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EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

GROUNDWATER NEWS

NEW HYDROLOGIST JOINS GMD #2 STAFF

HALSTEAD — On Monday, October 20th, Tracey Rockett of Halstead took over as the District's Hydrologist, a position left vacant upon Tim Boese's acceptance of the Manager's position in November 2007.

Tracey is a graduate of Rocky Mountain College where she graduated magna cum laude with degrees in both Geology and Environmental Science. She has prior experience working as a geologist and most recently worked in the hazardous and solid waste division of the Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

If you're in the Halstead area and would like to meet Tracey, stop in and introduce yourself.

Welcome, Tracey!

THE GMD #2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

■ **Bob Seiler** (Sedgwick County) was elected to the Board in 2001, and has been the Board President since 2003. He farms dryland and irrigated land near Valley Center, and has operated Seiler Dairy Farm for the past 20 years.

■ **Frank Harper** (Harvey County) was elected to the Board in 2000, and has been the Board Vice-President since 2004. He operates Harper Farms, a family farm, that includes dryland and irrigated cropping operations, as well as cattle production, in Harvey/Sedgwick Counties.

■ **Larry Jacob** (Harvey County) was elected to the Board in 2005, and has been the Treasurer since 2006. He is the Vice-President of Larry Jacob & Sons, Inc., an Ag-Service business. He is also an insurance agent for Charlsen Insurance Agency, Inc., in Halstead, and a former City of Sedgwick Council Member.

■ **David Stroberg** (Reno County) was elected to the Board in 1998, and has been the Secretary since 2003. He is the President of Stroberg Land and Cattle L.C., a diversified farming and cattle operation in Reno County.

■ **Kirk Larson** (Reno County) has been a member of the Board since 2003. He is the President of K & K Farms, Inc., a diversified farming and livestock operation in Reno County.

■ **Fred Seiler** (McPherson County) has been a member of the Board since 2005. He is the Seed Sales Manager for Mid-Kansas Coop. He also farms dryland and irrigated land in McPherson County.

■ **David Warren** (Sedgwick County) has been a member of the Board since 2005. He has served as the Director of the City of Wichita Water and Sewer Department since 1989.

■ **Dennis Gruenbacher** (Sedgwick County) has been a member of the Board since 2006. He has farmed dryland and irrigated land in the Colwich area since 1973.

■ **Don Koci** (Reno County) has been a member of the Board since 2007. He is an Environmental Geologist for the City of Hutchinson, and was previously employed by the District from 1987-2004, including 12 years as the District's Hydrologist.

The Board of Directors encourages the public to attend District meetings. Board meetings are held at the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 office at 313 Spruce Street, Halstead, KS, on the second Tuesday of each month.

Persons desiring prior notification of Board of Directors meetings, hearings, work sessions or other business meetings should complete and submit a Meeting Notice Request form to the District office. Notice forms may be obtained by contacting the office at (316) 835-2224, or can be found on our website on the "Meetings" page.

Additional contact information for the Board members can be found on our website at: www.gmd2.org

VERIFIED CLAIM MAY LESSEN ANNUAL WATER ASSESSMENT CHARGE

HALSTEAD — A water user pumping less water in 2008 than his or her permitted amount may file a verified water use claim with the District to limit their annual groundwater user charge to the actual amount pumped instead of the maximum permitted amount. Claims must be filed by April 1, 2009.

By law, the District must compute the water assessment charge on the amount of water authorized by the individual's water permit unless a verified claim is filed demonstrating actual usage. Filing the claim is voluntary.

Verified claims may be filed if the water well is equipped with a water meter for all of 2008; the metered amount is in units of either gallons, acre-feet, acre-inches or barrels; and the water meter installed on the well is registered with the District. Verified claims may also be submitted for:

- Wells which were not drilled and completed under the original water permit approval,
- Water permits enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Reserve Program, or
- The Division of Water Resources' Water Right Conservation Program.

Contact the District office at (316) 835-2224 to request a form.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH:

- Plugging an abandoned water well?
- Repairing, selecting or installing a water meter?
- Filing a water permit form or use report?
- Checking on available groundwater supply?
- Filing a verified water use claim?

