



# PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## **Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District Receives State Approval of Groundwater Management Plan**

Cleburne, TX, June 18, 2019 - The Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District received notification this week from the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board, notifying the District that its groundwater management plan had been approved as complete and in compliance in accordance with Texas Water Code § 36.1071(a) and (e).

The purpose of a groundwater conservation district's groundwater management plan is to identify the goals of the district and to document the management objectives and performance standards that will be used to accomplish those goals. The 75th Texas Legislature in 1997 enacted Senate Bill 1 to establish a comprehensive statewide water planning process and contained provisions that require each groundwater conservation district to prepare a management plan to identify the water supply resources and water demands that will shape the decisions of the district.

The process the Texas Water Development Board uses for reviewing a groundwater district's management plan includes analyzing the District's estimates of annual amounts of groundwater usage, annual amounts of aquifer recharge, projected surface water supply, and projected total demand for water. After addressing these topics, the management plan must provide management goals, methodology for tracking progress, management objectives, and performance standards used to evaluate the effectiveness of district activities.

The next five-year management plan review will be due on May 31, 2024. A full copy of the management plan can be found online at [www.prairielandsgcd.org](http://www.prairielandsgcd.org).

The Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District is committed to manage and protect the groundwater resources within Ellis, Hill, Johnson and Somervell Counties and to work with others to ensure a sustainable, adequate, high quality, and cost-effective supply of water, now and in the future. The District strives to develop, promote, and implement water conservation management strategies to protect water resources for the benefit of the citizens, economy, and environment of the District.

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