

BANDERA COUNTY RIVER AUTHORITY AND GROUNDWATER DISTRICT

Biannual Newsletter



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MISSION STATEMENT

The principle mission of the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District is to **protect and preserve** the County's water and natural resources for the State of Texas. The District is also tasked with **maintaining local accountability** of the County's water resources to help safeguard the property rights of the citizens of Bandera County.

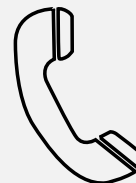
BUOY DEPLOYMENT

On May 22, 2020, BCRAGD employees Clint Carter and Levi Sparks worked with Bandera County personnel to deploy four No Wake buoys at the County Park in Medina Lake. Buoys were deployed to increase the public's safety during recreational activities at the park. Establishing a No Wake zone will also serve to protect the shoreline from abnormally fast erosion caused by boat wakes.



ADJUSTED OFFICE PROCEDURES

BCRAGD Staff is currently available by **telephone only**. We will accept water samples and well registrations at a **scheduled appointment time**. If you need to speak with a staff member or drop off a water sample, well registration, submit a public information request, etc... please call (830)796-7260 to schedule an appointment. Thank you for your patience during this ever changing time.



RIVER CLEAN UP AT BREWINGTON PARK

On June 18, 2020 some of the BCRA GD staff Alyssa Balzen, Levi Sparks, Clint Carter, and Dave Mauk cleaned trash in and around the Medina River at Brewington Park.



TREE REMOVALS

On August 15, 2020, BCRA GD staff member Clint Carter teamed up with Moffet & Lee Woodworks to successfully extract the tree by using chainsaws, winching material, and a tractor. We were able to remove the main stem of the tree while also leaving the crown in-stream for ecological purposes. A local riparian landowner granted us permission to use his bank during the extraction.

On September 1, 2020, BCRA GD staff Levi Sparks and Clint Carter assisted residents of the Bridlegate subdivision in the tree removal in a dry river bed at their park.

GO BLUE-FLOOD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

May 20, 2020, the Texas Floodplain Managers Association held a Go Blue-Flood Awareness campaign.

BCRA GD staff proudly participated by wearing blue and posting to the District's Facebook page. Flood Awareness is a vital component of what the District does in an attempt to get the public informed about potentially hazardous conditions.



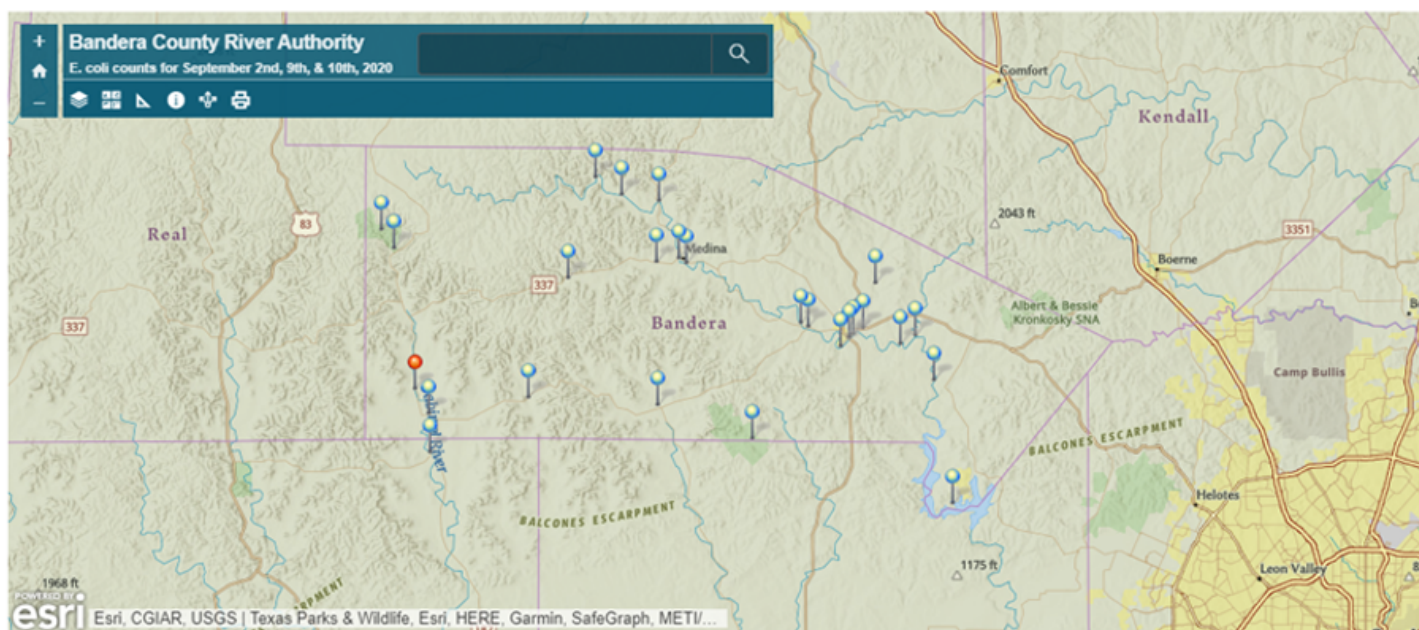
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS

The District has utilized Esri's ArcGIS software to create an interactive web application to allow public users to view water quality results on a mapping platform. This map contains information from our In-House Sampling program to include site location, bacteria results, water temperature, and a picture of current stream conditions. This map can be found on our website under Water Quality Testing and will be updated to reflect the most recent In-House Sampling results. To view visit www.bcragd.org and under our surface tab in the water quality section you will find our new interactive web map of our In-House Sampling sites.

BCRAGD OFFICE OFFERS EDUCATIONAL TALKS

If you are interested in having a BCRAGD staff member give a presentation to your group or organization please email cfox@bcragd.org



The above map shows the most recent sampling locations and E. coli numbers. The pictures, if clicked, will appear in full screen. [Click here](#) to view map in full screen.