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## GMD # 5 WEATHER STATIONS

1	GREENSBURG	(620) 723-2193
2	LEWIS	(620) 324-5866
3	ROZEL	(620) 527-4531
4	CULLISON	(620) 895-6505
5	MACKSVILLE	(620) 348-2238
6	RADIUM	(620) 285-2796
7	GREAT BEND	(620) 793-5798
8	STERLING	(620) 278-2632
9	CAIRO	(620) 672-3359
10	STAFFORD	(620) 234-5667

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# GROUNDWATER HI - LITES

March 2016

## Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5

### Central Kansas Water Bank Association

The deadline to deposit water into the Central Kansas Water Bank Association (CKWBA) for use at another location is April 1. This program is called the Deposit-Lease program. Through the Deposit-Lease program, the water right owner can deposit all or part of their water right's average historical water use into the CKWBA. The CKWBA will lease this water out within the same subbasin. The water right owner sets the terms of payment for this water and still retains full ownership of the water right. The land associated with this water right can still be dryland farmed during the term of the contract as well.

The CKWBA has developed a tool for interested parties to determine the lease eligibility at their desired destination. This tool can be found at [www.ckwba.org/ConsComp.asp](http://www.ckwba.org/ConsComp.asp). There is a map that can help to see areas of eligibility and a search tool to precisely determine the conservation component for each quarter section within CKWBA boundaries.

The CKWBA is working hard to keep interested parties informed of its activities. The CKWBA now has a dedicated webpage ([www.ckwba.org](http://www.ckwba.org)) and is on Twitter (@ckwba). Additionally, the CKWBA has a real-time notification system that can notify you immediately should water become available for lease or changes occur to the CKWBA programs. To receive messages via text, text the appropriate @code to 81010. You can opt out of messages at anytime. To receive messages via email, send an email to the appropriate [code@mail.remind.com](mailto:code@mail.remind.com). To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

Notification List	Code
Central Kansas Water Bank	@ckwba
Arkansas River Subbasin	@arknssrvr
Chikaskia River Subbasin	@chikaskia
Cow Creek Subbasin	@cowcreek
Medicine Lodge River Subbasin	@medlodgerv
N F Ninnescah River Subbasin	@nfninn
Pawnee River Subbasin	@pawneervr
Rattlesnake Creek Subbasin	@rttlnkerk
S F Ninnescah River Subbasin	@sfnninn
Walnut Creek Subbasin	@wlntcrk

### Quivira NWR / Rattlesnake Creek Impairment

As noted in previous newsletters, the Chief Engineer for KDA-DWR filed the initial report on the impairment investigation in the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin (<http://dwr.kda.ks.gov/impairment/RSC.Quivira/>). Every water user in the District is encouraged to read this report in order to provide feedback to both the District and KDA-DWR on this issue. The deadline for submitting comments to KDA-DWR is quickly approaching on April 15, 2016.

### Water Flowmeters

The District has required water flowmeters for every water right within the District for over two decades. The District staff have noted an increased trend in malfunctioning flowmeters. Accurate flowmeter records are extremely important for the proper management of the water resources in our area. In the event you

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

find your flowmeter not working properly and it needs to be serviced, notify KDA–DWR or the District promptly in order to file the proper documentation within 30 days of getting the flowmeter repaired or replaced. If your flowmeter is sealed with a chain to the pipe, you must get permission from KDA–DWR or the District prior to removing it. The District and KDA–DWR staff work hard to make this process as quick and efficient as possible.

**District Staff Changes**

Regan Harris has joined the District as Administrative Assistant. Regan is a Stafford native and looks forward to assist area water users in addressing their water resource concerns.

Jenny Newell has been with the District since 1993 and serves as the Office Manager currently. Jenny is now working part-time and is helping train Regan. Jenny has been and continues to be an asset to the District activities.

**Budget Hearing**

The public hearing to consider the 2017 budget for the District will be held July 14, 2016. The hearing will be held at the District office in Stafford beginning at 8:00 p.m. The Board has proposed a \$1,000,000 budget that includes funding for groundwater modeling and other hydrologic studies. There are several ongoing projects throughout the District that require extensive study using the District’s groundwater model. Following the hearing, the board will decide on the final budget and the assessment rates to fund the budget. Currently, the rates are at \$0.05/acre land assessment and \$0.67/acre-foot water use charge.

**Annual Meeting Recap**

The District’s annual meeting was held on February 18th in St John. There were approximately 40 in attendance for discussion on the activities of the District and for the election of three board member positions. Here are the election results: Fred Grunder - Pratt County, Kent Lamb - Stafford County and Justin Gatz - Reno County. All were elected to three-year terms. At the March board meeting, the District board officers were appointed. Darrell Wood was re-elected as President. Fred Grunder was elected to Vice-President. John Janssen and Curtis Tobias were re-elected to Treasurer & Secretary respectively. The Board of Directors for Big Bend GMD5 serve to represent the interests of each county of the District.

<b>PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>		
SALARIES	\$	180,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		24,000
PAYROLL TAXES		16,000
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$	12,000
UTILITIES		8,000
PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS		5,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES		4,500
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		4,000
BUILDING EXPENSES		3,000
FIELD EQUIPMENT		6,000
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
WATER MANAGEMENT	\$	610,000
PROFESSIONAL FEES		100,000
WEATHER STATIONS		15,000
INSURANCE		11,000
DUES & MEMBERSHIPS		1,500
OTHER		1,000
BUSINESS DINNERS		1,000
POSTAGE		1,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

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