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Current Blanco County Conditions

Flood Decision Support Toolbox

Check current conditions at: [Texas Water Development Board](#)

Stage 1 drought declaration is in effect

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

No Blanco County Burn Ban in effect

Call (830)868-7104 prior to burning

City of Blanco water and drought news

Water Leak Hotlines

City of Blanco (830)554-0716

Johnson City (830)868-7111 Extension 2

BCCI Facebook Page - [Facebook](#)

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2025 Best Practice Art Contest

\$2,000 Grand Prize for the best artwork with a theme of

Blanco County Land & Wildlife

Read the Rules at www.bccitx.org/art-contest

Enter the contest
or tell your friends about it.

Not an artist but want to have some fun plus support the contest? You can help with the Grand Finale on November 14. We need volunteers to help with the celebration. Contact bob@bccitx.org to find out what you can do to help with the party.

Sponsors currently include the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District, the Blanco Library and Selah Bamberger Ranch Preserve. **Add your name to this list.**

Texas Proposition 4 Allocates Funds for Water

by Mark Zuzanek, the BCCI Water Committee Chairperson.

If approved by voters on November 4, 2025, Proposition 4 would amend the Texas State Constitution to establish a new funding source for Texas' water needs. This would create a new long-term plan for the funding of water infrastructure projects using a portion of existing sales and use tax revenue.

According to the State Comptroller's office the State will receive more than \$49 billion in sales and use tax revenue in 2025. Starting in 2027 after the State pulls in the first \$46.5 billion, Proposition 4 would allocate the next \$1 billion to the Texas Water Fund which is administered by the Texas Water Development Board (WDB). The WDB oversees State programs related to the conservation and development of water resources in Texas.

Why do we need this? Plain and simple, Texas is running out of water. See this from the Texas Tribune: <https://www.texastribune.org/2025/03/13/texas-water-explained-supply-demand/>

Key Points:

- No new taxes. Existing sales and use tax revenue would be tapped
- \$20 billion would be allocated over 20 years
- Money would be used for
 - infrastructure improvements like repairing aging pipes and expanding water supplies.
 - Water reuse projects like irrigation and purple pipe
 - Flood infrastructure projects like drainage

Blanco County could benefit greatly from the passage of Proposition 4.

Vote your choice on Prop 4 on November 4!

Topic: Aggregate Mining on October 28

Jill Shackelford will talk about Asphalt Plant Operations best practices and how they relate to Blanco County on October 28th at Gem Of The Hills. This session will provide good input for elected officials, HOA/POA officers and the general public.

Jill founded Industrial Asphalt, Inc. in 1995. With her experience owning and operating an asphalt and mining company, she is passionate about consulting in all realms of the industry to substantiate her belief that **the industry and the environment are not mutually exclusive endeavors.**

The doors open at 6:30 for refreshments, pizza and conversation. Program starts at 7:00.

Become a BCCI Sponsor or Volunteer

We are looking for organizations, businesses and individuals to sponsor several community events. Please contact bob@bccitx.org for any of the following:

Art Contest

Sponsor: There are several levels of sponsorship for this county wide contest.

Volunteers: As with any contest, there are a number of functions the need to be done. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Art Contest.

Quarterly Educational Gatherings

Venue: We recognize the need to have our quarterly Educational Gatherings in various parts of Blanco County. **We are looking for places to hold them in 2026** in January, April, July and October starting at 7:00PM; the exact dates are open. We need locations that can seat up to 100 people for a presentation plus have a display screen for doing PowerPoint presentations.

Refreshments: At each Gathering, we serve hand snacks and refreshments. We need a sponsor to provide the goods and a volunteer to handle serving.

What else has BCCI been working on?

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

- Water Committee members have been attending working meetings for the City Of Blanco Wastewater Permit application
- BCCI will have a booth at the Twin Sister's Raise The Roof event on September 25-26
- Planning sessions on offering memberships in BCCI have been conducted. The results will be announced at the Educational Gathering on October 28.
- BCCI has become a Google Non-Profit
- www.bccitx.org has been enhanced to include additional public information
- Work continues with landowners who are considering turning their property into a conservation easement
- BCCI continues to have its monthly and special Board meetings at Texas Regional Bank in Blanco. **Thank you, [Texas Regional Bank in Blanco](#) for letting us use your great Community Room!**

~~~~~**A GOOD PLACE TO END THIS NEWSLETTER**~~~~~

As with any nonprofit organization, we are dependent on donations from supporters. You may donate to BCCI at [DONATE | BCCI](#)

Contact any of your Board members listed below for information and to give support. They want to hear from you!

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