Landowners appeal denial of party status

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Posted on [August 2, 2014](#) by [Steve Box](#)

Environmental Stewardship (ES) and Landowners (Andrew Meyer, Bette Brown, and Darwyn Hanna) have filed an [appeal](#) of the decision by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to deny party status in the End Op contested case hearing. The request was filed with the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors on August 1, 2014 and will be heard at a special meeting on August 13, 2014 in Bastrop, TX. The time and location of the meeting has not yet been established. [Continue reading](#) →

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Forestar Files Suit Against Groundwater District & Directors

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Posted on [March 21, 2014](#) by [Steve Box](#)

Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc. has filed suit in the 335th Judicial District in Lee County against the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District and its Board of Directors (Case No. 15,369). The suit is 1) an appeal of the Boards' decision to deny Forestar's application for 33,000 acre-feet per year of the 45,000 acre-feet per year of groundwater it requested, and 2) a claim for the taking or damaging of its property, and for its damages and attorney's fees due to the District's actions (a takings claim).

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Forestar Rehearing Well Attended and Well Organized

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Posted on [December 20, 2013](#) by [Steve Box](#)

On December 16, 2013, the Board of Directors held a rehearing on the [Forestar](#) application requesting 45,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year. The Board has previously granted Forestar a permit for 12,000 acre-feet per year.

The hearing was a well attended and well organized. We thank the Board and staff for working with Environmental Stewardship and others to ensure that the public had an opportunity to hear the arguments of the Applicant (Forestar) and District Staff prior to making public comments. We also thank the Board for allowing the public to pool its time so that we could make our arguments in a manner that could be heard and understood by the Board, the Applicant, and the Public.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board adjourned the hearing but did not take action on the application. Our impression is that the Board will take some time to review the information provided at the hearing and make a written response to the Applicant early next year. At that time the decision of the Board on the application will be final. The board can, however, render its decision any time before that date.

Our message to the Board:

Nothing has changed, STANDING STRONG!

We have your back.

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Hays County Grossly Misinformed on Water Facts

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Posted on [December 9, 2013](#) by [Steward](#)

Judge Bert Cobb of Hays County, in his haste to “reserve water in the name of Hays County” [and the so-called "Hays Region"] has failed to do his homework regarding water facts. He, along with Commissioner Ray Whisenant, have grossly misinformed the residents of Hays and surrounding counties. I'd like to set the record straight on a few of their more draconian statements.

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Forestar Granted Rehearing on Application

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Posted on [November 17, 2013](#) by [Steve Box](#)

In a reversal, Forestar's Request for Rehearing was GRANTED in a Special Called Board Meeting.

Our message to the Board:

Nothing has changed, STANDING STRONG! We have your back.

In a special called board meeting held on November 4th, the Lost Pines Board of Directors heard arguments from Forestar's attorney that, for the first time in public, laid out their proposal for a 'phase-in staging' of permits over a 25 year period. This proposal is, in the words of their attorney, 'an effort to avoid further conflict and potential litigation'. Forestar has made their position clear: Obtain permits for 45,000 acre-feet per year or litigate. The board voted to grant a re-hearing, but the date has not been set.

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Forestar's request denied, setting stage for litigation

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Posted on [October 17, 2013](#) by [Steve Box](#)

Forestar's Request for Rehearing was "essentially denied" by Lost Pines Board of Directors. THANK YOU BOARD for STANDING STRONG! We will have your back.

In a bitter-sweet victory, and to a standing ovation of local landowners and citizens, the Lost Pines Board of Directors "essentially denied" Forestar's request for a rehearing of their application for 45,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year when the motion failed to get a second and no action was taken to grant or deny the request. "This [request] has essentially been denied," said President Mike Talbot. [Continue reading →](#)

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An Open Letter to Lost Pines Board of Directors

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Posted on [October 11, 2013](#) by [Steve Box](#)

An Open Letter to the Lost Pines GCD Board of Directors from its Constituents STAND STRONG!

RE: Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc. Motion for Rehearing

Dear Board of Directors,

Forestar's request for a rehearing on the permits LPGCD granted earlier this year was on the agenda for the Board's September 18, 2013, meeting, but was postponed until the October 16, 2013, Board meeting. **Several events pertinent to this permit have occurred since that postponement, but the message from the coalition of landowners and citizens who want to protect the future of Lee and Bastrop Counties remains the same: Stand strong in your duty to protect and conserve the aquifers under our two counties.**

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Landowners Appeal “Party Status”

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Landowners in Bastrop and Lee counties who were recently denied the right to be heard in a contested case hearing are appealing the decision.

