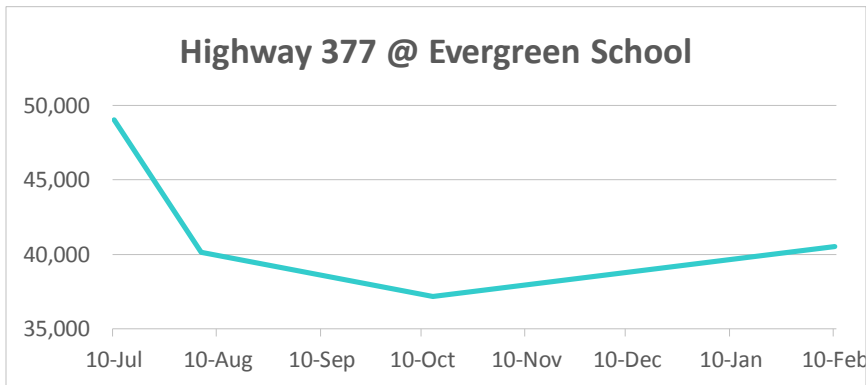


# Llano River Watershed Alliance WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW

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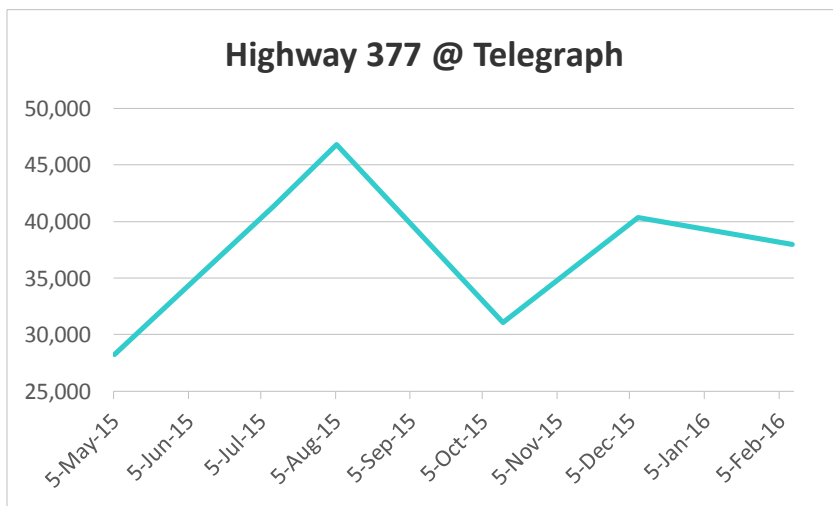


## Flows in the upper South Llano River

Thanks to Joel Pigg at Real Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District for sharing with us measurements recently taken by the District.

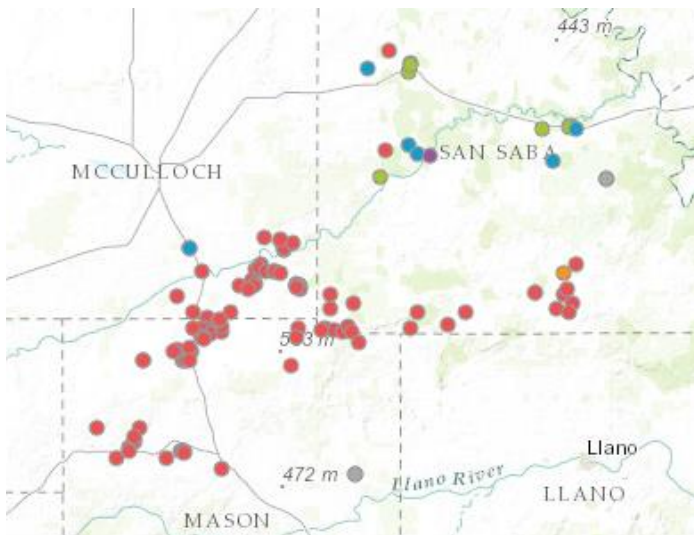
Two of these measurements (reported in gallons per minute) include the South Llano at the first (Evergreen) and second (Telegraph) crossings on Highway 377.

The flow at the first crossing



- coming from Junction - was 37,952 gallons per minute (gpm), or 85 cfs (cubic feet per second). According to Joel, this is an increase from the measurement last taken in October. Flow at the second crossing near Telegraph was 40,501 gpm, or 90 cfs. This is a slight decrease from the last measurement in December.

For comparison, flows recorded downstream at the USGS gage on the South Llano near Flatrock Crossing were 69 cfs. For a link to all the gages in the Llano River Watershed, check out the Alliance homepage – [llanoriver.org](http://llanoriver.org) – under the **Quick Links** section.



## Latest Hickory Aquifer Well Levels

The Hickory Underground Water Conservation District #1, which covers portions of Mason, McCulloch, and San Saba counties, takes regular water level measurements from wells within the District.

The latest measurements [may be found here](#).

Most wells showed an increase in water levels. The values reported a measurement in feet from the top of the well to the water level. A decrease in value from the previous measurement is an increase in water level.

## Mason Water Quality Samplers Recognized

This week's edition of the Mason County News carried a [front-page story](#) on the recent Stream Team Training at the Llano River Field Station.

Of the nearly 30 participants, six were from Mason County.



## The Environment as an Asset

How downstream users can recognize economic goods and services provided by upstream landowners?

*It seems that whenever the issue of conservation of nature has entered the public or political discussion, it has been purported to come at a cost and the discussion typically framed as “the environment vs. the economy.”*

*The introduction of the concepts of natural capital and ecosystem services, however, has dramatically changed the course of this conversation in recent years.*

[Read more...](#)

## County Hazard Mitigation Plans Available

Do you live or own property in Llano, Mason, or San Saba County?

Do you know what your risk is from flood, dam failure, or lightning?

Check out the draft updates of the [Hazard Mitigation Plans](#) for these counties as well as the City of Brady.

These in-depth documents are prepared by the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition and will update mitigation plans set to expire this year.

Most downloads are about 40mB in length, but contain a wealth of information on floodplains, droughts, even economic trends.

