CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT No. THREE



Sonia Lambert - General Manager

April 20, 2020

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Stormwater Team Leader (MC-148) P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Phase II MS4 Annual Report Transmittal for Cameron County Drainage

District #3

TPDES Authorization: TXR040276

Dear Team Leader:

This letter serves to transmit the required annual report for the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit, Authorization Number TXR040276 for the Cameron County Drainage District #3.

The annual report is for Year 1. The reporting period's beginning 12/13/2018 and ending 1/23/2020.

A separate Notice of Change has not been submitted based on the fact that changes have not been proposed for the next permit year.

As required by the general permit, a copy of the report has been mailed to the TCEQ's regional office 15 in <u>Harlingen</u>, Texas.

Sincerely,

Sonia Lambert General Manager

> 26041 FM 510 San Benito, Texas 78586 Board of Directors Randy McMurray-Secretary

Phase II (Small) MS4 Annual Report Form

TPDES General Permit Number TXR040000

A. General Information

Authorization Number: TXR040276
Reporting Year (year will be either 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5):1
Annual Reporting Year Option Selected by MS4:
Calendar Year:
Permit Year:X
Fiscal Year: Last day of fiscal year: ()
Reporting period beginning date: (month/date/year) _12/13/2018
Reporting period end date: (month/date/year) _1/23/2020
MS4 Operator Level:2_ Name of MS4: <u>Cameron County Drainage District #3</u>
Contact Name: _Sonia LambertTelephone Number:956-399-7637
Mailing Address: _P.O. Box 937, San Benito, TX 78586
E-mail Address: _ccid2@swbell.net
A copy of the annual report was submitted to the TCEQ Region: YES_X NORegion the annual report was submitted to: TCEQ Region _15

B. Status of Compliance with the MS4 GP and SWMP

1. Provide information on the status of complying with permit conditions: (TXR040000 Part IV.B.2)

	Yes	No	Explain
Permittee is currently in compliance with the SWMP as submitted to and approved by the TCEQ.	X		SWMP not yet approved, but CCDD#3 is in compliance.
Permittee is currently in compliance with recordkeeping and reporting requirements.	X		With submittal of this report, CCDD#3 is in compliance

Permittee meets the eligibility requirements of the permit (e.g., TMDL requirements, Edwards Aquifer limitations, compliance history, etc.).	X	CCDD#3 meets the eligibility requirements
Permittee conducted an annual review of its SWMP in conjunction with preparation of the annual report	X	Annual review of SWMP conducted with preparation of report

2. Provide a general assessment of the appropriateness of the selected BMPs. You may use the table below to meet this requirement (see Example 1 in instructions):

MCM(s)	ВМР	BMP is appropriate for reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater (Answer Yes or No and explain)
		See attachment B. Narrative Provisions, 2 – BMP Assessment

3. Describe progress towards achieving the goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP. If no progress was made or the BMP did not result in a reduction in pollutants, provide an explanation. Use the table below to meet this requirement (see Example 2 in instructions):

МСМ	ВМР	Information Used	Quantity	Units	Does the BMP Demonstrate a Direct Reduction in Pollutants? (Answer Yes or No and explain)
					See attachment B. Narrative Provisions, 3 - Pollutant Reduction

4. Provide the measurable goals for each of the MCMs, and an evaluation of the success of the implementation of the measurable goals (see Example 3 in instructions):

MCM(s)	Measurable Goal(s)	Explain progress toward goal or how goal was achieved. If goal was not accomplished, please explain.
		See attachment B. Narrative Provisions, 4 - Goals

C. Stormwater Data Summary

Provide a summary of all information used, including any lab results (if sampling was conducted) to assess the success of the SWMP at reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP. For example, did the MS4 conduct visual inspections, clean the inlets, look for illicit discharge, clean streets, look for flow during dry weather, etc.?

Cameron County Drainage District #3 conducts visual and odor observations in the course of maintaining the drainage ditches and associated stormwater structures. The only pollutant found during the report period has been illegal dumping. Illegal dumping is an overwhelming issue in the region. CCDD#3 reports illegal dumping to Cameron County for investigation, enforcement, and removal. As a non-traditional small MS4, a drainage district lacks the authority to pass ordinances or to enforce laws. Not all dumping can be investigated and cleaned up by the County. Not all dumping includes evidence of responsible party. Locations that are cleaned often have new dumping the next day. We continue to work with the County and others to reduce the problem.

D. Impaired Waterbodies

1. Identify whether an impaired water within the permitted area was added to the latest EPA-approved 303(d) list or the Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality for CWA Sections 305(b) and 303(d). List any newly-identified impaired waters below by including the name of the water body and the cause of impairment.

No impaired water within the permitted area was added to the latest EPA-approved 303(d) list or the Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality.

2. If applicable, explain below any activities taken to address the discharge to impaired waterbodies, including any sampling results and a summary of the small MS4's BMPs used to address the pollutant of concern.

Cameron County Drainage District #3 discharges into the Arroyo Colorado and the Rio Grande River, both of which are listed as impaired for bacteria and depressed dissolved oxygen. All activities and BMPs undertaken by CCDD#3 in these drainages address discharge into impaired waterbodies. As a non-traditional MS4, the District has assessed its facilities and operations and has determined that CCDD#3 is not a likely source of bacteria or a cause of depressed dissolved oxygen. We continue to train personnel and work to identify and eliminate illicit discharges from septic systems, gray water lines, and sanitary sewer leaks, but none have been found.

3. Describe the implementation of targeted controls if the small MS4 discharges to an impaired water body with an approved TMDL.

Cameron County Drainage District #3 discharges into the Arroyo Colorado Above Tidal Segment, which is subject to an approved TMDL for Legacy Pollutants. The use of these substances is banned in the United States. CCDD#3 relies on monitoring efforts by TCEQ for these substances.

4. Report the benchmark identified by the MS4 and assessment activities:

Benchmark Parameter (Ex: Total Suspended Solids)	Benchmark Value	Description of additional sampling or other assessment activities	Year(s) conducted
DDE in edible tissue	0, banned	CCDD#3 relies on TCEQ monitoring of this parameter	Year 1

5. Provide an analysis of how the selected BMPs will be effective in contributing to achieving the benchmark:

Benchmark Parameter	Selected BMP	Contribution to achieving Benchmark
DDE in edible tissue	Rely on TCEQ monitoring	Substance is banned, report to TCEQ

6. If applicable, report on focused BMPs to address impairment for bacteria:

Description of bacteria-focused BMP	Comments/Discussion
All BMPs in every MCM	Although there is no TMDL addressing bacteria, all BMPs in the CCDD#3 SWMP are ultimately in place to address the bacteria impairment in the Arroyo Colorado and the Rio Grande River.
Bacteria control – Septic system and/or gray water discharge detection and elimination	No discharge detected.
Bacteria control – Sanitary sewer leak detection and elimination	No discharge detected.

7. Assess the progress to determine BMP's effectiveness in achieving the benchmark.

For example, the MS4 may use the following benchmark indicators:

- number of sources identified or eliminated;
- number of illegal dumpings;
- increase in illegal dumping reported;
- number of educational opportunities conducted;
- reductions in sanitary sewer flows (SSOs); /or
- increase in illegal discharge detection through dry screening.