The landowners had sought `party status_ in the End Op contested case hearing being held before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). This administrative decision has broad, significant implications throughout Texas for landowners wanting to protect the groundwater *in place* beneath their lands. [Click here for decision](#)

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Judge to rule on “party” status in September

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Posted on [August 13, 2013](#) by [Steward](#)

Decision by Judge on 5 hour End Op hearing due early September.



The Aquifer Protectors! From L to R, Eric Allmon (attorney for Environmental Stewardship), Michele Gangnes (pro bono attorney for landowners Meyer, Hanna and Brown), Andy Meyer (Paige landowner), Darwyn Hanna (Bastrop landowner), Ernie Bogart (pro bono attorney for landowners Meyer, Hanna and Brown), Betz Brown (Lee County landowner), Don Grissom (pro bono attorney for landowners Meyer, Hanna and Brown), Steve Box (Executive Director Environmental Stewardship)

In a preliminary hearing on Monday, August 12, 2013, Administrative Law Judge Michael O’Malley from the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), heard testimony and arguments from End Op (applicant), Environmental Stewardship and three landowners (petitioners), and counsel for the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District regarding the petitioners request for “party” status. After 5 hours of testimony and cross-examination, Judge O’Malley advised that he will receive written responses by August 29th and will issue an order on his decision in early September. A hearing on the merits of the contested case hearing will likely be held in February, 2014.

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ES Urges Board to Stay the Course

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Posted on [July 17, 2013](#) by [Steve Box](#)

We have a simple message to deliver to the Lost Pines Board tonight:

**“Thank you, you are doing the right thing. WE HAVE YOUR BACK.
STAND TALL AND STAY THE COURSE”.**

Forestar Group (USA) took initial steps on June 3rd to enable it to file suit against Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (District) when it formally requested “Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law” from the District ([Forestar letter](#)). We believe that Forestar is pressuring the Board to reverse their decision and grant all 45,000 ac-ft/yr of groundwater as requested, OR BE SUED. [Continue reading](#) →

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Forestar Moves to Sue Groundwater District

FEATURED

Posted on [July 13, 2013](#) by [Steve Box](#)

Big Money (Forestar) rolls out big guns (Lawyers) to intimidate guardians (Lost Pines GCD Board) into capitulating (giving them what they want) rather than protecting our groundwater resources. We need your help to let the Board know that they are doing the right thing in protecting our groundwater and WE HAVE THEIR BACK. Ask them to please “stand tall and stay the course”.

Plan to attend the July 17, 2013, meeting of the Lost Pines GCD Board at 7:00 pm at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, TX. We will be providing more information about this meeting and what you can do to support the Board. [Continue reading](#) →

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Coalition Claims Victory at Groundwater Meeting

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Mina Elementary 4th grade `Green Team_ commented to Board

Bastrop, TX - The people of Bastrop and Lee counties gained a MAJOR VICTORY at last night's Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District hearings. The Board of Directors *listened* ... and they *acted* on our behalf.

THANK YOU Lost Pines BOARD MEMBERS!

- 1) LCRA's request for 10,000 acre-feet/year was cut back 50% to 5,000 acre-feet/year except in years when the counties are in drought conditions.
- 2) Forestar's request for 45,000 acre-feet/year to export was cut back 75% to 12,000 acre-feet/year.

3) Environmental Stewardship and a group of landowners were accepted for timely filing of their request for “party status” at the End Op contested case hearing to be held before the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

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Environmental Stewardship seeks “Party Status” in Contested Permit Hearings

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Posted on [May 9, 2013](#) by [Steward](#)

Bastrop, TX May 8, 2013. Environmental Stewardship has requested “party status” in the contested case hearings requested by Aqua Water Supply Corporation concerning the groundwater permit application by Forestar (USA) Group seeking 45,000 acre-feet/year from the Simsboro Aquifer; End Op, LP seeking 56,000 acre-feet/year ; and the Lower Colorado River Authority seeking 10,000 acre-feet/year. [Continue reading](#) →

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Coalition Asks that Desired Future Conditions be Protected in Permits

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Posted on [May 1, 2013](#) by [Steward](#)



The Forestar, End Op, and LCRA applications will harm existing permitted wells, the environment, and are *far in excess* of the DFC and MAG (defined below). We, a coalition of Environmental Stewardship, Neighbors for Neighbors, Lost Pines Sierra Club, and Groups United to Advocate Responsible Development “GUARD,” believe that, *if permitted at all*, individual permits should *first* be reduced to levels actually supported by the application and then *all permits reduced overall* as necessary to an aggregate level that, including existing permits, protects the Adopted Desired Future Conditions. In summary, *if permitted at all*, Forestar and End Op qualify for *less than 5%* of the water they are seeking. In addition, the

