### WHY THE POST OAK SAVANNAH AQUIFER CONSERVANCY PROGRAM (ACP)?

As Texas continues to grow, demands on groundwater resources increase. In response to these concerns, together with local landowners we have developed this proactive solution. (The legislative purpose of the District is to provide balance between production and preservation of aquifers.)

#### The purpose of ACP is

- Empower landowners through stewardship
- Conserve groundwater for future generations
- Establish a legacy of conservation
- Compliment current sustainable practices
- Add a long-term tool to POSGCD toolbox of management strategies provided by state law.



Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District's Toolbox are the strategies and practices used by the District to manage groundwater.



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## **FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS**

#### Do I lose my property or water rights?

No! The District NEVER assumes rights or ownership of landowner property. This is not a lease, and at no point will POSGCD assume any property rights of the landowner's property.

#### Do I have to commit ALL my land?

No, only the amount of acreage you so choose. As an example, if you would like to keep part of your water rights to irrigate a grove of pecan trees or some row crops, you can place just part of your land in the Conservancy and keep the remaining water rights for your uses.

#### Can I still have my personal well?

Yes! You can still drill & maintain an exempt well for domestic & livestock use. It also must not produce more than 18 gallons per minute and must be registered with the District.

#### How does the PACP help conserve the aquifers?

The program survives the current Board and management. This is a longterm commitment by citizens toward the sustainability of the aquifers and water for future generations.

#### What if my land is leased for oil?

The oil company can still drill a supply well, which is also considered an exempt well.

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# AQUIFER CONSERVANCY PROGRAM

Serving Milam & Burleson Counties



## FUNDING FOR CONSERVANCY

The funding for the ACP comes from fees collected by the District from Production and Transport Permits. These fees are paid by permit holders who use their Production Permits to produce groundwater for industrial or municipal purposes, and from Transport Permit holders who use their permits to transport groundwater from the District.

## **PAYMENT FOR CONSERVANCY**

One thing that makes this program so unique is that the District will pay landowners for their legacy effort in stewardship.



#### 1. Five years- \$5/acre/year 2. Ten years- \$ 8/acre/year 3. Twenty years- \$10/acre/year

(Twenty years - \$0 acre available upon request)

#### **First Year Enrollment Incentive**

There is a one time Enrollment Incentive of \$10/acre for 2019, in addition to the annual payments.

## **VOLUNTARY STEWARDSHIP**

This program is completely voluntary. By choosing to participate you will be placing your water rights into a stewardship conservancy

to protect that water for future generations.

## WHEN DO I RECEIVE PAYMENT ?

The first payments for enrollment incentives will be made approximately

2 months after signing up. Annual payments based on the selected term will be made after the end of each commitment year.

#### **MAY I CANCEL THE AGREEMENT?**

Under what circumstances may I cancel the contract?

- Expiration of the Term
- Death of the Owner or Landowner
- Transfer of land to Heirs
- Sale of the Property

New owners will be given the option to continue in the program if they so choose.

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All property located over Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifers (see the map below)

- Must own land in the District
- Land located above Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer
- Own both the land and the water rights
- Landowner has not leased water rights



All of Burleson County is eligible because it is over the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer; however, only the land in the red shaded area is eligible if your land is in Milam County.

## AM I GIVING UP MY WATER RIGHTS?

No! Landowners maintain ownership of their water rights, but agree not to lease or permit that water during the term of the commitment.



What uses are not allowed under the program

- Public Water Supply
- Industrial Use
- Commercial Application
- Oil & Gas Fracking
- Agricultural Irrigation

## WHEN & HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Each year there will be a 90-day sign-up period for new commitments. The dates and locations for this sign up will be announced through newspaper advertisements, email, and the POSGCD website, www.posgcd.org. The first sign-up will be during 2019. To sign up, each landowner will execute a



conservation stewardship agreement. Landowners will also receive signage for their property so they can proudly show they are a part of the Aquifer Conservancy Program!

#### **BE AN PACP AMBASSADOR!**

If you would like to help by spreading the word about this incredible opportunity, please consider becoming an ACP Ambassador. All you need to do is participate with District staff to become familiar with the PACP and tell everyone you know. For more information on becoming an ACP Ambassador, or to learn more about the ACP, visit the District's website at www.posgcd.org

