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Watershed Week in Review

South Llano Watershed Alliance

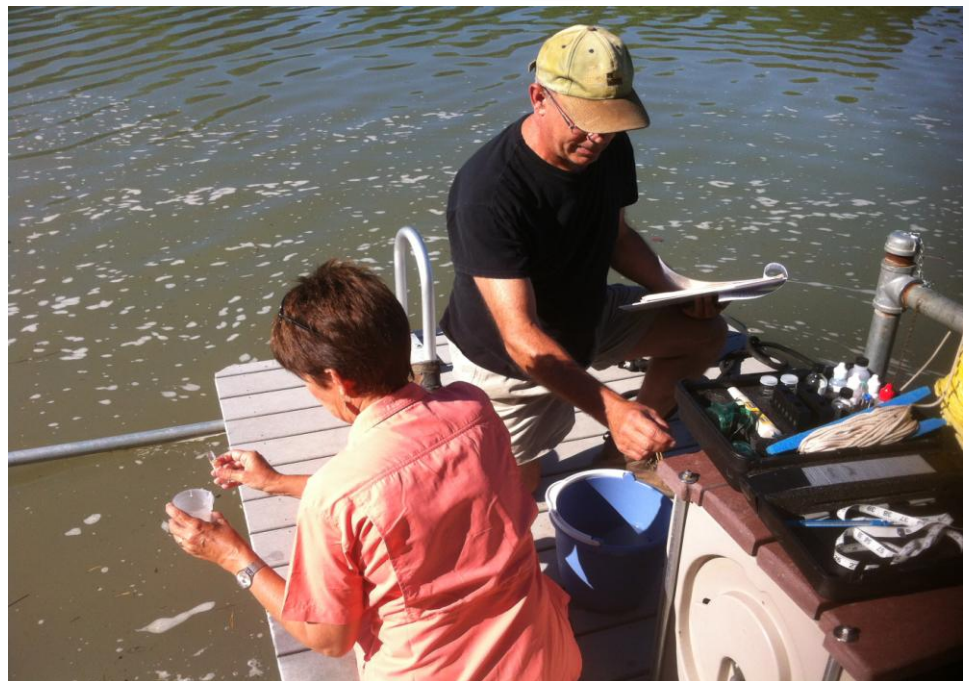
Burn Bans return to the Hill Country

This week, County Commissioners in Llano and San Saba counties implemented burn bans.

Want to know what you can and cannot do under a burn ban?

Prescribed burns are good for the health of the watershed. But **by definition**, these types of burns are planned and applied to a predetermined area, under specific conditions, to achieve a desired outcome.

Be careful. Conditions are drying quickly across the watershed.

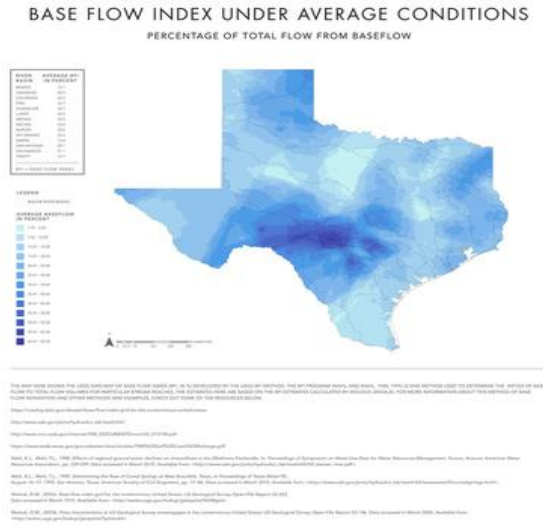


Sampling the Llano

Since last December, members of the Hill Country Master Naturalists have volunteered monthly, as members of the [Texas Stream Team](#), to monitor the quality of the Llano River near the James River Crossing for pH, temperature, and Dissolved Oxygen (DO). DO is a measure of the level of oxygen in the water.

Yesterday, for the first time since sampling began, DO was below 5.0 mg/L, the level at which aquatic life begin to be stressed. The culprit might be the [foam](#) seen on the water.

In the News



Our desired future

Our Desired Future, a multimedia project to educate Texans on the interconnections between water above and below ground and what Texans can do to keep water flowing for future generations
<http://www.ourdesiredfuture.com>

French Assassin comes to Tx

*They've burned it, hacked it and poisoned it. Now they want to try wasps—
imported from France...*

Arundo donax, or Giant cane or Carrizo cane is also found in patches along the North and South Llano.



Texas Aquatic Science Website



Though written for students, *Texas Aquatic Science* website provides valuable information regarding the importance of water to life, aquatic ecosystems, and what we must do to conserve water and aquatic life.

Short videos accompany easy-to-follow explanations on not only aquatic life and ecosystems, but also careers in aquatic science and the roll science plays in understanding our aquatic ecosystems. [...go to website](#)

Upcoming Events

Sonora Workshop

The Texas Grazing Lands Coalition will be hosting a Grazing Management Clinic on August 5, 2015, at the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora.

Topics include: capturing solar energy, creating a more efficient water cycles, building a dynamic mineral cycle, enhancing biodiversity...[learn more](#)



Rain Barrel and Water Conservation Workshop-August 3rd Menard

Workshop will include talks and demonstrations featuring drip irrigation, wicking beds, keyhole gardening, tippy-tap hand washing, mulching and gallon jug bird and wildlife watering.

[details](#)

New Landowner Conference-Menard

New landowners seeking information on a variety of topics should attend the Menard County New Landowner Conference on July 31st in Menard. Topics include: Agricultural and Wildlife Special Use Appraisals; Local Plant ID; Animal Options for the Edwards Plateau; Water Well Regulation and Permits; Wildlife Management by the Month.

[...more info](#)

