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Dripping Springs wastewater discharge permit causes community, EPA concern

By Brett Thorne, Kelli Weldon and Olivia Lueckemeyer | Posted Feb. 27, 2017 at 8:00 am
Candidate Freshwater Mussels of the Colorado

Smooth Pimpleback

Texas Fawnsfoot

Texas Pimpleback

Texas Fatmucket

False Spike

http://www.tamuimrmussels.com/photos.html

Courtesy of Lisa Benton, LCRA
In the heart of the West Texas oil patch, a new fracking frenzy is putting a strain on groundwater.

by Christopher Collins
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December 11, 2017

Charles Phillips was in his pasture one day last year when he heard the sound. At 85, Phillips doesn’t hear as well as he used to, but he had no problem picking up the unmistakable squeal of a drill boring through rock. That’s odd, he thought. Why would my neighbor be drilling a water well?
Ultra-high-density stock grazing, image courtesy of Beef Magazine
The Colorado River floods La Grange during Hurricane Harvey, August 28th, 2017.
U.S. Drought Monitor

Texas

October 4th, 2011

Intensity:
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/
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Portfolio Composition (2115)

The chart illustrates the composition of different portfolios over a yield of acres/year. The portfolios are categorized into Low-Cost, Local Control, Implementation Benefits, Reliability, and Conservation. Each portfolio is further divided into various subcategories:

- Conservation
- Decentralized Lot Scale
- Decentralized Community Scale
- Non-potable reuse (purple pipe system)
- Direct Potable Reuse
- Indirect Potable Reuse
- Additional Supply from LCRA
- Off channel reservoir
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery
- Brackish Groundwater Desalination
- Conventional Groundwater
- Seawater Desal

The chart shows the yield and the contribution of each subcategory to the overall portfolio.
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– Jace Houston, General Manager of the San Jacinto River Authority
Applause!

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