



TAGD

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF
GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

FY 2020 Annual Report

Leah Martinsson
TAGD Regular Business Meeting
January 26, 2021

89 GCD Members

36 Associate Members

Welcome to our new members!

San Patricio County GCD

Starr County GCD

Terrell County GCD

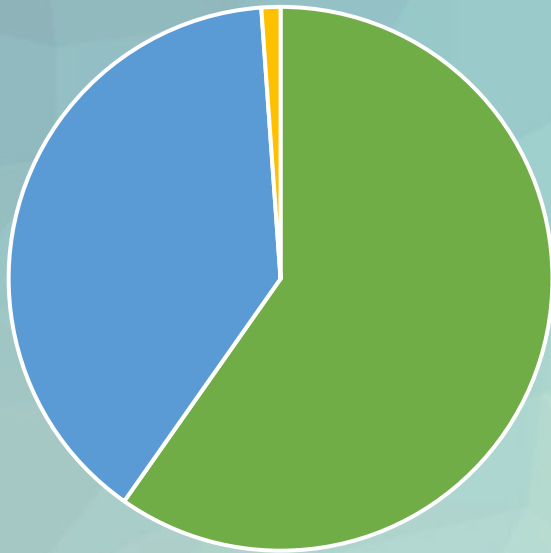
Barbara Boulware-Wells

Environmental Defense Fund

Nestle Waters North America

FY20 Finances

Income

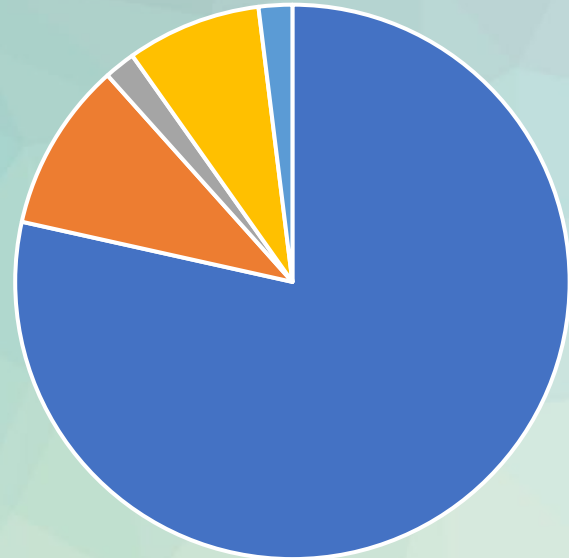


■ Member Dues

■ Meetings

■ Interest

Expenses



■ Personnel

■ Office

■ Meeting

■ Professional Services

■ Conferences/Outreach

FY20 Finances

Income
\$11k
above
budget

Expenses
\$40k
below
budget



Net Income
\$57,632.97

COVID-19 Response

- Timely resources on COVID page, and Weekly Updates
- Virtual TAGD meetings
 - 23 committee meetings
 - 2 regular business meetings
- GMA, TWDB, TCEQ virtual meetings attended



Educational Programs

- Virtual Public Funds Investment Act Training - 42 attendees!
- Webinars on OpenET and Texas Water Trade - 80 attendees!



OpenET: Filling the Biggest Data Gap in Water Management

FREE Webinar

Tuesday, December 8
3pm-4pm

Hosted by
TAGD
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF
GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Register now for free at
www.tinyurl.com/openETwebinar



The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts is pleased to present a free educational webinar for TAGD members and the greater water community. OpenET is a collaborative effort to develop an online platform for mapping evapotranspiration (ET) at the scale of individual fields. Join the upcoming webinar to learn more about OpenET and how YOU can use it to manage water resources. Visit www.openETdata.org for more info.

