

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.

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Employee Highlights

Alyssa Balzen Completed the Texas Water Leaders Program

Our Groundwater Science Manager Alyssa Balzen recently completed the Texas Water Leaders Program. This program is an annual leadership program that provides water professionals stepping into positions of leadership with the tools, training, and opportunities to expand their potential.

To help lead Texas into a sustainable water future, it is imperative that employees in the water sector are prepared to be the best they can be. The Texas Water Leaders program provided tools and valuable insight on ways I can become a better leader and person, all-around. As the poet Rumi stated, "Yesterday, I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself." I hope to use these skills to make a difference in the water industry, and promote sustainable and equitable access to water across the State of Texas. -Alyssa Balzen



2021 Texas Water Leaders Programs certificate recipients

Surface Water Highlights



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Mayan Ranch: Watershed course

The Texas Watershed Planning Short Course provides needed training and promotes sustainable proactive approaches to managing water quality throughout the state. This multi-day course provides participants with guidance on stakeholder coordination, education, and outreach; meeting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) nine key elements of a watershed protection plan; data collection and analysis; and the tools available for plan development. This information is presented through lectures, hands-on activities and case studies.

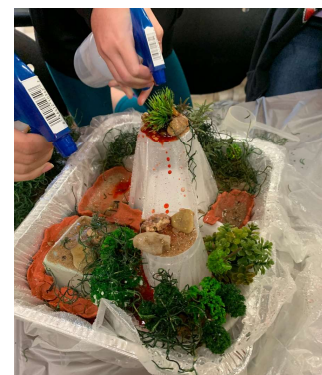
Conserve & Preserve

Educational & Outreach Highlights

Expanding Your Horizons at Schreiner University

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) is hosted by Schreiner University and is a fun day filled with STEM activities for young girls 6th through 8th grade. The purpose of the event is to engage these participants in the field of STEM as high school approaches.

October 16, 2021 the BCragd educational team hosted an Environmental Scientist for a Day Lab at Schreiner University's EYH experience. This lab allowed participants to learn what a watershed is and how humans can impact their quality and function. They gained first hand knowledge by building a watershed, adding pollution, and then simulating a rain event. They visibly saw pollution flow through the watershed. This experience led to in depth discussion regarding water preservation and conservation. This EYH hosted approximately 200 participants.



Build your own watershed activity, Charley & Corrina at Schreiner University



Build your own watershed activity

“Water is the most critical resource issue of our lifetime and our children’s lifetime. The health of our waters is the principal measure of how we live on the land.” – *Luna Leopold*

Women's Leadership Conference at Schreiner University

BCragd attended the Women's Leadership Conference at Schreiner University. This conference was about how women embrace and manage personal, professional, social and technological change. Also the team hosted a table to encourage and show women career avenues in the water world.



Charley Curd hosting a table at Schreiner University's Women's Leadership Conference

District Highlights

Region 12 Flood Planning Group Public Forum & Stakeholder Forum

On December 9, 2021 BCRADG hosted the San Antonio Region 12 Flood Planning Group Public meeting to bring together stakeholders and the public to discuss flood planning needs, issues, along with potential solutions looking forward.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!

REGION 12 FLOOD PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING

WHEN: Dec. 9, 2021, 10-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Bandera County River Authority & Groundwater Conservation District
440 FM 3240, Bandera, TX 78003



SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP
Region12Texas.org
(210) 227-1373

San Antonio Region 12 Flood Planning Group Meeting



Flyer for San Antonio Region 12 Flood Planning Group



Christmas Conservation Event

BCRADG Christmas Conservation Event

On December 16, 2021 Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District hosted a Holiday Conservation event. The District staff shared information regarding the District's ongoing projects. This event is part of the District's goal to improve inter-governmental relations and work collaboratively with other county and city agencies to better provide services to the community.



Christmas Conservation Event

"When the well's dry, we know the worth of the water."

-Benjamin Franklin