



# FY 2021 Annual Report

# Organization – FY21 Membership

- ▶ 90 District Members
  - ▶ San Patricio County GCD
  - ▶ Southwestern Travis County GCD
  - ▶ Starr County GCD
- ▶ 39 Associate Members
  - ▶ Advanced Groundwater Solutions
  - ▶ Barbara Boulware-Wells
  - ▶ Eichler & Cook
  - ▶ Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody
  - ▶ John F. Hinrichs



**WELCOME**

# Organization – TAGD Business

- ▶ Amicus Brief request from Neches & Trinity Valleys GCD
  - ▶ Special meetings (virtual) in December 2020 and January 2021
- ▶ January 2021 Virtual Business Meeting
- ▶ June 2021 Business Meeting – back in person!
  - ▶ New Bylaws approved
- ▶ August 2021 Business Meeting

# FY21 Honorary Members



- ▶ Greg Sengelmann,  
Gonzales County  
UWCD
- ▶ C.E. Williams,  
Panhandle GCD



# FY 21 Finances

INCOME  
\$299,951



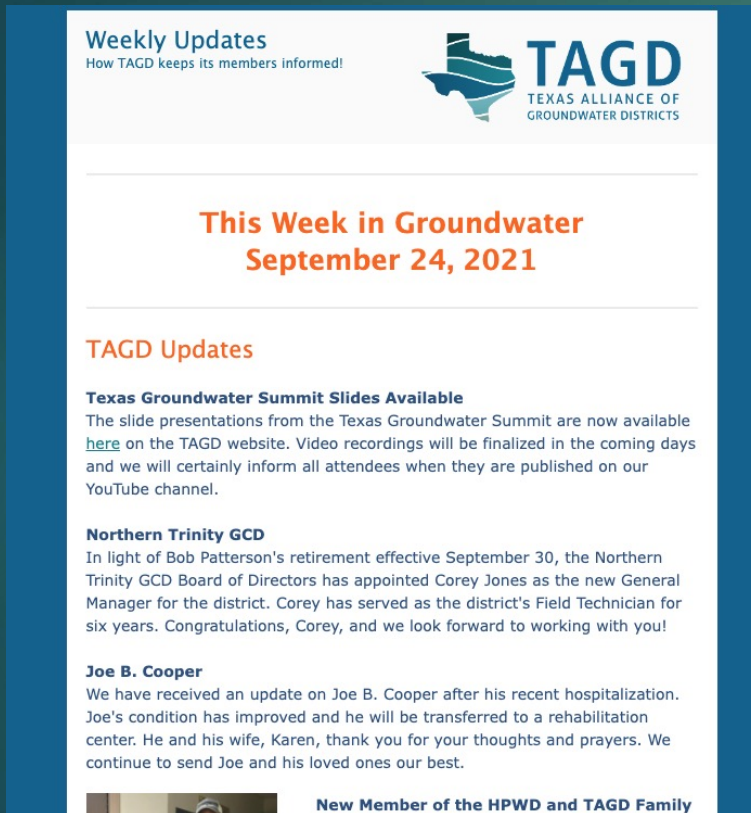
EXPENSES  
\$212,604

120% OF  
BUDGET

89% OF  
BUDGET



# Services – Communications



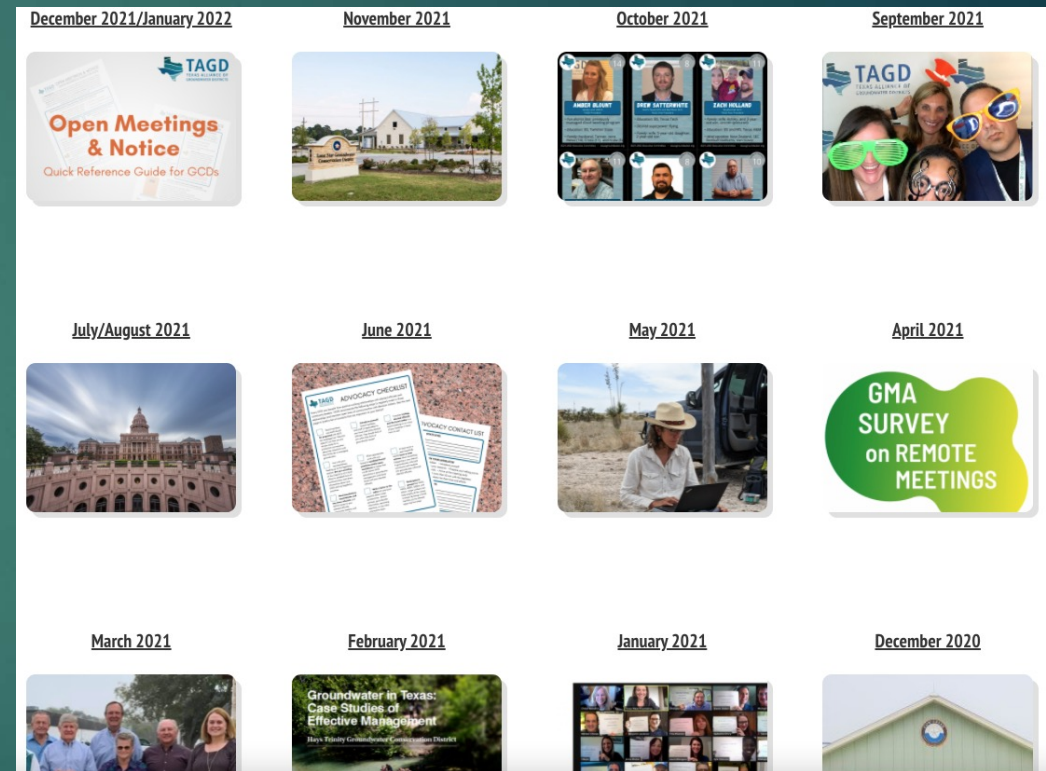
## WEEKLY UPDATES

- ▶ Roughly 290 subscribers
  - ▶ Are your staff and board members receiving these timely updates?
- ▶ Opened 20,500 times
- ▶ 47% average opens
- ▶ Survey requests, TAGD event info, agency updates, legislative information, announcements, curated information that will help you do your job

# Services – Communications

## MONTHLY FEATURE ARTICLES

- ▶ GCDs Managing Through COVID-19
- ▶ TexMesonet
- ▶ Cow Creek GCD
- ▶ Texas Water Foundation
- ▶ EDF Case Study on Hays Trinity GCD
- ▶ Pecan Valley GCD
- ▶ GMA Survey on Remote Meetings
- ▶ Presidio County UWCD
- ▶ GCD Advocacy Checklist
- ▶ Legislative Summary
- ▶ 10 Years of the Texas Groundwater Summit