Presenters:
Matt Bromley, Desert Research Institute
Robyn Grimm, Environmental Defense Fund
Dana Rollson, Environmental Defense Fund

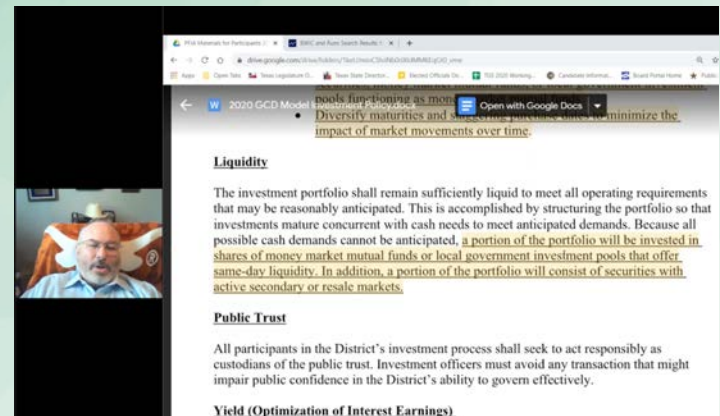
Questions about accessing the webinar? Email julia@texasgroundwater.org



Texas Water Market Makers

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

MARCH 11, 2020



2020 GCD Model

Liquidity

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. This is accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that investments mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands. Because all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, a portion of the portfolio will be invested in shares of money market mutual funds or local government investment pools that offer same-day liquidity. In addition, a portion of the portfolio will consist of securities with active secondary or resale markets.

Public Trust

All participants in the District's investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust. Investment officers must avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the District's ability to govern effectively.

Yield (Optimization of Interest Earnings)

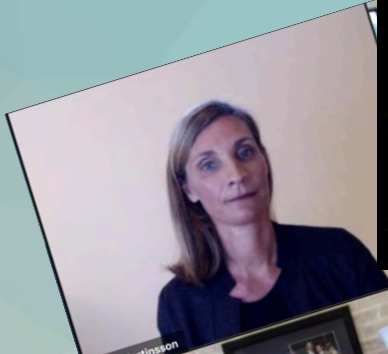
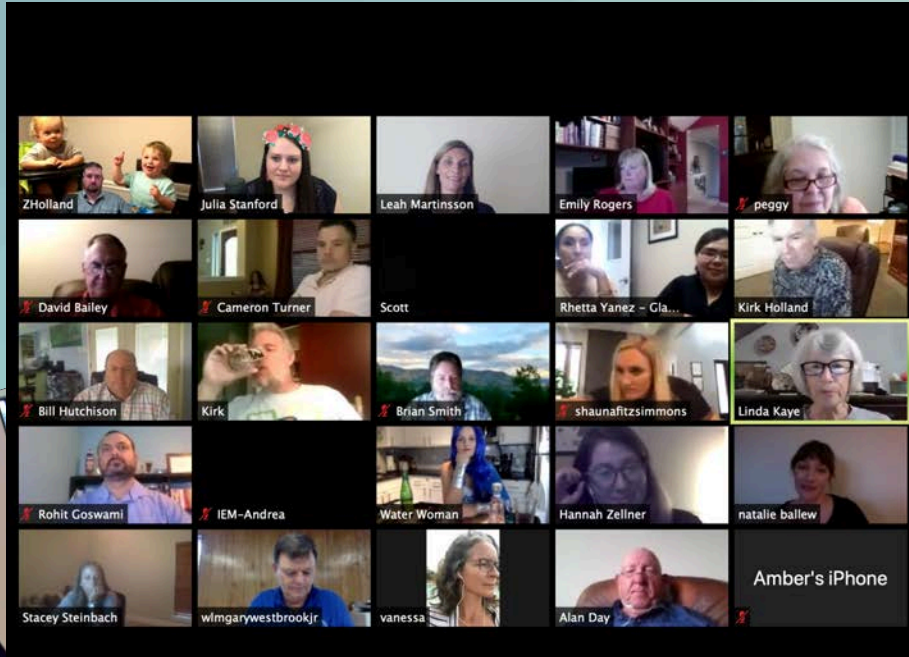
Cybersecurity Training

- Launched April 17
- 556 participants
- 76 districts
- Free, supported by district sponsors





Texas Groundwater Summit



Leah Martinsson



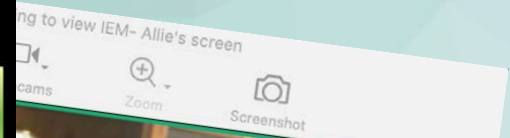
Eddie Lucio



Andrew Murr



Sid Miller





Texas Groundwater Summit

- 3 jam-packed days of learning
- 40 speakers
- 328 attendees
- 24 event sponsors