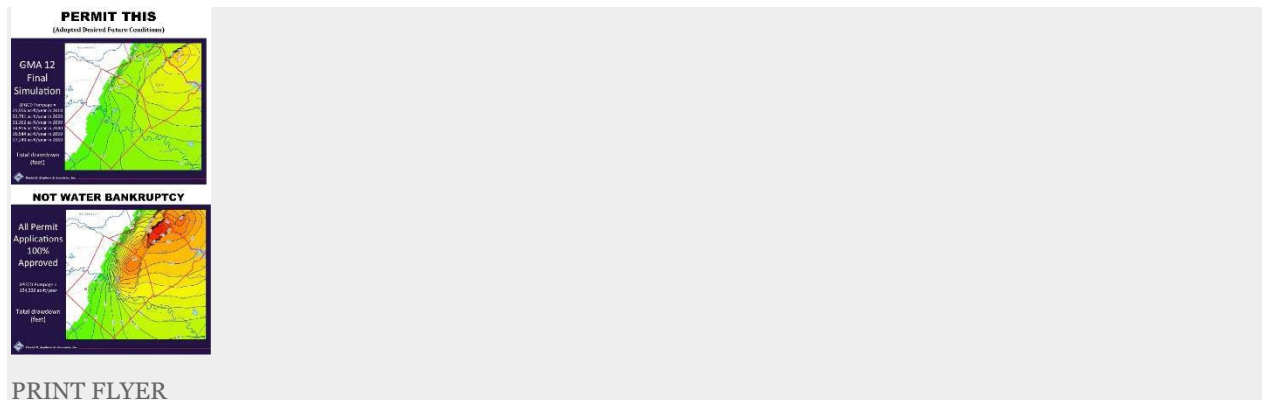
District needs to factor in the impact of existing permits before issuing any new permits. This has not been done. [Continue reading](#) →

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Draw-down Maps obtained by Environmental Stewardship

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What does “draw-down” resulting from groundwater pumping look like on a map? As you may know, the Desired Future Conditions are established in terms of the draw-down, in feet, of aquifers in Bastrop and Lee counties and throughout the District.

Recently, Environmental Stewardship obtained visual images based on the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) used by the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District to evaluate the impact of proposed pumping from current permit applications on the Simsboro Aquifer. Draw-down, measured in feet, is indicated on the contour lines of the maps below.

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Board Sets Contested Hearing for Forestar, End Op and LCRA

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Posted on [April 18, 2013](#) by [Steward](#)



Here are the results of the meetings held over the last two nights. We had an overflow crowd at the Wednesday meeting which delayed the start of the hearing for about 20 minutes; we estimate 200-300 people showed up to comment. Lines of people were able to que up for comments and the combined hearing and board meeting lasted until about 10:30 p.m. The End Op Hearing on Thursday had very good citizen attendance – likely another 200-300 people – and lasted 3 1/2 hours. During the Board deliberations after the hearing we learned that Aqua Water Supply Corporation is also contesting the End Op permit application.



The Board of Directors has HEARD THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE. Both Judges were at the Wednesday night meetings ... **THANK YOU JUDGES PAPE and FISCHER.**

THE BEST VOICE OF THE PEOPLE ... IS THE FACE AND TESTIMONY OF THE PEOPLE.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP and COMMENTING!

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ES Challenges Recommendations and Offers Sane Path Forward

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This is INSANE but there is a SANE PATH FORWARD. Yes, it is insane that the Lost Pines GCD is on the verge of permitting five and a half times (5.6) more water from the Simsboro aquifer than is available, however, **Environmental Stewardship has provided a sane path forward ...but it is up to you and your local elected officials to demand a sane path forward.**

BE REASONABLE! BE CONSERVATIVE!

DO NOT PERMIT MORE WATER THAN IS AVAILABLE!

Demand that the Board deny these permits until they have adequate legal findings to support an informed decision.