Benchmark Indicator	Description/Comments
Number of illegal dumpings	Despite our efforts, partnerships with local cities, Cameron County, and regional efforts including the tire clean-ups by the Lower Rio Grande Development Council, illegal dumping is an epic problem. Enforcement can be very slow in cleaning up large dump sites. Smaller sites are cleared during regular ditch maintenance. While the number of dumpings continues to rise, so do the efforts of partnerships throughout the region.
Collaboration in the Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership for public education and involvement and to implement the Update to the Arroyo Colorado WPP	CCDD#3 is supporting a coastal water quality implementation project by the Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership and the City of San Benito to reduce pollutants entering the Arroyo Colorado through a CCDD#3 outfall. Through three GLO Coastal Management Program Grants, the city is restoring function to the old sewage treatment and settling ponds using water from the new WWTP. WWTP water and stormwater is held for wildlife and habitat purposes as opposed to carrying pollutants to the Arroyo Colorado. The project is also a site for volunteer tree planting activities and education.

Educational outreach, including bumper stickers, storm drain stencils, and collaboration with and support of the Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership.	The public is becoming more aware of illegal dumping, the importance of clean drainages, and the health and environmental hazards of poor water quality. With recent flood events, the public is becoming more involved in flood prevention and stormwater quality issues.
Staff trainings and inspections for illicit discharges and other potential contributors to bacteria, maintenance of structural controls, and good housekeeping.	CCDD#3 holds quarterly staff that meetings include stormwater quality training on detection, investigation, and elimination of pollutants, compliance with stormwater control measures, pollution prevention, and good housekeeping. Crews inspect and clean ditches, catch basins, and outfalls on a daily basis, perform visual and odor inspections to detect illicit discharge on 100% of the drainage system annually, and maintain structural controls.

E. Stormwater Activities

Describe activities planned for the next reporting year:

MCM(s)	ВМР	Stormwater Activity	Description/Comments
			See attachment E

F. SWMP Modifications

1. The SWMP and MCM implementation procedures are reviewed each year.
XYesNo
 Changes have been made or are proposed to the SWMP since the NOI or the last annual report, including changes in response to TCEQ's review. Yes X No
If "Yes," report on changes made to measurable goals and BMPs:

MCM(s)	Measurable Goal(s) or BMP(s)	Implemented or Proposed Changes (Submit NOC as needed)

Note: If changes include additions or substitutions of BMPs, include a written analysis explaining why the original BMP is ineffective or not feasible, and why the replacement BMP is expected to achieve the goals of the original BMP.

3. Explain additional changes or proposed changes not previously mentioned (i.e. dates, contacts, procedures, annexation of land, etc.).

G. Additional BMPs for TMDLs and I-Plans

Provide a description and schedule for implementation of additional BMPs that may be necessary, based on monitoring results, to ensure compliance with applicable TMDLs and implementation plans.

ВМР	Description	Implementation Schedule (start date, etc.)	Status/Completion Date (completed, in progress, not started)
None			

H. Additional Information

_X Yes No If "Yes," provide the name(s) of other entities and an explanation of their responsibilities (add more spaces or pages if needed).	1.	Is the	e permitte	ee relying or	ı another ei	ntity to sa	tisfy any	permit c	bligations
• 1		_X	_ Yes	_ No					
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Yes. As a non-traditional small MS4, CCDD#3 has no authority to enact or enforce ordinances. As a small district, CCDD#3 relies on strong partnerships to achieve common goals.

Name and Explanation: Cameron County, investigation, enforcement, and removal of illegally dumped materials.

Name and Explanation: City of San Benito, investigation, enforcement, and removal of illegally dumped materials

Name and Explanation: Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership, education, outreach, and public involvement

Name and Explanation:

2.a. Is the permittee part of a group s Yes _X No	sharing a SWMP with other entities?
2.b. If "yes," is this a system-wide anr permittees? Yes No	nual report including information for all
	on numbers, permittee names, and SWMP dd additional spaces or pages if needed):
Authorization Number:	Permittee:
	that occurred in the jurisdictional area of the bmitted by construction site operators):
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2a. Does the permittee utilize the option	al seventh MCM related to construction?
_X Yes No	
2b. If "yes," then provide the following in	nformation for this permit year:

The number of municipal construction activities authorized under this general permit	0
The total number of acres disturbed for municipal construction projects	0

Note: Though the seventh MCM is optional, implementation must be requested on the NOI or on a NOC and approved by the TCEQ.

J. Certification

If this is this a system-wide annual report including information for all permittees, each permittee shall sign and certify the annual report in accordance with 30 TAC §305.128 (relating to Signatories to Reports).

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Name (printed): Sonia Lambert		
Signature: Jouin Julieur	Date: Offil 20, 2020	
Name of MS4Cameron County Draina	age District #3	
Name (printed):	Title:	
Signature:	_ Date:	_
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Name of MS4		
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Cameron County Drainage District #3 B. Narrative Provisions, 2 - BMP Assessment

Year 1

MCM(s) BMP

MCM 1 - Public Education & Outreach

BMP is appropriate for reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater (Y/N). Explain.

-ubile Education & Outreach		
	Yes. Communicates with the public, involve public in solutions,	
	and encourage pollution prevention and reporting. The District	
Website development	developed a website during the reporting period. It became	
	operational on April 14, 2020. Please visit us at	
	www.CCDD3.org.	
	Yes. Will communicate with the public, involve public in	
Publish public information on website	solutions, and encourage pollution prevention and reporting.	
	The District's SWMP and NOI are published on the site.	
Storm drain stenciling	Yes. Communicates with the public, involves public in	
Storm drain stending	solutions, and encourages pollution prevention and reporting.	
	100% of 7 stencils inspected, in areas accessible by the public.	
	Yes. Communicates with the public, involves public in	
Bumper stickers	solutions, and encourages pollution prevention and reporting.	
	100% of existing bumper stickers inspected.	
	Yes. Communicate with the public and involve public in	
Distribute educational materials	solutions. Encourages pollution prevention and reporting.	
	Distributed ACWP newsletters and TCEQ information.	
Distribute advectional materials to applicants to the District for a	Yes. Communicates with target audience to encourage	
Distribute educational materials to applicants to the District for a Subdivision Plat Review	pollution prevention. Sixteen reviews were performed and	
Subdivision Plat Review	each applicant received educational materials.	
	Yes. Involves public in solution. Encourages pollution	
Support and collaborate with the ACWP and ACC - education	prevention and reporting. The District supported ACWP and	
	ACC.	
	Yes. Involves public in solution. Encourages pollution	
Public notices	prevention and reporting. The District followed state	
	regulations for public meeting notices.	
Distribute and the formation of the state of	Yes. Involves public in solution. Encourages pollution	
Distribute community involvement event information	prevention and reporting.	
	Yes. Involves public in solution. Encourages pollution	
Dublic commonts to Doord	prevention and reporting. A public comment section was	
Public comments to Board	included in every regular agenda, however, no MS4 comments	
	were received.	
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MCM 2 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Storm drain stenciling	Yes. Communicates with the public, involves public in solutions, and encourages pollution prevention and reporting. 100% of 7 stencils inspected, in areas accessible by the public.
Bumper stickers	Yes. Communicates with the public, involves public in solutions, and encourages pollution prevention and reporting. 100% of existing bumper stickers inspected.
GIS mapping updates and improvements	Yes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4. The Distirict updated maps of drainages, controls, illegal dumping, and other information as activities were accomplished.
Train MS4 field personnel to identify and track illicit discharges	Yes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4. Quarterly trainings at staff meetings.
Facilitate public reporting	Yes. Involves public in solution. Encourages pollution prevention and reporting. The District provides and advertises a reporting hotline.
Provide public access to SWMP and other MS4 records	Yes. Informs and engages the public. These records are available at the District office and on our website.
Outfall inspection and screening	Yes. Effective in detecting pollutant discharge. 100% of outfalls are inspected each year as a part of regular drainage maintenance.

