



TRINITY GLEN ROSE GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Dear GMA 9 and GMA 10 Members,

The Trinity Glen Rose GCD wants to provide some background information and what little insight we have on the report of water exportation from Bexar County as described in the recent San Antonio Business Journal article, "Private equity firm invests in business that sells water in the Texas Hill Country".

On Monday, October 9, Mr. Kevin Meier, a controlling partner of a new water company identified as "Texas Water Supply Company, LLC" notified us they were seeking to activate 17 existing, long-idle PWS wells located in Northern Bexar County. These wells are completed into the Middle Trinity Aquifer.

We have previously identified these wells controlled by an entity known as Water Exploration Company (WECO) which has been operating a number of wells under that name as a wholesale water purveyor to SAWS in Northern Bexar County. SAWS acquired this arrangement and contract as part of the acquisition of Bexar Metropolitan Water District when it was dissolved during the 82nd legislature.

The majority of the wells identified in the article are wells over which TGR holds no regulatory control. These wells were completed prior to September 1, 2002 and are legislatively exempt from regulation under the District's enabling legislation, HB 2005. There are approximately 38 approved Public Water Supply wells which are currently sitting idle within the boundaries of the District that possess this exemption.

This exemption applies to roughly 80% - 90% of the water withdrawn from the Trinity Aquifer in Bexar County. The proposed additional withdrawal now makes it that much more difficult, if not almost impossible to manage this resource effectively and in concert with the DFCs set within our GMA. We realize this has an impact not just to our District, but has the potential to impact all within the GMAs.

We are currently gathering data on the project and determining our reaction at the GCD level. As additional information is provided we will be sure to keep our partners in the GMAs notified.

Thank you
George Wissmann
TGRGCD General Manager