



Stage 3 Drought Declaration in Effect

See drought conditions map of
[Blanco County, TX](#) | [U.S. Drought
Monitor](#)

Burn Ban Status

Check [Blanco County Burn Ban
Page](#) for current status.

Call (830)868-7104
prior to burning.

Water Leak Hotlines

Save that precious water!
City of Blanco
(830)554-0716

Johnson City
(830)868-7111 Extension 2

Flood Decision Toolbox

Check current conditions at: [Texas
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BCCI Community Gathering on April 28, 2026

Robin Miskimins, a Master Naturalist from the Highland Lakes Chapter, presented information on bird watching, bird migration, migration, and conservation that benefits birds such as the golden-cheeked warbler. The golden-cheeked warbler nests exclusively in the Texas hill country and is dependent on old growth ash junipers (cedar) for nesting material. The evening included engaging discussion around impacts from loss of habitat due to development, free-roaming cats, wind turbines, and increasing numbers of lights at night that confuse migrating birds resulting in deaths from building strikes.

Blanco County Conservation Initiative Holds Meeting to Discuss Bird Migration



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The Blanco County Conservation Initiative held an informational and social gathering with a focus on bird migration at the Gem of the Hills on Tuesday April 28th. Highland Lakes Master Naturalist Robin Miskimins presented information to around twenty-five people about migration patterns and birds that can be seen during the migration period in the Hill Country.

The migration season is winding to a close now, as the peak is often the months of March and April tapering off as summer approaches. The talk was an informal question and answer exchange with audience members. Many of the questions touched on how humans could assist during migration periods, and one major factor is minimizing artificial



Thank you, Blanco County News for highlighting our gathering!

Support BCCI on May 16th with a day of good bourbon and good music!

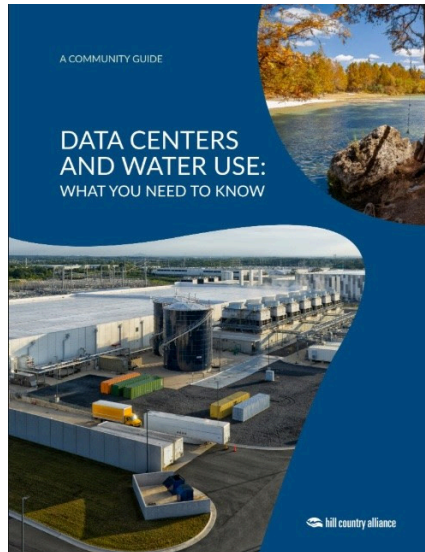


Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District Resolution 20260416-1

The BPGCD Board of Directors passed a Resolution requesting legislative clarification and protection regarding the regulation of data centers and concentrated demand locations. The District formally opposed data center developments proposing high volume use of potable groundwater in water constrained regions without demonstrated supply and mitigation. The District also requested clarification and affirmation of Districts for statutory authority over industrial siting, impact assessment and mitigation, data transparency, non-potable water sourcing and emergency powers to prevent imminent, irreparable harm.

[Full 20260416-1 Resolution](#)

Next BPGCD meeting is May 21, 2026, 1:30 pm, at the District Office, 601 West Main in Johnson



Data Center Resource from our friends at Hill Country Alliance

Data Center and Water Use Community Guide

Data centers are coming to the Hill Country - how will this affect Blanco County? As of September 2025, the San Antonio area ranks third in Texas with 50 data centers operating there, and the Austin area has another 40. In response to community questions about how data centers use water and what community leaders can do about it, HCA created an easy-to-read guide with key terms and recommendations for minimizing the water impacts of these new data centers.

[Check it out here.](#)

Update on McCar Companies Quarry in Blanco

BCCI recently organized with the operator a tour of the McCar Companies Quarry to see the historic structures on the property. Representatives attending included BCCI, Blanco County Historical Commission (BCHC), City of Blanco Mayor Candy Cargill, and the quarry operator. BCCI is facilitating dissemination of information to affected Blanco County residents on the quarry permitting process. BCCI will also have a seat on the Advisory Council and is working to ensure all impacted parties are represented. First meeting the Advisory Council is scheduled for May 28, 2026.

Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District Announces Drought Stage 3

Stage 3 Restrictions and Compliance Guidelines

Conservation Goal: 20-50% + reduction in groundwater use

What Else Has BCCI Been Working On?

Here is some of the other stuff we had going on in the past month:

- The **BCCI Blanco County Landowner Outreach** project is working with a few landowners who are considering a conservation easement for future land stewardship. After assembling data on land ownership in Blanco County, surveys were sent to hundreds of property owners seeking input on land stewardship views and goals. With 40+ surveys received, we are off to a good start on input and understanding the concerns of our fellow landowners.
- **BCCI + Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve Job Opportunity:** Seeking an organized, self-motivated coordinator (up to 20 hrs/week, mostly remote). Admin, communications, and event support. \$20/hr. More info at <https://bit.ly/BCCIjobs>.
- Blanco County has declared June 11, 2026, **J David Bamberger Day** in honor of the legendary Texas conservationist and founder of Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve. BCCI is planning a special event for this day with details to be shared on our [website](#).

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New Members**

**John and Judy
Moore**



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