	Yes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4. The		
Procedures for illicit discharge & spill response	District follows its procedures.		
	Yes. Effective in the process of eliminating pollutant discharge.		
 Source investigation and elimination - Prioritize investigation of discharges	The District prioritizes each report for investigation and		
Thomas and a distinction of distinct	elimination.		
Source investigation and elimination - Report immediate threats to TCEQ	Yes. Important to public health and safety. No immediate		
immediately	threats were reported.		
ininiediately	Yes. Effective in the preventing pollutant discharge. As a non-		
Source investigation and elimination - Exert enforcement authority when	traditional small Phase II MS4, the District has control over its		
District has operational control	own facilities, actions, and staff. No internal enforcement was		
District has operational control	required during the reporting period.		
	Yes. Effective in detecting pollutant discharge. Inspections are		
Source investigation and elimination - Perform inspections and exert	performed as part of regular maintenance on 100% of the MS4		
enforcement authority to the MEP	drainages and outfalls.		
	Yes. Effective in the process of eliminating pollutant discharge.		
	Informal agreements and partnerships have worked in the past		
Source investigation and elimination - Enter into interlocal agreements for	for inspections and enforcement. Interlocal agreements are		
inspections and enforcement			
	being drafted with municipalities that are MS4s within the District.		
	Yes. Reporting leads to the effective process of eliminating		
Source investigation and elimination - Report illicit discharges to	pollutant discharge. The District reports illicit discharges to		
appropriate entity	Cameron County law enforcement.		
	Yes. Tracking and documenting leads to the effective process		
Course investigation and elimination. Track and decument investigations	of eliminating pollutant discharge and discouraging future		
Source investigation and elimination - Track and document investigations			
	discharges. Reports are documented and tracked. Yes. Notifications and follow-ups are effective in the process of		
Course investigation and elimination. Notify parties recognible for illigit	eliminating pollutant discharge and discouraging future		
Source investigation and elimination - Notify parties responsible for illicit	discharge. Notifications and follow-up inspections are made by		
discharges and perform follow-up inspections			
	law enforcement and the District.		
	Yes. Physical barriers are effective in the process of eliminating		
Source investigation and elimination - Install cable gates	future pollutant discharge. The District has a total of sixteen		
	cable gates protecting areas of high illegal dumping activity.		
	Yes. Removal and proper disposal eliminates pollutant		
Course in continuous and alimination. Bounce and agreement discours of			
Source investigation and elimination - Remove and properly dispose of	discharge. The District removed and properly disposed of 21.8		
illegally dumped materials	tons of illegally dumped materials as part of regular		
	maintenance of the MS4 drainages, controls, and outfalls.		
Bacteria control - Septic system and/or gray water discharge detection and	Yes. Effective in the process of eliminating pollutant discharge.		
elimination	No septic system and or graywater discharge was detected in		
	the reporting period.		
Pactoria control. Capitary cower look detection and elimination	Voc. Effective in the process of eliminating pollutant disphases		
Bacteria control - Sanitary sewer leak detection and elimination	Yes. Effective in the process of eliminating pollutant discharge.		
	No sanitary sewer leaks were detected in the reporting period. Yes. There is a TMDL for the Arroyo Colorado regarding Legacy		
Address Lorsey Pollytopts			
Address Legacy Pollutants	Pollutants. TCEQ monitors for these banned pollutants and will		
	notify the District if they are found.		

MCM 3 - Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

	Yes. Effective in the process of eliminating pollutant discharge	
	Informal agreements and partnerships have worked in the past	
Interlocal agreements	for inspections and enforcement. Interlocal agreements are	
	being drafted with municipalities that are MS4s within the	
	District.	
5	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge, but CCDD#3	
Ensure permit compliance	had no construction projects during the reporting period.	
Site inspections	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge, but CCDD#3	
	had no construction projects during the reporting period.	

	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge by
	communicating with plat review applicants. CCDD#3 reviews
Undete what we down and one	plat review procedures for any necessary updates. No updates
Update plat review procedures	were necessary during the reporting period. Sixteen applicants
	received information on plat review proceedures and
	stormwater quality.
	Yes. Involves public in solution. Encourages pollution
Public reporting	prevention and reporting. The District received no construction
Public reporting	site stormwater runoff control reports from the public during
	the reporting period.
MCA a successful tracticity in	Yes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4.
MS4 personnel training	Quarterly trainings at staff meetings.

MCM 4 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

ost-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment					
	Yes. Effective in the process of eliminating pollutant discharge.				
	Informal agreements and partnerships have worked in the past				
Interlocal agreements	for inspections and enforcement. Interlocal agreements are				
	being drafted with municipalities that are MS4s within the				
	District.				
	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge, but CCDD#3				
Ensure permit compliance	had no development or redevelopment sites during the				
	reporting period.				
Maintenance of structural stormwater control measures	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge. The District				
ividintendice of structural stormwater control measures	maintains 100% of its structural stormwater control measures				
	each year during regular maintenance of MS4 drainages.				
Document and maintain records of enforcement actions	Yes. Effective in understanding past violations to prevent				
	future violations. Records are kept at the CCDD#3 office. No				
	internal enforcement was required during the reporting period.				

MCM 5 - Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Yes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4. With a dedicated GIS specialist, CCDD#3 maintains a detailed map and			
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inventory of all facilites and controls, along with other mapping			
information.			
Yes. Effective in detecting and removing pollutant discharge.			
100% of drainages are inspected and maintained each year as			
part of regular maintenance.			
Yes. Effective in detecting and removing pollutant discharge.			
100% of catch basins are inspected and maintained each year			
as part of regular maintenance.			
Yes. Effective in preventing future pollutant discharge. Reports			
of illegal dumping are reported to Cameron County law			
enforcement. Additional illegally dumped materials are			
inspected by District employees and removed for proper			
disposal.			
Yes. Eliminates pollutants and prevents future pollutant			
discharge. Illegally dumped materials are removed for proper			
disposal as part of regular MS4 drainage maintenance. 21.8			
tons were removed and properly disposed of during the			
reporting period.			
Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge. Nine additional			
cable gates were installed during the reporting period for a			
total of sixteen cable gates protecting areas of high illegal			
dumping.			
Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge. No			
construction, development, or redevelopment contractors			
were hired during the reporting period.			

Operations assessment for potential discharge and prevention	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge. Operations are reviewed annually or more often as needed. No changes have been made during the reporting period. In Year 2 we plan to replace a spill containment gate in the maintenance area.
Proper use of herbicides and pesticides	Yes. Prevents chemical runoff. The District is not currently using herbicides or pesticides.
	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge. The District's parking lot was resurfaced two years ago and drains into vegetated strips. The parking lot is maintained on a regular basis, trash is removed as it is found, and staff properly disposed of all waste.
IVahicle maintenance	Yes. Prevents leaks to prevent pollutant discharge. District vehicles are maintained on a regular schedule.
Disposal of waste material	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge. The District continues to properly dispose of waste materials.
Recycling program	Yes. Removes potential pollutants from waste stream. The District recycles used oil, oil filters, metals, and office paper. During the reporting period, 476 pounds of office paper was recycled. Used oil, oil filters, and metals are stored properly until sufficient quantities are ready for recycling.
	Yes. Prevents leaks to prevent pollutant discharge. District staff checks for fuel leaks as part of regular facilities maintenance.
	Yes. Ensures the use of BMPs to protect all impaired surface waters. The list was reviewed and no new impairments have been listed.
Review and update SWMP	Yes. Ensures the use of effective BMPs. The SWMP was reviewed during the development of this annual report. No updates are required.
Maintain structural controls	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge. 100% of structural controls are inspected and maintained as part of regular, annual MS4 drainage maintenance.
MS4 personnel training	Yes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4. Quarterly trainings at staff meetings.