Contact the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District at (316) 835-2224.



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OTHER DISTRICT NEWS

34th ANNUAL MEETING

The 34th Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, in the Halstead Middle School gymnasium, 221 West 6th Street, in Halstead. Voter registration will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria, with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Further information, as well as maps to the location, will be posted on the website and also in the January '09 newsletter.

2009 BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION

Business to be conducted at the 2009 Annual Meeting will include the election of three director positions to the nine-member Board of Directors.

Board terms expiring in 2009 are Frank Harper, Harvey County; Dennis Gruenbacher, Sedgwick County; and Kirk Larson, Reno County. Dennis Gruenbacher and Kirk Larson will be seeking another three-year term.

Persons interested in running for the Equus Beds Board of Directors must file an application and statement of eligibility with the District by December 12, 2008, or seek nomination at the meeting.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER VISITS GMD #2

HALSTEAD — The Division of Water Resources' Chief Engineer, David Barfield, recently paid a visit to the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2.

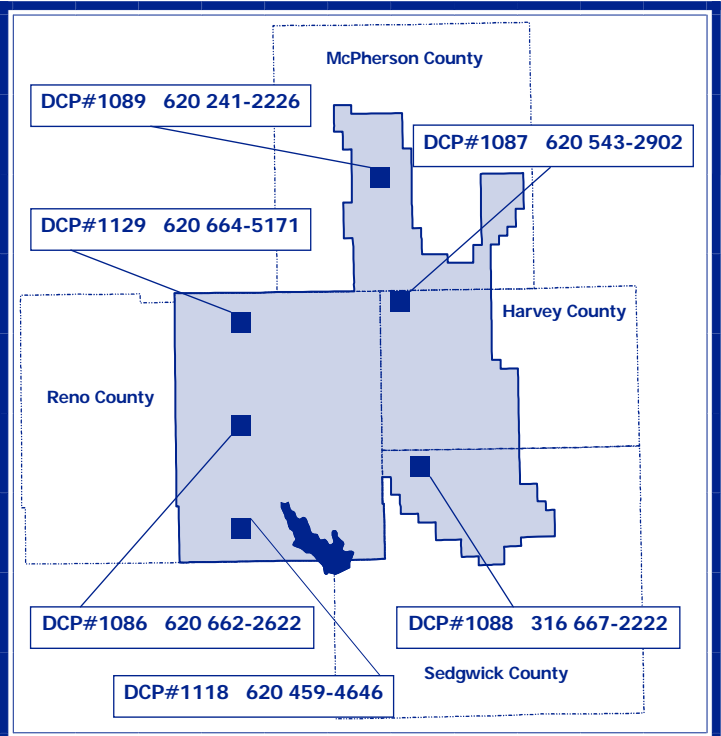
On September 9, 2008, Mr. Barfield attended a dinner with the Board of Directors, and also participated in the September Board meeting and addressed questions and concerns from the public.

During the meeting, several topics of discussion were addressed by Mr. Barfield. Among those topics discussed were:

- Sub-Basin Water Resources Management Program (SWRMP)
- Groundwater Modeling
- IGUCAs
- Impairment Issues

The District thanks Mr. Barfield for a wonderful visit and the information he provided to the Board, District staff, and the public.

Need to know the current rainfall, ET, soil temperature, groundwater-level and current atmospheric conditions in the Equus Beds?
Simply call the nearest data station.



BOARD OFFICERS

Bob Seiler.....	President
Frank Harper.....	Vice President
David Stroberg.....	Secretary
Larry Jacob.....	Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dennis Gruenbacher.....	Member
Don Koci.....	Member
Kirk Larson.....	Member
Fred Seiler.....	Member
David Warren.....	Member

DISTRICT STAFF

Tim Boese.....	Manager
Dorinda Albrecht.....	Admin.Asst.
Tracey Rockett.....	Hydrologist
David Randolph.....	Technician
Tom Adrian.....	Attorney

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Office hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.