

Newsletter, Autumn 2012

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Lake Medina Permitted Water Usage as reported by TCEQ

Year	BMA Permit #2130-300	Bexar-Met Permit #2130-301
2005	41,737 Acre Feet	10,235 Acre Feet
2006	45,686 Acre Feet	7,574 Acre Feet
2007	10,775 Acre Feet	0 Acre Feet
2008	32,806 Acre Feet	3,503 Acre Feet
2009	35,010 Acre Feet	9,298 Acre Feet
2010	17,103 Acre Feet	4,387 Acre Feet
2011	42,074 Acre Feet	9,892 Acre Feet
6/30/2012	10,351 Acre Feet	4,852 Acre Feet

Lake Medina Facts

The TCEQ permit for the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Water Control Improvement District No. 1 (BMA) is approximately 46,000 acre feet per year and the San Antonio Water System, previously Bexar Metropolitan Water Authority (Bexar-Met), permit is for 20,000 acre feet per year.

Elevation of the crest of the spillway	1064.2 Ft. (1072.0*)
Elevation of the top of the dam	1076.2 Ft. (1084.0*)
Elevation of lake level 8/29/12	1000.86 Ft.
Lake level below spillway level 8/29/12	63.34 Ft.
Lake capacity at spillway level	254,823 Acre Ft.
Lake capacity on 8/29/12	35,364 Acre Ft.
Percent Full on 8/29/12	13.88%
Surface area of lake at spillway	5575 Acres
Maximum lake depth at dam	152 Ft.

*Since 2002 USGS has reported elevation numbers based on National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929. To obtain elevation numbers as they would be prior to 2002 add 7.81 ft. to the above elevation numbers.

Questions regarding the Lake Medina Permit should be sent to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at www.TCEQ.State.TX.US. Reference the permit numbers above.

Bandera County Flood Warning System

The Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District (BCRAGD) is expanding its early flood warning system on the Medina River and adding the Sabinal River as part of the county's program. The system is operated and maintained by USGS and includes water level, flow rate, and rainfall. To receive text or e-mail alerts sign up at <http://water.usgs.gov/water> alert and click on Bandera Patterson Rd. or Bandera Park. The new sites are not yet up and reporting but we will include information on those sites in our next newsletter.

Cleaning Lake Medina Shore Line

With the lake down to 13% capacity many areas of shoreline have revealed old drums used for dock flotation not seen in decades. In some areas they litter the shoreline by the dozens and are not only an eye sore but can be dangerous.

LAMCOS has obtained the name of a service that can be hired to remove and dispose of drums. Contact Don Sloan at 830-612-3344 for details if interested.

Medina River Protection Fund, Inc.

The Lake Medina Conservation Society (LAMCOS) began the Medina River Cleanup in 2001. In 2004 LAMCOS established the Medina River Protection Fund (MRPF) as an advised fund within the Bandera Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. In 2008 the fund was incorporated and LAMCOS applied to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status which was granted. The Medina River Protection Fund, Inc. is an independent public charity.

LAMCOS supports the thirteenth annual Medina River Cleanup which will be held on May 4, 2013 at the Bandera City Park. Registration is 9 – 12 am and group/family participation is encouraged. All participants will be provided with free t-shirts and food service from 9 am – 6 pm. Free camping with hot showers is also available. For details visit the Medina River Protection Fund, Inc. web site at www.medinariver.net.

The Medina River Cleanup is supported by donations from Lake Medina Conservation Society, Bandera Business Association, Bandera County Commissioners Court, Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District, City of Bandera Economic Development Fund, Texas River Protection Association, and residents throughout the state.

If you have had any changes or are sending in your membership dues, please complete (PRINT) and mail to LAMCOS, P.O. BOX 390, Lakehills, TX 78063.

Dues are \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. Any and all donations are appreciated.

Name _____ **Date** _____

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