MCM 6 - Industrial Stormwater Sources

Not applicable to Level 2 MS4 Operators	N/A

MCM 7 - Authorization for Construction Activities where the Small MS4 is the Site Operator

Develop a SWP3	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge from District
	construction sites. No construction this reporting period.
I Compliance with I CEO regulations	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge from District
	construction sites. No construction this reporting period.
Maintain oversight and control	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge from District
	construction sites. No construction this reporting period.
Inspect construction sites	Yes. Effective in preventing pollutant discharge from District
	construction sites. No construction this reporting period.

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IRecord keening	Yes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4. All records are kept at the CCDD#3 office.
Annual reporting	Yes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4. This report is for Year 1 of the current MS4 permit. A copy will be available at the CCDD#3 office and online at the District's website.

Cameron County Drainage District #3 B. Narrative Provisions, 3 - Pollutant Reduction

Year 1

	Information			Does BMP demonstrate a direct reduction in
ВМР	Used	Quantity	Units	pollutants? (Answer Yes or No and explain)
1 - Public Education & Outreach				
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Website development				reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citi
	website	1	website	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Publish public information on website				reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citi
	website	1	website	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Storm drain stenciling				reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citi
	storm drains	7	inspections	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Bumper stickers				reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citi
	vehicles	8	inspections	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Distribute educational materials	brochures &		brochures &	reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citi
	newsletters	200	newsletter	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Distribute educational materials to applicants				reduction of pollutants, educating subdivision plat
to the District for a Subdivision Plat Review				review applicants (owners, operators, etc.) will
	materials	16	Plat reviews	eventually result in pollution reduction.
Company and callebanets with the ACIAID and				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Support and collaborate with the ACWP and ACC - education	ACWP & ACC		educational	reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citi
ACC - education	information	5	presentations	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Public notices	state			reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citi
	requirements	12	notices	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
Distribute community involvement event				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
information	community		community	reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citi
illiomation	information	3	events	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
	meeting			No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Public comments to Board	agendas &			reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citi
	minutes	12	comments	will eventually result in pollution reduction.

MCM 2 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

2 mich Discharge Detection and Emmation (JJ-1			
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Storm drain stenciling				reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citizens
	storm drains	7	inspections	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Bumper stickers				reduction of pollutants, educating and involving citizens
	vehicles	8	inspections	will eventually result in pollution reduction.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
GIS mapping updates and improvements				reduction of pollutants, mapping assists in tracking
	map	1	GIS map	discharges and areas of potential detection.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Train MS4 field personnel to identify and track				reduction of pollutants, knowledgeable staff are
illicit discharges	staff	4	trainings	effective in detecting and eliminating discharges.
Facilitate multiple generation	public			Yes. When illicit discharges are reported, investigation
Facilitate public reporting	outreach	60	reports	and elimination follows.
Dravida nublic access to SWAAD and other MCA				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Provide public access to SWMP and other MS4 records				reduction of pollutants, an informed public is more likely
records	availability	1	access	to report illicit discharges.
Outfall inspection and servening				Yes. By inspecting outfalls, we can evaluate if illicit
Outfall inspection and screening	outfalls	23	inspections	discharges are occuring.
		_		No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Procedures for illicit discharge & spill response				reduction of pollutants, it describes the response for
	procedures	1	response	investigation and elimination.

				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Source investigation and elimination -				reduction of pollutants, it determines the severity and
Prioritize investigation of discharges	reports	60	investigations	response to each report.
	.,			No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Source investigation and elimination - Report				reduction of pollutants, it assists in eliminating
immediate threats to TCEQ immediately	reports	0	investigations	immediate threats.
Source investigation and elimination - Exert	1000.00		vest.gat.o.is	initionate threats.
enforcement authority when District has				Yes. Through enforcement when the District has
operational control	sites	0	investigations	authority, we can prevent discharge and erosion.
Source investigation and elimination - Perform	5.125		est.gat.e.is	
inspections and exert enforcement authority				Yes. Through enforcement when the District has
to the MEP	sites	0	investigations	authority, we can prevent discharge and erosion.
to the MEI	31003		IIIVestigations	
Source investigation and elimination - Enter	MS4s with			Yes. Through enforcement by those with authority
into interlocal agreements for inspections and	enforcement			when the District has none, we can prevent discharge
lenforcement	authority			and erosion.
emorcement	within District	3	agreements	and erosion.
	WICHIII DISCITCO		agreements	Yes. When the illicit discharges are detected, immediate
Source investigation and elimination - Report				
illicit discharges to appropriate entity	roports	60	invoctigations	action can be taken to remove the pollutant and track
	reports	60	investigations	
Source investigation and elimination - Track				Yes. When the illicit discharges are detected, immediate
and document investigations		co	:at:	action can be taken to remove the pollutant and track
Course investigation and alimination. Notific	reports	60	investigations	
Source investigation and elimination - Notify				Yes. When the illicit discharges are detected, immediate
parties responsible for illicit discharges and		60		action can be taken to remove the pollutant and track
perform follow-up inspections	reports	60	investigations	
Source investigation and elimination - Install	illegal dump	•		Yes. Less new illegally dumped material likely in
cable gates	sites	9	gates	locations with more difficult access.
Source investigation and elimination - Remove				Yes. The District relies on our partnership with Cameron
and properly dispose of illegally dumped				County to remove illegally dumped materials. Illegally
Imaterials				dumped materials are also removed and properly
	illegal dump			disposed of during regular ditch and catch basin
	sites	21.8	tons	maintenance. New dumping is less likely at clean sites.
Bacteria control - Septic system and/or gray	septic system			Yes. When the illicit discharges are detected, immediate
water discharge detection and elimination	& gray water			action can be taken to remove the pollutant and track
water discharge detection and elimination	discharges	0	incidents	the source.
Bacteria control - Sanitary sewer leak				Yes. When the illicit discharges are detected, immediate
detection and elimination	sanitary			action can be taken to remove the pollutant and track
detection and elimination	sewer leaks	0	incidents	the source.
		·		Yes. If TCEQ monitoring identifies a Legacy Pollutant,
Address Legacy Pollutants	reports from		Legacy	immediate action can be taken to remove the pollutant
	TCEQ	0	Pollutants	and track the source.

MCM 3 - Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

5 - Construction Site Stormwater Runon	Control			
Interlocal agreements	MS4s with enforcement authority within District	3	agreements	Yes. Through enforcement by those with authority when the District has none, we can prevent discharge and erosion.
Ensura parmit compliance	construction			Yes, however, there were no District construction
Ensure permit compliance	activity	0	site	projects during reporting period.
Sita increations	construction			Yes, however, there were no District construction
Site inspections	activity	0	site	projects during reporting period.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Update plat review procedures	plat review		review &	reduction of pollutants, updated review processes
	procedures	1	update	ensure that all TCEQ regulations are met by applicants.
Dublic verse which	public			Yes. When illicit discharges are reported, investigation
Public reporting	outreach	60	reports	and elimination follows.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
MS4 personnel training				reduction of pollutants, knowledgeable staff are
	staff	4	trainings	effective in detecting and eliminating discharges.

MCM 4 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

Interlocal agreements	MS4s with enforcement authority within District	3		Yes. Through enforcement by those with authority when the District has none, we can prevent discharge and erosion.
Ensure permit compliance	development activity	0	ŭ	Yes, however, there were no District development or redevelopment projects during reporting period.
Maintenance of structural stormwater control measures	structural controls	100%		Yes. Prevents pollutant discharges from entering MS4.
Document and maintain records of enforcement actions		100%		No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct reduction of pollutants, recordkeeping of enforcement actions can help prevent future pollutant discharges.

