Action Alert Update

Groundwater District issues Vanderpool Management, LP two permits for 28 Acre Feet each instead of the total 200 Acre Feet Requested

THANK YOU to everyone who actively participated by voicing opposition to these two well permits. The Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District (BCRAGD) received over 125 written comments and letters expressing concern and opposition to these large well applications. Plus, more than 75 landowners turned out in person to voice concerns--there was standing room only at the meeting!

After hearing the public comments, listening to the recommendation of General Manager David Mauk and reviewing the materials provided, the BCRAGD Directors voted to approve a total of 56 Acre Feet, instead of the 200 Acre Feet requested in the applications. **Furthermore, these** wells will be permitted, "Non-Exempt" wells, and now will be required to be metered and subject to reporting requirements and drought restrictions.

The applicant will have to decide if they want to protest this decision by the Board. We will continue to monitor this situation for any new developments and promise to share them with you.

The Bandera Canyonlands Alliance (BCA) is very thankful for our members and the many other local landowners who joined us on this issue. Thank you for speaking out and sharing your concerns!

Please consider joining BCA to support our efforts to protect water and the other natural resources that make our area of the state so special. More information about BCA is available at <u>www.banderacanyonlandsalliance.org</u>. Membership is \$35 per year and ensures you receive our regular updates and Action Alerts. More information can be obtained by emailing us at <u>bcaorgtx@gmail.com</u>. _You can also complete a membership application form<u>here</u>.

Tax deductible donations are always appreciated and are used for legal expenses and to help us in matters like the well permit issue when our Rapid Response Committee is activated. If you would like to donate you can click here.

Thank you for your interest, involvement, and support. We promise to keep you updated on this important issue.

Bandera Canyonlands Alliance