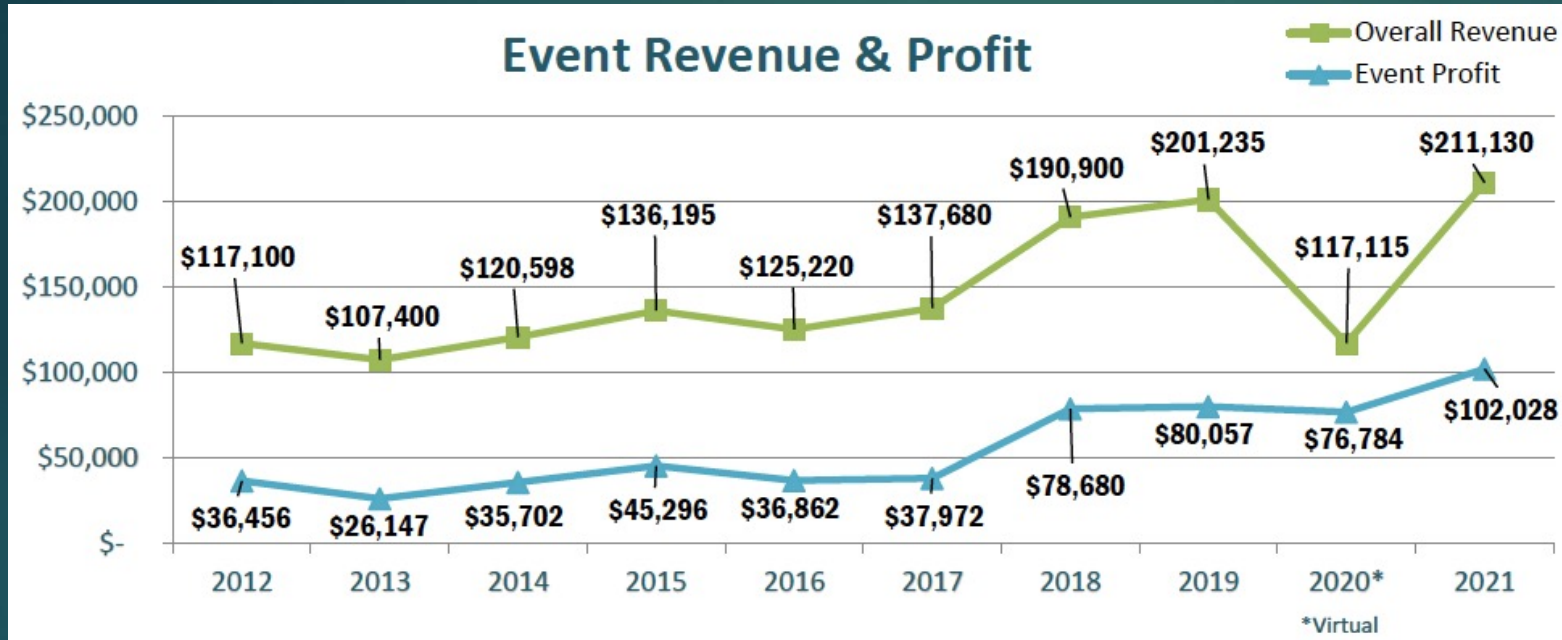


# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Groundwater Summit

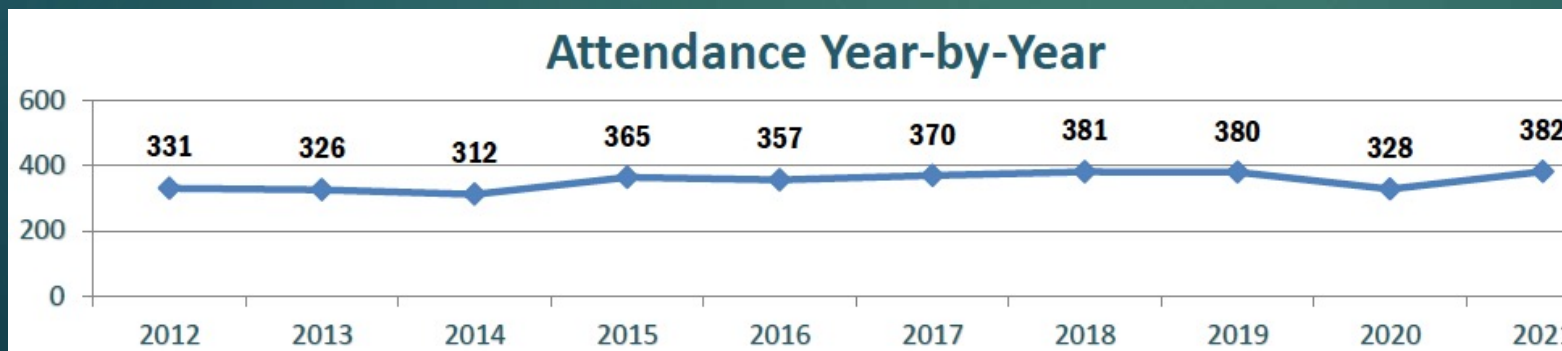




# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Groundwater Summit



- ▶ \$102k profit
- ▶ 382 attendees
  - ▶ 296 in person
  - ▶ 86 virtual
- ▶ 41 speakers
- ▶ 34 sponsors



One unforgettable event!

# Education/Trainings

- ▶ Speaker Series at Business Meetings
  - ▶ TWDB studies, state climatologist, open meetings, legislative debrief, agency updates, legislators
- ▶ Public Funds Investment Act
  - ▶ Offered hybrid, 56 participants total
- ▶ Cybersecurity Awareness
  - ▶ 507 board and staff members completed!



Cybersecurity Awareness Training

# 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature

**1+3** sessions

**7,300** bills filed

**120** bills tracked

**10** TAGD priority groundwater bills

**21** committee hearings

**8** TAGD testimony

**~23** rapid COVID tests to enter Capitol

**0** changes to Chapter 36





# Resources



## TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS 2021 SALARY STUDY

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## Open Meetings & Notice

Quick Reference Guide for GCDs

### ADVOCACY CHECKLIST

Every GCD can benefit from proactive advocacy, and members officials and community leaders. TAGD provides the following guide to help you assess the knowledge and resources you need to advocate for your district. Use the checklist page to determine if you have that you are responsible for your district.

<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's mission, vision, and goals.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's financial status.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's legal obligations.
<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water quality.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water quantity.
<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water use.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water conservation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water efficiency.