MCM 5 - Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

5 - Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations				
Inventory facilities and controls	map	1	GIS map	No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct reduction of pollutants, inventories and mapping assists in tracking discharges and areas of potential detection.
	шар		Gismap	
				Yes. During the maintenance of drainages, staff inspects
Inspect and maintain drainages				for pollutant discharges, removes illegally dumped
				materials, and reports illegal dumping for investigation
	maintenance	100%	drainages	and removal by partners.
				Yes. During the maintenance of catch basins, staff
Clean District catch basins				inspects for pollutant discharges, removes illegally
				dumped materials, and reports illegal dumping for
	maintenance	100%	catch basins	investigation and removal by partners.
				Yes. During regular maintenance of the drainage
Investigation				system, staff inspects for pollutant discharges, removes
	Illegal		illegal dump	illegally dumped materials, and reports illegal dumping
	dumping	100%	sites	for investigation and removal by partners.
				Yes. During regular maintenance of the drainage
Illegal dumping disposal				system, staff inspects for pollutant discharges, removes
linegal damping disposal	Illegal		illegal dump	illegally dumped materials, and reports illegal dumping
	dumping	100%	sites	for investigation and removal by partners.
Physical barriers to illegal dumping	new cable			Yes. Less illegal dumping takes place in locations with
Thysical barriers to megal damping	gates	1	installations	more difficult access.
Contractor compliance with stormwater control measures	contractor compliance	100%	contracts	Yes. CCDD#3 has operational control over contractors and requires compliance with stormwater control measures, good housekeeping practices, and operating procedures and BMPs to reduce pollutant discharge
				Yes. By assessing District operations and, if needed,
Operations assessment for potential discharge				developing and implementing additional measures, we
and prevention	operations			ensure that proper BMPs are in place to reduce
and prevention	activities	100%	Assessments	pollutant discharge.
	herbicide and	20070		Yes. Proper use reduces stormwater runoff of
Proper use of herbicides and pesticides	pesticide use	0	applications	chemicals.
			- 1-1-	Yes. Parking loti nspection, trash removal, and BMP
Parking lot maintenance				maintenance is effective in preventing pollutant
. a.i.i.g.iot ilianiteilanoe	parking lot	1	inspections	discharge.
	p = 0 ==			Yes. Proper vehicle maintenance reduces the chance of
Vehicle maintenance				leaks and discharges. Includes trucks, heavy equipment,
	vehicles	27	maintenance	mowers.
Disposal of waste material	waste			Yes. Proper disposal of waste materials prevents illicit
	disposal			discharge of the materials and removes them from the
	receipts	21.8	tons	waste stream.
	recycling		230	Yes. Pollution is prevented when used oil, oil filters,
Recycling program	program			metals, and office paper are removed from the waste
Recycling program	receipts	476	pounds	stream through recycling.
	receipts	770	pourius	ou cam an ough recycling.

Check for fuel leaks				Yes. Proper facilities maintenance reduces the chance
Check for fuel leaks	facilities	1	inspections	of leaks and discharges.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
				reduction of pollutants, it ensures that all impairments
Check 303(d) list				are considered in BMP evaluation and SWMP updates to
				result in a reduction in pollutants of concern in any
	303(d) list	1	review	impaired water body.
				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
Review and update SWMP				reduction of pollutants, it ensures that all impairments
				are considered in BMP evaluation and SWMP updates to
				result in a reduction in pollutants of concern in any
	SWMP	1	review	impaired water body.
Maintain structural controls	structural			
	controls	100%	maintenance	Yes. Prevents pollutant discharges from entering MS4.
MS4 personnel training				No. Though this BMP does not result in a direct
				reduction of pollutants, knowledgeable staff are
	staff	4	trainings	effective in detecting and eliminating discharges.

MCM 6 - Industrial Stormwater Sources

Not applicable to Level 2 MS4 Operators

MCM 7 - Authorization for Construction Activities where the Small MS4 is the Site Operator

Davidan a CWD2	construction			Yes, however, there were no District construction
Develop a SWP3	activity	0	site	projects during reporting period.
Compliance with TCEQ regulations	construction			Yes, however, there were no District construction
	activity	0	site	projects during reporting period.
Maintain oversight and control	construction			Yes, however, there were no District construction
	activity	0	site	projects during reporting period.
Inspect construction sites	construction			Yes, however, there were no District construction
	activity	0	site	projects during reporting period.

ALLRecord keepingactivities100%recordsYes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4.Annual reportingactivities1reportYes. Ensures proper tracking and maintenance of MS4.

Cameron County Drainage District #3

B. Narrative Provisions, 4 - Goals

MCM 1 - Public Education & Outreach

Year 1

Measurable Goal	Su

iccess

Develo	p a District website and publish this
SWMP	annual reports, any other required

materials, District contact information, and Goal met. Website was developed during the reporting year and became operational online links to other relevant sites on April 14, 2020. Please visit us at www.CCDD3.org. Publish this SWMP, annual reports, any other Goal met. Website was developed during the reporting year and became operational online required materials, District contact information, and links to other relevant sites on April 14, 2020. Goal met. 100% of existing stencils were inspected, and did not require re-painting. Stencils Inspect existing stencils and add new stencils are located in areas accessible to the public. No new outfalls were added so no new stencils to new outfalls were needed. Inspect existing bumper stickers, replace Goal met. 100% of existing bumper stickers were inspected and did not require replacement. annually, and add stickers on 100% of new No new equipment was added so no new bumper stickers were needed. equipment Order 200 ACWP newsletters and 200 stormwater brochures for distribution, record number of brochures distributed through office contacts and outreach opportunities, with an emphasis on developers, contractors, Goal met. Over 200 visitors to the CCDD#3 office and participants in educational programs and outreach events received the ACWP newsletter and stormwater information, including businesses, and industry requesting plat every (16) plat review applicant. reviews Make Subdivision Plat Review procedures and requirements available on the District's Goal met, in part. While the website was not available, plat review applicants were given website to applicants, including requirements information on the procedures and requirements. The information will be posted on our to obtain all applicable TECQ permits website. Goal met. CCDD#3 is a sponsor and partner of the ACWP education and outreach programs, including classroom presentations, event appearances, public involvement activities, Support ACWP and ACC to provide classroom distribution of newsletters and other materials, media outreach, and coastal water quality presentations, distribute stormwater quality implementation (San Benito Wetlands at a CDD#3 outfall). The District participates in the materials, and perform community outreach implementation of the Update to the Arroyo Colorado Watershed Protection Plan accepted by the US EPA in late 2017. See attached documentation. Goal met, in part. While the website was not available, meeting notices were publicized in Comply with all state and local public notice compliance with state regulations. The SWMP has not yet been approved by TCEQ, and we are awaiting notification by the state. The SWMP, this report, and any other necessary requirements information will be posted on our website. Provide a public comment segment in each regular meeting of the Board of Directors, to Goal met. A public comment segment scheduled at each CCDD#3 board meeting. include comments on the MS4 Goal met in part. The District's website was not online until April 14, 2020. During the On the District's website, publish links to reporting period CCDD#3 participated in and promoted the LRGVDC tire clean-up events, a public involvement events taking place in San Benito/ACWP tree planting event at the San Benito Wetlands adjacent to a CCDD#3 ditch cities and communities within the District and outfall, and community litter clean-up.

MCM 2 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Make this SWMP, NOI, updates, and annual

reports available to the public

Ito new outtalls	Goal met. 100% of existing stencils were inspected, and did not require re-painting. Stencils are located in areas accessible to the public. No new outfalls were added so no new stencils were needed.
Inspect existing bumper stickers, replace	
annually, and add stickers on 100% of new	Goal met. 100% of existing bumper stickers were inspected and did not require replacement.
equipment	No new equipment was added so no new bumper stickers were needed.

office. They are also available on our website.

