

LKWCD Current

Winter Issue

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Water Levels

Winter is coming to a close as we head now into the third month of 2016. Wow, time flies so very fast. Water levels in both Runnels and Concho county still remained very stable and satisfactory between January and February. There were a few areas in Tom Green county that had stable water levels as well, such as most of the wells south of highway 87, which have maintained levels higher than any February in many years. The Lipan Flats area north of highway 87, however, is seeing lower water levels in February than it has in many years. This is due to the fact that most areas have only received a little over a half inch of precipitation for the year so far and also that irrigation for winter wheat has begun. The water levels in the Lipan Flats were already down in January and are continuing to drop so please be efficient in your irrigation practices. At this current trajectory, water levels in March are most likely going to be quite low.

Rainfall

There certainly is not much to say in regards to recent rainfall or any form of precipitation for that matter. Here at the office we have had a total of .65 inches of precipitation for the year so far. Other areas in the district received a little more or a little less but either way we are far behind in regards to enough precipitation to see any noticeable recharge to the aquifer. There is still no rain in the forecast for the next few weeks so it appears that our lack of rain will continue on past the mid month of March unless we all get out there and perform a really convincing rain dance! We are still waiting on a few of the rain gauge participants to send in their final quarter for 2015, so get those in to us if have not sent yours in.