<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water infrastructure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water infrastructure maintenance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water infrastructure investment.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water infrastructure operation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water infrastructure maintenance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Know your district's water infrastructure investment.

### ADVOCACY CONTACT LIST

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## Webinar: OpenET

December 8, 2020  
3pm-4pm

Register now for free at  
[www.tinyurl.com/openetwebinar](http://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](http://www.openetdata.org) for more info.

Questions about accessing the webinar? Email [julia@texasgroundwater.org](mailto:julia@texasgroundwater.org)

## Webinar: TWDB Agricultural Conservation Grants

December 14, 11:00am

<http://gotomeet.me/TAGD/aggrants>

Speakers:  
TWDB Director Kathleen Jackson  
Kyla Peterson, TWDB Team Lead

+Insights from several recipient GCDs



# Committees/Partnerships

- ▶ Texas Groundwater Protection Committee, Water Conservation Advisory Council, Texas Water Data Initiative, Texas+Water Advisory Committee, 4-H Water Ambassador Advisory Committee, TWCA Groundwater Management Districts Association, various TWDB stakeholder groups
- ▶ Speaking engagements with Water for Texas, Texas Ground Water Association, Texas Water Conservation Association, Texas Water Leaders, 4-H Water Ambassadors, Texas Real Estate Advocacy & Defense Coalition Webinar

# On the Horizon...



- ▶ New GCD Index map viewer
- ▶ GCD Boot Camp series
- ▶ More webinars, resource guides
- ▶ Legislative interim
- ▶ Business Meeting in Arlington in May
- ▶ 2022 Texas Groundwater Summit  
(submit your proposals!)

FY20-21  
President Zach Holland

