



South Llano
Watershed Alliance

Watershed Week
in Review



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Happy 4th of July

***Be Safe on the
Water***

We all love to enjoy the river, but we need to remember to exercise caution.

Sadly, last Friday, a 20-year old man drowned in the Llano at the James River Crossing. He was visiting his relatives in Mason.

The Llano River at Junction is flowing at 122 cfs this afternoon while the North Llano is at 34 cfs. The last time it was this high over 4th of July was in 2010, when the Llano was 143 cfs and the North Llano was 74 cfs.

Downstream in Mason, the flows are 167 cfs and 184 cfs in Llano. As with Junction, flows haven't been this high since 2010.

Many of us likely remember the Bicentennial rains. Rainfall amounts over 12 inches were reported northeast of Pontotoc, sending a flood down Cold Creek and damaging graves in the Cold Creek Cemetery southeast of Field Creek.

NRCS Launches Environmental Markets Website

“Environmental markets, broadly defined, are mechanisms that give value to and allow for the purchase and selling of ecosystem services. NRCS views environmental markets as another tool to get conservation on the ground.

While NRCS has substantial funding to dedicate to private lands conservation, our funding will never be enough to address the natural resource needs of the Nation’s expansive private lands.

Environmental markets complement NRCS’s work by bringing private and other non-Federal investments to private lands conservation.”

[More from NRCS](#)

LCRA & TCEQ still have concerns over drought—extend Emergency Order suspending water to farmers

LAKEWAY, Texas (KXAN) — Despite unprecedented rainfall totals in recent months, Central Texans are still concerned about the future of the region’s water supply.

A decision being made Wednesday by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality could affect that outlook. The TCEQ is considering a request by the Lower Colorado River Authority to extend an emergency order which would keep water from being released downstream to farmers.

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Celebrate Smart Irrigation Month



July is Smart Irrigation Month, and the Texas Water Resources Institute and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service have many resources to help Texans save water supplies and money by irrigating their landscapes more efficiently.

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