2021

TEXAS GROUNDWATER SUMMIT

Hyatt Regency Hill Country • San Antonio, TX • August 31-September 2

**August 31 –
September 2**

San Antonio, TX





Rio Stanford
Born June 16

**Food: Green
beans**

**Activity:
Dance parties**

Teeth: 2

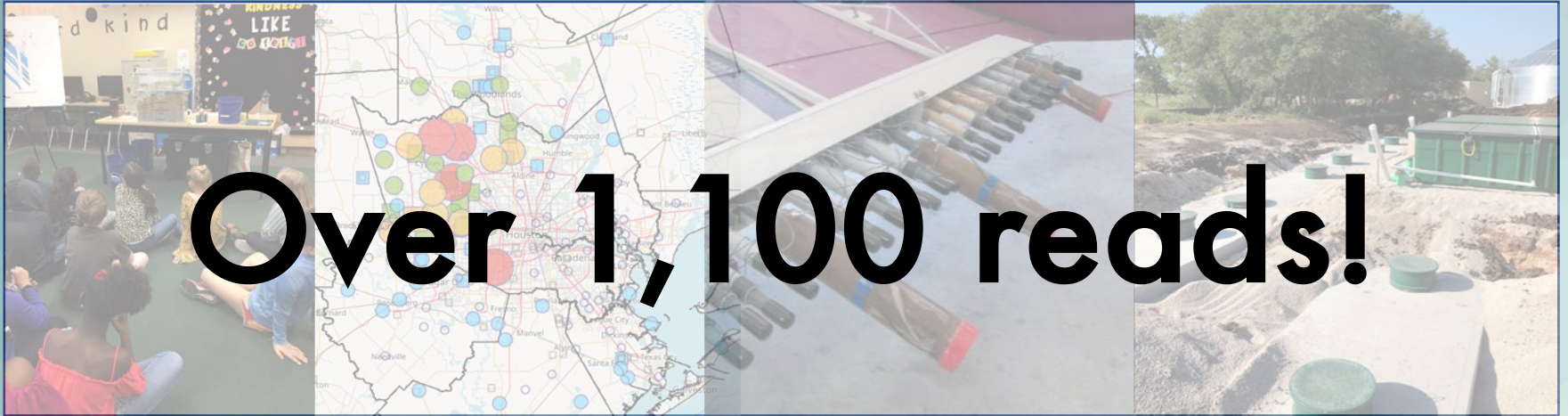
**Mode of
transport:
Crawling**

Weekly Updates

- The *main source* of communication from TAGD! The most prevalent member benefit!
- News you need to know, agency insight, upcoming events, survey requests, helpful resources...



Monthly Newsletter & Feature Articles



Over 1,100 reads!

- One Water/Blue Hole Primary School
- GCD COVID Response
- 4-H Water Ambassadors
- USGS OK/TX Water Science Center
- Water Grows
- Harris-Galveston Subsidence District
- Kenedy County GCD
- Reeves County GCD
- Brazos Valley GCD
- Evergreen UWCD

2020 Website Statistics



1. TGS
2. Jobs & RFQs
3. GCD Index
4. Business Meetings
5. Member Directory

33,800 page views!

Policy

Senate Water & Rural
Affairs Committee
Interim Testimony

House Natural
Resources Committee
Information Submittals



Reports to the 87th Legislature



T E X A S
GROUNDWATER
PROTECTION
COMMITTEE



SAVE TEXAS WATER
Water Conservation Advisory Council

Legislative Committees

- TAGD Legislative Subcommittees
 - Joint Planning
 - Brackish Groundwater
 - Produced Water
- TWCA Involvement
 - Groundwater Committee
 - Co-chair of Waste subcommittee



What else?



- Social media presence
- Speaking engagements
- Educational resources

- Water Grand Challenges
- Texas Water Data Initiative
- Various TWDB Stakeholder Groups
- Texas+Water Advisory Council
- 4-H Water Ambassadors Advisory Committee

Looking Forward...

- Legislative session
- Website refresh
- GCD Index update/revamp
- 2015 salary study update
- GCD board and staff "boot camp"
- **MEETING IN PERSON!**