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Lost Pines to Permit 5.6 Times More Water than Available

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Posted on [March 27, 2013](#) by [Steward](#)

This is INSANE. Lost Pines GCD is on the verge of permitting five and a half (5.6) times more water from the Simsboro aquifer than is available. The total amount of Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) from the Simsboro Aquifer by 2010 is 29,556 acre-feet/year per the Lost Pines Management Plan. Lost Pines is currently considering permit applications for 119,199 acre-feet/yr which is 4 times more water than is available for pumping. Adding the current 45,365 acre-feet/year already permitted brings the total to 164,884 acre-feet/yr which is 5.6 times the amount of water currently available (without considering Environmental Stewardship's ecological concerns). So far, the General Manager has recommended approval of **ALL** the applications that have been presented to the Board of Directors. [See Permit Concerns for copies of GM Recommendations.](#)

LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

will VOTE on the following applications at their next Board Meeting

Heart of Texas Suppliers, LP

Lower Colorado River Authority

Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013,

Regular Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Giddings City Hall, 118 East Richmond St., Giddings, TX 78942

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
will hold a public hearing and vote on the following applications**

End Op , LP

Manville WSC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

Hearing 7:00 P.M.

Giddings City Hall, 118 East Richmond St., Giddings, TX 78942

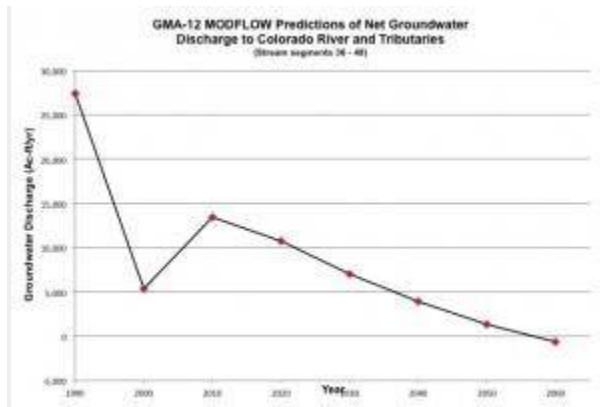
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ES files Exhibit Opposing Alcoa Wells

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Posted on [September 6, 2012](#) by [Steward](#)



Impact of Alcoa pumping 1990-1999 on left side of graph.

Environmental Stewardship is very concerned about actions that might be taken by the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors related to the subject well permit application by Alcoa. We believe Alcoa's wells in the Milam County portion of the Simsboro Aquifer currently impact, and the additional wells will further impact and endanger, the Colorado River and its tributaries and existing permit holders in Bastrop and Lee counties. Based on the information available, and for the reasons stated below, we oppose issuance of the requested permits. We further request that Environmental Stewardship be granted an opportunity to provide input at that hearing as an affected party. Click here for [ES letter to Post Oak Savannah GCD](#).

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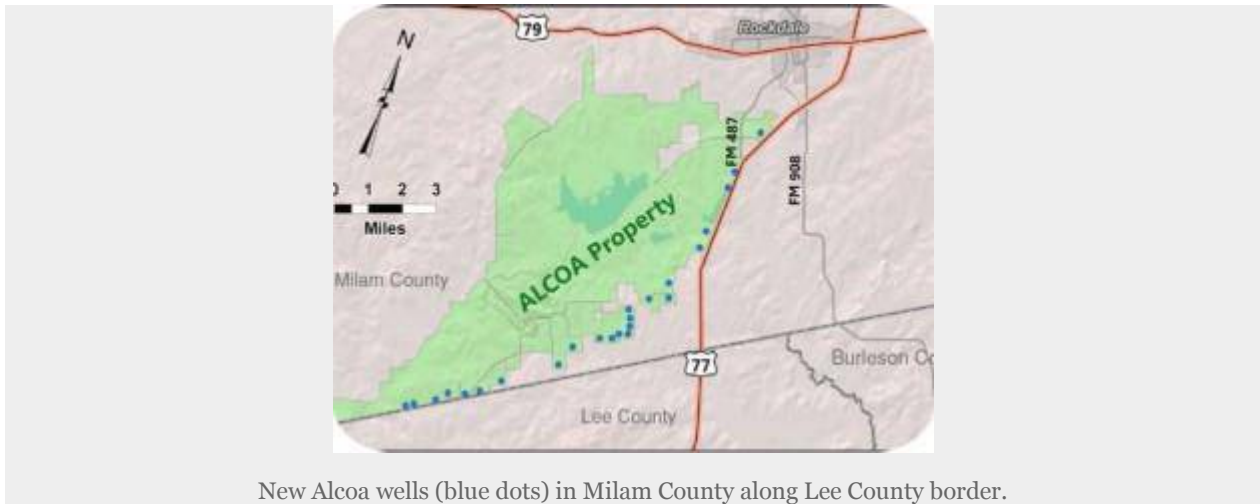
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Alcoa applies for 25,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year

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New Alcoa wells (blue dots) in Milam County along Lee County border.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ALCOA HEARING

RE-SCHEDULED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:30 P.M.