Goal met. These documents are available to the public during office hours at the CCDD#3

Deview and wadets are union of distance	Cool most. A dedicated CIS Technician has ingressed CIS manning information conseits.
Review and update mapping of ditches,	Goal met. A dedicated GIS Technician has increased GIS mapping information capacity.
outfalls, surface waters receiving discharges,	Maps are updated as infrastructure is added or new information is available. Work orders are
illicit discharge investigations, and other	connected to the to GIS system. CCDD#3 is connected to the Cameron County Appraisal
features	District database.
Discuss IDDE ages along at an agest ages	
Discuss IDDE procedures at an employee	
safety meeting and maintain training program	
materials and attendance documentation	Goal met. Training is held at quarterly staff meetings.
Follow tracking and reporting procedure	Goal met. CCDD#3 receives an average of 5 calls from the public each month and follows the District's procedures.
Maintain a copy of this SWMP and the NOI at	
the District's office and on District's website	Goal met, in part. A copy of each is available at the District's office. The information is also
the district's office and off district's website	posted on our website.
Inspect 20% of outfalls	Goal exceeded. 100% of outfalls and ditches inspected annually.
Maintain on-site procedures for responding to	
illicit discharges and spills	Goal met. Response proceedures maintained and followed.
Prioritize investigation of discharges	Goal met. All illegal dumping reported to County. No other discharges detected.
Report immediate threats to TCEQ	
immediately	Goal met. None detected.
Exert enforcement authority when District has	
operational control	Goal met for staff and contractors. No enforcement issues occurred.
Perform inspections and exert enforcement	
authority to the MEP	Goal met. No enforcement issues in circumstances when District has operational control.
,	Goal not met. Informal agreements and traditional partnerships are currently still in use and
	effective for inspections, enforcement, debris removal, and more. The District is working to
Enter into interlocal agreements for	enter into interlocal agreements with Cameron County and cities within the CCDD#3. Each of
inspections and enforcement	these municipalities is within or partially within the District and each has enforcement
	authority within their jurisdiction. Interlocal agreements will be in place by May 22, 2020 or
	an NOC will be submitted.
Report illicit discharges to appropriate entity	Goal met. Illegal dumping reported to County. No other illicit discharges detected
Track and document investigations	Goal met. All reported discharges were tracked and documented.
Track and accument investigations	
Notify parties responsible for illicit discharges	Goal met. Cameron County, with the authority and capacity to investigate crime, notified
and perform follow-up inspections	those parties that were discovered and performed follow-up contacts.
	Goal met. We are working with landowners to install gates and limit access to historic dump
Install cable gates	sites. Nine new cable gates were installed for a new total of sixteen gates.
	Goal met in part. Illegal dumping is an overwhelming issue in the region. Not all dumping
	can be investigated and cleaned up by the County. Not all dumping includes evidence of
Pamaya and properly dispass of illegally	responsible party. Locations that are cleaned often have new dumping the next day. We
Remove and properly dispose of illegally	continue to work with the County, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, and
dumped materials	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	others to reduce the problem. Tonnage of illegally dumped materials removed, including tires, was 21.8 tons during the reporting period.
Septic system and/or gray water discharge	thes, was 21.0 tons during the reporting period.
, , , , , , ,	Goal met. None detected
detection and elimination	Goal met. None detected.
Sanitary sewer leak detection and elimination	Goal met. None detected.
Report Legacy Pollutants to TCEQ and	obal filet. Notic detected.
continue to rely on TCEQ monitoring	Goal mot TCEO has not notified CCDD#2 of any detection
continue to rely on reed monitoring	Goal met. TCEQ has not notified CCDD#3 of any detection.

MCM 3 - Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

Enter into interlocal agreements for inspections and enforcement	Goal not met. Informal agreements and traditional partnerships are currently still in use and effective for inspections, enforcement, debris removal, and more. The District is working to enter into interlocal agreements with Cameron County and cities within the CCDD#3. Each of these municipalities is within or partially within the District and each has enforcement authority within their jurisdiction. Interlocal agreements will be in place by May 22, 2020 or an NOC will be submitted.
Ensure compliance of construction sites over	
which the District has control	No construction projects during reporting period.
Inspect construction sites over which the	
District has control	No construction projects during reporting period.

Review and update Construction Plan Review	
Procedures	Goal met. CCDD #3 reviewed plans for 16 subdivision projects.
IFacilitate nublic reporting	Goal met. CCDD#3 receives an average of 5 calls from the public each month. None involved construction site stormwater runoff controls.
Conduct a training MS4 personnel responsible for plan review, inspections, or enforcement	Goal met. Training is held at quarterly staff meetings.

${\bf MCM}~\underline{\bf 4}~{\bf -Post-Construction}~{\bf Stormwater}~{\bf Management}~{\bf in}~{\bf New}~{\bf Development}~{\bf and}~{\bf Redevelopment}$

	Goal not met. Informal agreements and traditional partnerships are currently still in use and
	effective for inspections, enforcement, debris removal, and more. The District is working to
Enter into interlocal agreements for	enter into interlocal agreements with Cameron County and cities within the CCDD#3. Each of
inspections and enforcement	these municipalities is within or partially within the District and each has enforcement
	authority within their jurisdiction. Interlocal agreements will be in place by May 22, 2020 or
	an NOC will be submitted.
Ensure compliance and maintenance at new	
development and redevelopment sites over	
which the District has control	Goal met. No District development or redevelopment sites.
Ensure long-term operation and maintenance	
of structural stormwater control measures	Goal met. 100% of structural stormwater control measures inspected and maintained
installed by the District	annually.
Document and maintain records of	
enforcement actions	Goal met. Records are kept at the District's office.

MCM 5 - Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Maintain an inventory of District facilities and	
stormwater controls	Goal met. CCDD#3 continues to update GIS maps and capabilities.
Inspect and maintain 100% of District's	
drainage ditches	Goal met. 100% of drainage ditches inspected and maintained annually.
Clean 100% of catch basins	Goal met. 100% of catch basins and drop boxes inspected and maintained annually.
	Goal met. Illegal dumping reported to County or removed and properly disposed of during
Investigate and report 100% of illegal	regular drainage maintenance. This is completed by January 23 of each year, but new illegally
dumping incidents	dumped materials are deposited on a daily basis after a site is investigated and cleaned.
	Illegal dumping is an epic problem in this region.
	Goal met. Illegal dumping reported to County or removed and properly disposed of during
Remove and properly dispose of illegally	regular drainage maintenance. This is completed by January 23 of each year, but new illegally
dumped materials	dumped materials are deposited on a daily basis after a site is investigated and cleaned.
	Illegal dumping is an epic problem in this region.
Install cable gates	Goal met. We are working with landowners to install gates and limit access to historic dump
ilistali cable gates	sites. Nine new cable gates were installed for a new total of 16.
Require 100% of contractors to comply with	
all stormwater control measures, good	
housekeeping practices, and facility-specific	
stormwater management operating	Goal met. The District had no construction, development, or redevelopment projects that
procedures	required contractors.
Assess District operations activities for	
potential to discharge pollutants of concern,	
and develop and implement pollution	
discharge prevention measures	Goal met. Operation and maintenance activities evaluated annually or as new concerns arise.
Properly use herbicides and pesticides and	
maintain records	Goal met. CCDD#3 does not currently use herbicides or pesticides.
	Goal met. The parking lot at the CCDD#3 office (public, employee, and maintenance areas)
Visually inspect District parking lots, remove trash, and sweep annually	were resurfaced and concrete driveways were constructed two years ago. Parking lots and
	driveways drain into vegetative strips to prevent pollutant discharge. Parking lots are visually
	inspected weekly and trash is removed. CCDD#3 shares these facilities with CC Irrigation
	District #2 to further reduce the footprint on stormwater pollution.
Maintain vehicles and equipment to identify	Goal met. Vehicles inspected daily and maintained on a schedule. Includes trucks, heavy
and eliminate fluid leaks	equipment, mowers.

