

# BANDERA COUNTY RIVER AUTHORITY AND GROUNDWATER DISTRICT

*Quarterly 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.

# INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

BCRAGD provides opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to obtain real life skills working in surface water and groundwater. Interns are exposed to ongoing projects, services provided to the community, and learn about water legislation.

BCRAGD is pleased to have Shelby Skittone interning this summer. Shelby has a Bachelor's degree in Geological Science from University of Texas at San Antonio. She comes with experience in research and she plans to attend graduate school and prepare for a career in hydrologic conservation. The Internship Program will help Shelby build real life applicable skills in the field of water conservation.



## TIPS FOR FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

1. Have candles and matches in case of power outages
2. Keep at least a three day supply of non-perishable foods
3. Have at least three days supply of drinkable water
4. Have a backup source for charging technology
5. Keep a supply of fuel for a generator if you have one
6. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers and websites readily available to obtain current information
7. Have Prescription meds
8. Remember “ Turn Around, Don’t Drown”; Never drive a vehicle through floodwaters.

# OUT REACH UPDATE

BCRAGD has gotten back to work doing in-person education and outreach. The Education team has worked in collaboration with the Nueces River Authority to bring awareness regarding water quality, water conservation, and water preservation to area schools. School visits were made to Alkek Elementary, Hill Country Elementary, and to Utopia ISD.



BCRAGD also held a Zebra Mussel workshop with Texas Parks and Wildlife in Lake Hills to raise awareness of the Zebra Mussel infestation in Medina Lake.



These outreach events have served approximately 200 people.

## FLOOD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM LINKS

HERE ARE LINKS TO FOLLOW THE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN REAL TIME AND STAY ALERT

### Streamgage Data

- USGS National Water Information System <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/>
- North Prong gage at Brewington Creek [https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/inventory/?site\\_no=08178861](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/inventory/?site_no=08178861)
- West Prong gage at Carpenter Creek Road [https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/inventory/?site\\_no=08178871](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/inventory/?site_no=08178871)
- Patterson gage [https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/inventory/?site\\_no=0817887350](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/inventory/?site_no=0817887350)
- Bandera gage [https://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/inventory/?site\\_no=08178880](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/inventory/?site_no=08178880)

### Water Alerts

- USGS WaterAlert <https://water.usgs.gov/wateralert/>
- USGS Water On-The-Go <https://txpub.usgs.gov/water-onthego/>

### Flood Inundation Maps

- InFRM FDST: Interagency Flood Risk Management Flood Decision Support Toolbox <https://webapps.usgs.gov/infrm/fdst/>

# **BANDERA COUNTY RIVER AUTHORITY AND GROUNDWATER DISTRICT RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR TRANSPARENCY EFFORTS FROM TEXAS COMPTROLLER**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District is the latest local government entity to achieve specific transparency goals through the Comptroller's Transparency Stars program. Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District received a star in the area of Traditional Finances, which recognizes entities for their outstanding efforts in making their spending and revenue information available.

Transparency Stars recognizes local government entities that provide easy online access to important financial data.

“By providing meaningful financial data in addition to visual tools and analysis of its revenues and expenditures, Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District have shown a true commitment to Texas taxpayers. This effort achieves the goals set by my office's Transparency Stars program,” Hegar said. “I am pleased to award Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District a star for its accomplishments.”

The Comptroller's office launched the Transparency Stars program in March 2016 to recognize cities, counties, and school districts making important strides to greater government transparency. Local government entities can apply for stars in the areas of:

- Traditional Finances,
- Contracts and Procurement,
- Economic Development,
- Public Pensions, and
- Debt Obligations.

After receiving an initial star for Traditional Finances, the remaining stars may be awarded in any order. For more information on the program, including specific guidelines and information on how to apply, visit the Comptroller's Transparency Stars website.