Milano Civic Center

120 West Ave. E

Milano, Texas 76556

Citing concerns expressed by local landowners concerning the recent notices issued by ALCOA, ALCOA today requested that the hearings scheduled by the District, to consider applications filed by ALCOA on March 13, 2012, be re-scheduled for a later date.

Originally, the District had set these hearings for August 14, 2012, 5:30 pm, at the District's offices. It is anticipated that new notices in local newspapers and to landowners will be issued in time for hearings to be held on these applications at the regular Board of Director's meeting of September 11, 2012. It is further anticipated that these re-scheduled hearings will be held at the Milano Civic

Center, 120 West Ave. E, Milano, TX. Please see actual notices, for actual locations, dates, and times.

The Board of Directors of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 5:30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving public comments on the following applications for amendments to existing permits. **If you have a well or spring near the Alcoa site you are encouraged to attend.** [Click here for copy of hearing notice.](#)

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Environmental Stewardship sues to appeal decision by the Texas Water Development Board

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Posted on [July 20, 2012](#) by [Steward](#)

Bastrop, TX. Environmental Stewardship filed suit today challenging the Texas Water Development Board's decision to dismiss its appeal of Groundwater Management Area 12 desired future conditions. Click here for [ES GMA-12 Petition](#) and [ES comments to TWDB](#). [Continue reading](#) →

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Water Board dismisses evidence without explanation

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June 21, 2012 Austin, TX The Texas Water Development Board dismissed the evidence presented in Environmental Stewardship's appeal of Groundwater Management Area 12 without substantiating their claims.

“Where we met the burden of proof by providing compelling evidence, the staff has argued that the evidence was either “out of context,” “outside the scope of these proceedings,” or “conflicting and inconclusive” ... without bothering to substantiate the reasons for these conclusions. We consider this an abandonment of their duty to you ... the Board, to us ... the Petitioner, and to Texans on both sides of the issues,” said Steve Box, Executive Director of Environmental Stewardship, in [comments to the Board](#). Click here for [ES letter to the board](#) and [ES GMA-12 Petition](#). [Continue reading](#) →

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Water Board staff report favors groundwater districts

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Posted on [June 15, 2012](#) by [Steward](#)

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The Texas Water Development Board staff report on the appeal of the desired future conditions of Groundwater Management Area 12 recommends that the Board find in favor of the Districts. [Continue reading →](#)

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Groundwater Management Area 12 – Environmental Stewardship’s Petition Appealing Desired Future Conditions

Posted on [April 21, 2012](#) by [Steward](#)

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Surface water impacts focus of March 7 hearing in Milano, TX

Bastrop, Texas. March 7, 2012. The Texas Water Development Board held a groundwater hearing on March 7, 2012, in the Milano Civic Center, Milano, TX. Environmental Stewardship presented evidence on its appeal of the adopted desired future conditions of Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA-12). The hearing focused on the damage to surface water and water rights resulting from over-pumping the aquifers. The public was encouraged to attend but did not have the opportunity to comment at the hearing. Interested persons had 10 business days in which to submit sworn written evidence. Other interested party evidence was provided by [George Rice \(Hydrologist\)](#), [Neighbors for Neighbors](#), [Curtis Chubb, Ph.D.](#), and [Environmental Stewardship](#).

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is expected to render a decision on the appeal at their June 21, 2012, Board Meeting to be held in Austin, TX. The staff recommendations should be available to the public on June 14.

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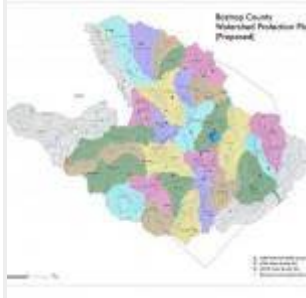
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Watershed Workshop in Bastrop County

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Bastrop County Map

SMITHVILLE – A no-cost Texas Watershed Steward Workshop on water-quality issues related to the Lost Pines Region will be held from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on **June 12** at the American Legion Hall, 145 American Legion Road, Smithville.

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Environmental Stewardship is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit whose purposes are to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance the earth's natural resources to meet current and future needs of the environment and humans (Public Policy); to gather and use scientific information to restore and sustain ecological services provided by environmental systems (Science & Ecology); and to provide environmental education and outreach in order to encourage public stewardship (Outreach & Education).

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Groundwater Concerns in Bastrop and Lee Counties

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