	Goal met. Waste and illegally dumped materials were removed to a landfill. Used oil, oil
Dispose of District's waste materials properly	filters, metals, and office paper were recycled. In January 2020, the District held a clean-up
Dispose of District's waste materials properly	operation at its facilities to properly dispose of waste materials and to prevent pollutant
	discharge.
	Goal met. CCDD#3 recycles used oil, oil filters, metal, and office paper. Office paper was
Recycle used oil, used oil filters, metals, paper	taken to recycling centers. The metals, oil and oil filters are properly stored on-site until
	sufficient quantity is collected for recycling.
Check for and repair leaks at fueling and	
storage areas	Goal met. CCDD#3 facilities inspected daily and maintained on a schedule.
Check annually for any newly listed	
impairments on the 303(d) list of the Texas	
Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality	
and update the SWMP accordingly	Goal met. No newly listed impairments were found.
Review SWMP annually during preparation of	Goal met. The SWMP and BMPs were reviewed during the preparation of this report. No
the annual report	changes are needed.
Inspect and maintain District structural	Goal met. 100% of structural stormwater control measures inspected and maintained
control BMPs	annually.
Training MS4 personnel in pollution	
prevention and good housekeeping	
procedures	Goal met. Training is held at quarterly staff meetings.

MCM 6 - Industrial Stormwater Sources

Not applicable to Level 2 MS4 Operators

MCM 7 - Authorization for Construction Activities where the Small MS4 is the Site Operator

Develop and implement a SWP3 for each	
applicable construction activity	Goal met. No District construction projects during reporting period.
Post TCEQ approval at each construction site	Goal met. No District construction projects during reporting period.
Maintain oversight and control of each	
construction site	Goal met. No District construction projects during reporting period.
Conduct inspections for SWP3 elements and	
compliance	Goal met. No District construction projects during reporting period.

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Record keeping	Goal met.
Annual reporting	Goal met.

Cameron County Drainage District #3

E. Stormwater Activities

Year 1

BMP Stormwater Activity Description/Comments

MCM 1 - Public Education & Outreach

1 - Public Education & Outreach		
	Develop a District website and	
	publish this SWMP, annual reports,	
Website development	any other required materials, District	
	contact information, and links to	
	other relevant sites	Launch website, publish materials
	Publish this SWMP, annual reports,	
Publish public information on website	any other required materials, District	
·	contact information, and links to	Lavorah wakatha wakitah wakatiala
	other relevant sites	Launch website, publish materials
Storm drain stenciling	Inspect existing stencils and add new stencils to new outfalls	Inspect, replace if needed, add new stencils where needed
	Inspect existing bumper stickers,	needed
Rumper stickers	, , ,	Inspect, replace if needed, add new bumper stickers
Bumper stickers	replace annually, and add stickers on 100% of new equipment	where needed.
	100% of flew equipment	where needed.
	Order 200 ACWP newsletters and	
	200 stormwater brochures for	
	distribution, record number of	
Distribute educational materials	brochures distributed through office	
Distribute educational materials	contacts and outreach opportunities,	
	with an emphasis on developers,	
	contractors, businesses, and industry	Obtain and distribute stormwater quality educational
	requesting plat reviews	materials.
		- The contract of the contract
	Make Subdivision Plat Review	
Distribute educational materials to applicants	procedures and requirements	
to the District for a Subdivision Plat Review	available on the District's website to	
	applicants, including requirements to	
	obtain all applicable TECQ permits	Launch website, publish materials
	Support ACWP and ACC to provide	
Support and collaborate with the ACWP and	classroom presentations, distribute	
ACC - education	stormwater quality materials, and	
	perform community outreach	Continue to support ACWP and ACC
Public notices	Comply with all state and local public	
	notice requirements	Continue to follow public notice requirements
	Provide a public comment segment	
Public comments to Board	in each regular meeting of the Board	
	of Directors, to include comments on	1
	the MS4	regular Board meeting.
Distribute some with time all compart and	On the District's website, publish	
Distribute community involvement event information	links to public involvement events	
illormation	taking place in cities and communities within the District	Launch website, publish materials
	Communities within the District	Laurier website, publish materials
Publish public MS4 information on website	Make this SWMP, NOI, updates, and	
Publish public W34 information on website	annual reports available to the public	Launch website, publish materials
	1	Laurien website, publish materials

MCM 2 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Storm drain stenciling	Inspect existing stencils and add new	Inspect, replace if needed, add new stencils where
Storm drain stericining	stencils to new outfalls	needed
	Inspect existing bumper stickers,	
Bumper stickers	replace annually, and add stickers on	Inspect, replace if needed, add new bumper stickers
	100% of new equipment	where needed

	Review and update mapping of	
CIS are a size a send at a send in a second	ditches, outfalls, surface waters	
GIS mapping updates and improvements	receiving discharges, illicit discharge	
	investigations, and other features	Povious and undate mans
	+	Review and update maps
	Discuss IDDE procedures at an	
	employee safety meeting and	
Train MS4 field personnel to identify and	maintain training program materials	
track illicit discharges	and attendance documentation	Hold employee training at quarterly staff metings
	Follow tracking and reporting	Track and report 100% of incidents reported by the
Facilitate public reporting	procedure	public.
Duranida malalia arrasa ta CAMAD and ath an	Maintain a copy of this SWMP and	
Provide public access to SWMP and other	the NOI at the District's office and on	Maintain documents at the District's office. Launch
MS4 records	District's website	website, publish materials
Outfall inspection and screening	Inspect 20% of outfalls	Inspect and screen a minimum of 20% of outfalls
Procedures for illicit discharge & spill	Maintain on-site procedures for	Continue to maintain on-site procedures for responding
response	responding to illicit discharges and	to illicit discharges and spills
	spills	mare and an entire spirit
Source investigation and elimination	Prioritize investigation of discharges	Continue to prioritize investigation of discharges
Source investigation and elimination	Report immediate threats to TCEQ	Continue to report immediate threats to TCEQ
Source investigation and climination	immediately	immediately
Source investigation and elimination	Exert enforcement authority when	Continue to exert enforcement authority when District
	District has operational control	has operational control
Source investigation and elimination	Perform inspections and exert	Continue to perform inspections and exert enforcement
-	enforcement authority to the MEP	authority to the MEP Enter into interlocal agreements for inspections and
Course investigation and alimination	Enter into interlocal agreements for	enforcement with Cameron County and MS4 cities within
Source investigation and elimination	inspections and enforcement	the District by May 22 or submit a NOC.
	Report illicit discharges to	the District by May 22 or Submit a NOC.
Source investigation and elimination	appropriate entity	Continue to report illicit discharges to appropriate entity
Source investigation and elimination	Track and document investigations	Continue to track and document investigations
	Notify parties responsible for illicit	Continue to notify parties responsible for illicit discharges
Source investigation and elimination	discharges and perform follow-up	and perform follow-up inspections
	inspections	·
Source investigation and elimination	Install cable gates	Seek effective locations for cable gates, and install.
Source investigation and elimination	Remove and properly dispose of	Work with Cameron County and others to remove and
	illegally dumped materials	properly dispose of illegally dumped materials
Doctorio control	Septic system and/or gray water	Continue septic system and/or gray water discharge
Bacteria control	discharge detection and elimination	detection and elimination
	Sanitary sower leak detection and	
Bacteria control	Sanitary sewer leak detection and elimination	Continue sanitary sewer leak detection and elimination
	Report Legacy Pollutants to TCEQ	
Address Legacy Pollutants	and continue to rely on TCEQ	
76-77	monitoring	Report Legacy Pollutants if found.
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MCM 3 - Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

