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Spring

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Water Levels and Rainfall

April is coming to a close and it is hard to believe that we are already through the entire first four months of 2017. This month we received just over an inch and a half of rainfall here at the office as our gauge read 1.54 inches. With the precipitation in April, that brings our first quarter total here at the office to 5.11 inches. In April of 2016, we received 3.81 inches of rain for the month and had a total of 7.45 for the first four months. Although we are a couple of inches behind last years first four months, keep in mind that last year was an above average year when it comes to rainfall. May is about to begin and has historically been a high yielding month when it comes to rainfall and I am always anxious to see what the month brings us.

Last week I set out to take the monthly water levels measurements and was pleasantly surprised. I expected the water levels to have gone down much more than I measured. Most of the wells that were down were located in Tom

Green, but they were still many feet higher than previous April levels. Runnels and Concho county wells for the most part, were still on the rise as I did not witness much irrigating going on either county. If May and June are as wet as they have been historically, then we should be able to hang on to these wonderful water levels for a bit longer.