

## Newsletter, Summer 2013

### Board Members

#### State of Texas Permit System

Bobby Harris

President

The State of Texas considers surface water from rivers and lakes to be the property of the citizens of Texas. Surface water used from Lake Medina is permitted by the state through the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) which also monitors and records the data. These permits function on a calendar year of January 1 thru December 31 of each year.

Karen Ripley

Vice President

Don Sloan

Secretary/Treasurer

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 (SAWS) permit is for 20,000 acre feet per year.

Ed Eades

Director

TCEQ monitored water usage data for the past 8 years is as follows:

Year	BMA Permit #2130-300	SAWS 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
2012	16,301 Acre Feet	6,854 Acre Feet

Henry Bussey

Director

Dave Mauk

Director

#### Lake Medina Facts

Scott Solcher

Director

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 8/18/13	979.4 Ft.
Lake level below spillway level	84.8 Ft.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

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**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.**

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