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BARTONVILLE WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2006 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Monday, APRIL 24, 2006
7:30 P.M.

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8101 JUSTIN ROAD (FM 407)
DOUBLE OAK, TEXAS

You are cordially invited to the Annual Meeting of the Membership/Stockholders of the Bartonville Water Supply Corporation. Members will be mailed a Notice of the Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement on April 7, 2006.

NOTE

Renters or Lessees will not be mailed an Annual Meeting Notice or Proxy Statement.

Activities will include the election of three (3) Directors and door prize drawings for water credits. The Directors whose terms expire are Scott Kilpatrick (Copper Canyon), Lloyd Hanson (Unincorporated Denton County) and Gracie Egan (Bartonville). We are grateful to these Directors for their many contributions!!

In addition to elections the members will be voting on a by-law amendment.

Mr. John Cooper, CEA - Horticulture, Denton County Agricultural Extension Agent, will answer questions regarding water conservation in light of the current drought conditions we are experiencing in Texas.

THE ROLE OF THE BWSC DIRECTOR

For those considering running, or nominating someone for a Board of Directors position, here are some items for consideration as stated in The Water Board Guide by Ellen G. Miller and Elmer Ronnebaum:

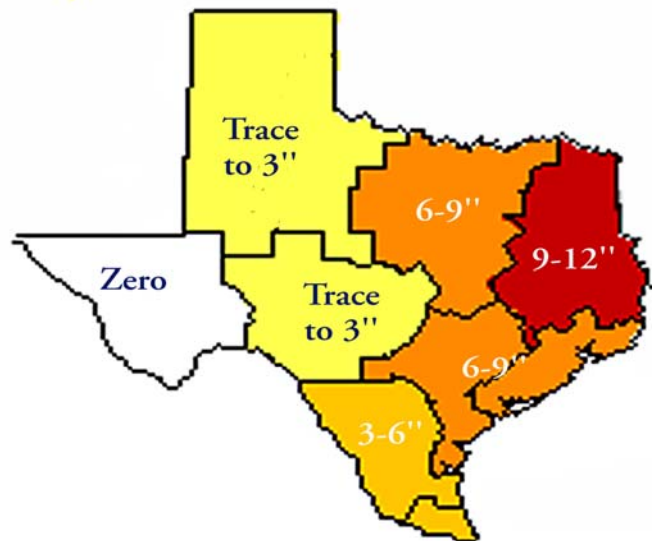
A Director is someone with an “**ATTITUDE OF SERVICE**”. Some aspects of board membership are:

- **Commitment:** to mastering complex issues, to putting in long hours.
- **Understanding:** why you're on the board and what being a public figure means.
- **Experience:** jobs, working with and listening to people.
- **Tolerance:** of different points of view (sometimes vividly or angrily expressed), and of people who are different from you.
- **Responsibility:** for making sound financial and legal decisions that affect the direction of the Corporation.

The above is an overview of the role of a Director. If you would like additional information, please contact the office.

**STAGE 2 – YELLOW
WATER CONSERVATION**
June 15th begins Odd/Even
Every-other-day watering through Sept. 15th

WHAT WE NEED TO CATCH UP – This map from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center shows, as of Jan. 28, the amount of rainfall needed to return an area to the normal level of –0.5 on the Long-term Palmer Drought Index (PDI).



THE YEAR WITH NO WINTER

The Drought of 1996 launched an overhaul of Texas water planning. Senate Bill 1 in 1997 and Senate Bill 2 in 1999 led to requirements that utilities develop drought contingency plans.

Ten years after that Drought of 1996, Texas utilities are facing the Drought of 2006, and at TCEQ urging, dusting off those plans.

In early January, 33 water systems in the state were stressed to the point that they had implemented mandatory water conservation measures; 16 utilities were asking for voluntary consumption reduction.

Even with some rain late in the month, the list was growing by the end of January. TCEQ's Mike Lannen said that 34 systems remained on mandatory conservation, and 61 were implementing voluntary measures.

He said he expected the list to grow: "A lot of systems are sitting on the fence, waiting to see what will happen with demand," he said. As springtime nears and the demand for landscape irrigation grows, more systems will hit the triggers they set in their drought contingency plans.

The Barton Creek/Edwards Aquifer Water Conservation District required water users, including the burgeoning Austin suburbs of Kyle and Buda, to cut water use 20 percent. "The drought conditions, we think, are going to continue, if not get worse, because we just don't see significant enough rains on the horizon," District Manager Kirk Holland said in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Most of the state is behind in its rainfall, with a long way to go before it catches up. Particularly hard-hit are sections of North Central and East Texas where as much as 9 inches of rain would be needed just to get back to normal.

That's not likely to happen anytime soon. February is traditionally stingy with rainfall across the state, and the federal government's Climate Prediction Center forecast that all Texas would experience below-normal precipitation and above-normal temperatures through February.

That may uphold the prediction of Jennifer Dunn, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, quoted in the *Dallas Morning News*: "It really has been a year without winter, and it's not likely to change soon."

Dallas recorded the highest average daily temperature for January in 83 years of keeping records – 68.3 degrees. The normal average is 54.

For the state as a whole, 2005 was the 12th driest year on record and the period between April and December was the third driest ever, behind 1917 and 1956.

On January 19, Governor Rick Perry declared all 254 of the state's counties a disaster area because of drought conditions. That enabled farmers and ranchers to seek U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance.

That followed on the heels of a late-December disaster declaration for the state after lack of rain

and abundance of wind and heat sparked fatal wildfires. More than 10,000 acres in 39 counties were scorched during December.

Most of the state’s counties banned outside burning to reduce the risk of further conflagrations.

SOURCE: Texas H2O, The Official Newsletter of the Texas Section AWWA – THE Water Professionals, www.tawwa.org

“XERISCAPE”

Whether new or old, your landscape can be made more water efficient simply by utilizing the water wise principles of “Xeriscape” landscaping. “Xeriscape” is the conservation of water and energy through creative landscapes, efficient irrigation, soil improvements, and the use of mulch. For more information, please contact the Bartonville Water Supply Corporation office or the local Texas Cooperative Extension. Come and see BWSC’s actual Xeriscape landscaping at the office.

TO DO!

If you haven't already, now is a great time to have your irrigation system thoroughly checked out for leaks, faulty heads, etc. Unfortunately, leaks in a sprinkler system are often the hardest leaks to find because the water usually does not leak from the system unless the system is running.

Losses from these systems are not only costly but wasteful as well. In addition, unattended hoses can also account for large water losses. Believe it or not, a 1/2" hose has a flow rate of 600 gallons per hour and a 5/8" hose has a flow rate of 1000 g.p.h. If left running overnight, a hose could waste as much as 5,000 gallons in an 8 to 10 hour period.

BANK DRAFT

As we continue to receive complaints regarding the failure of the postal service to deliver member’s water payments in a timely manner, we would like to offer you Bank Draft. Many members are utilizing a bill paying service online. Unfortunately, the bill paying services still have to mail a check to BWSC. Often the payments come from out-of-state and take days longer to reach BWSC than if

you were to mail the bill from your home. Use of a bill paying service does not guarantee your payment will arrive on time.

Bank Draft is a convenient payment method to insure you always have your payment processed on time. Unlike online bill services, the funds are not removed from your checking account until the payment is credited to your BWSC water account. You will still receive a bill and have plenty of time to call with questions, as Bank Drafts are processed no more than 2 working days before the due date.

If you would like more information about Bank Draft or you would like to receive the agreement forms, please contact the office at (817) 430-3541 or visit our website at www.bartonvillewater.com.

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