Interlocal agreements	Enter into interlocal agreements for inspections and enforcement	Enter into interlocal agreements for inspections and enforcement with Cameron County and MS4 cities within the District by May 22 or submit a NOC.
Ensure permit compliance	Ensure compliance of construction sites over which the District has control	Supervise and inspect construction sites
Site inspections	Inspect construction sites over which the District has control	Supervise and inspect construction sites
Update plat review procedures	Review and update Construction Plan Review Procedures	Review and update Construction Plan Review Procedures

		Encourage public reporting through outreach and easy
Public reporting	Facilitate public reporting	access to the District, such as a hotline number and
		public comments at meetings.
	Conduct a training MS4 personnel	
MS4 personnel training	responsible for plan review,	
	inspections, or enforcement	Train MS4 personel.

MCM 4 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

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	Enter into interlocal agreements for	Enter into interlocal agreements for inspections and
Unterlocal agreements	· ·	enforcement with Cameron County and MS4 cities within
	inspections and enforcement	the District by May 22 or submit a NOC.
	Ensure compliance and maintenance	
Facure acqueit compliance	at new development and	
Ensure permit compliance	redevelopment sites over which the	Inspect and ensure compliance at sites over which the
	District has control	District has control.
	Ensure long-term operation and	
Maintenance of structural stormwater control	maintenance of structural	
measures	stormwater control measures	Inspect and maintain structural stormwater control
	installed by the District	measures installed by the District.
	Ensure compliance and maintenance	
	at new development and	
Enforcement	redevelopment sites through existing	Utilize partnerships with law enforcement to ensure
	law enforcement procedures	compliance and maintenance at new development and
	law emorcement procedures	redevelopment sites.

MCM 5 - Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

- Control of the control and dood flouseke	Maintain an inventory of District	
Inventory facilities and controls	facilities and stormwater controls	Update inventory and maps.
Inspect and maintain drainages	Inspect and maintain 100% of District's drainage ditches	Inspect and maintain 100% of District's drainage ditches
Clean District catch basins	Clean 100% of catch basins	Clean 100% of catch basins
Investigation	Investigate and report 100% of illegal dumping incidents	Inspect, investigate, report, and properly dispose of illegally dumped materials.
Illegal dumping disposal	Remove and properly dispose of illegally dumped materials	Inspect, investigate, report, and properly dispose of illegally dumped materials.
Physical barriers to illegal dumping	Install cable gates	Determine where cable gates are needed and install.
Contractor compliance with stormwater control measures	Require 100% of contractors to comply with all stormwater control measures, good housekeeping practices, and facility-specific stormwater management operating procedures	Continue to supervise contractors and review compliance with stormwater control measures, good housekeeping practices, and facility-specific stormwater management operating procedures
Operations assessment for potential discharge and prevention	Assess District operations activities for potential to discharge pollutants of concern, and develop and implement pollution discharge prevention measures	Review and assess District operations activities for potential to discharge pollutants of concern, and develop and implement pollution discharge prevention measures. In Year 2 we plan to replace a spill containment gate in the maintenance area.
Proper use of herbicides and pesticides	Properly use herbicides and pesticides and maintain records	Follow instructions for use of herbicides and pesticides and maintain records of usage.
Parking lot maintenance	Visually inspect District parking lots, remove trash, and sweep annually	Visually inspect District parking lots, remove trash, and sweep. Maintain vegetative strips and other BMPs.
Vehicle maintenance	Maintain vehicles and equipment to identify and eliminate fluid leaks	Inspect 100% of vehicles and perform maintenance and repairs. Includes trucks, heavy equipment, mowers.
Disposal of waste material	Dispose of District's waste materials properly	Waste and illegal dumping will be removed to a landfill.
Recycling program	Recycle used oil, used oil filters, metals, paper	Recycle used oil, used oil filters, metals, paper

Check for fuel leaks	Check for and repair leaks at fueling	Inspect fueling and storage areas and perform
Check for fuel leaks	and storage areas	maintenance and repairs.
	Check annually for any newly listed	
	impairments on the 303(d) list of the	
Check 303(d) list	Texas Integrated Report of Surface	
	Water Quality and update the SWMP	
	accordingly	Review the 303(d) list
Paviau and undata CM/MD	Review SWMP annually during	
Review and update SWMP	preparation of the annual report	Review and update the SWMP
Maintain structural controls	Inspect and maintain District	Inspect and maintain structural stormwater control
Ivialitati structural controls	structural control BMPs	measures installed by the District.
	Training MS4 personnel in pollution	
MS4 personnel training	prevention and good housekeeping	
	procedures	Train MS4 personel.

MCM <u>6 - Industrial Stormwater Sources</u>

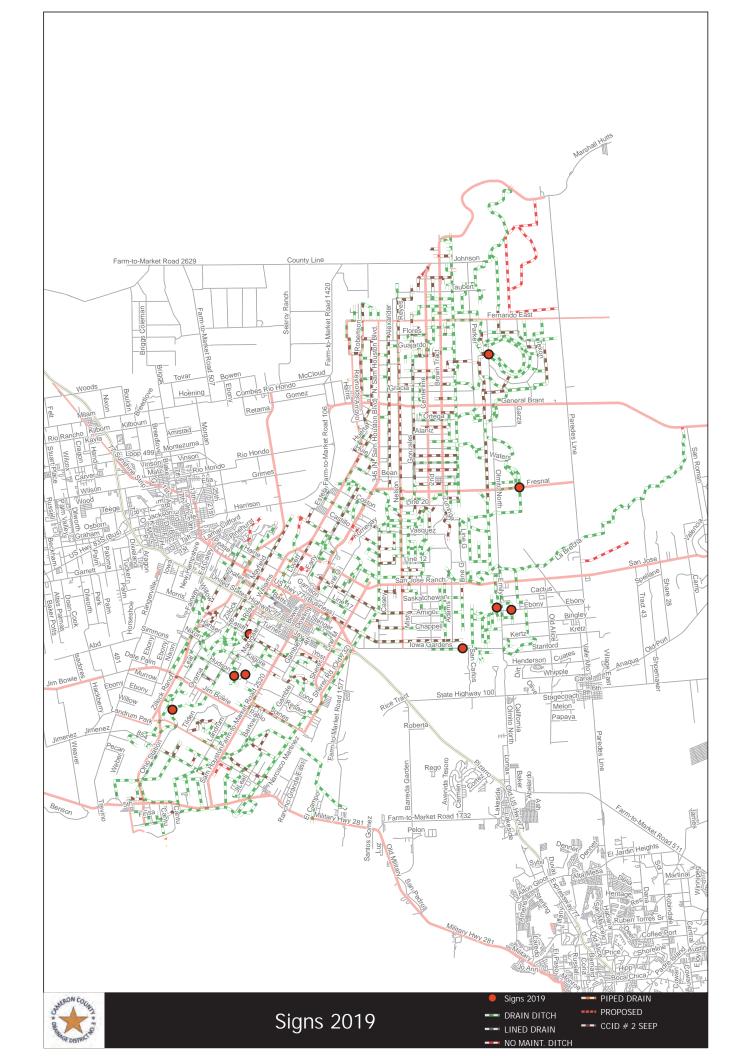
Not applicable to Level 2 MS4 Operators

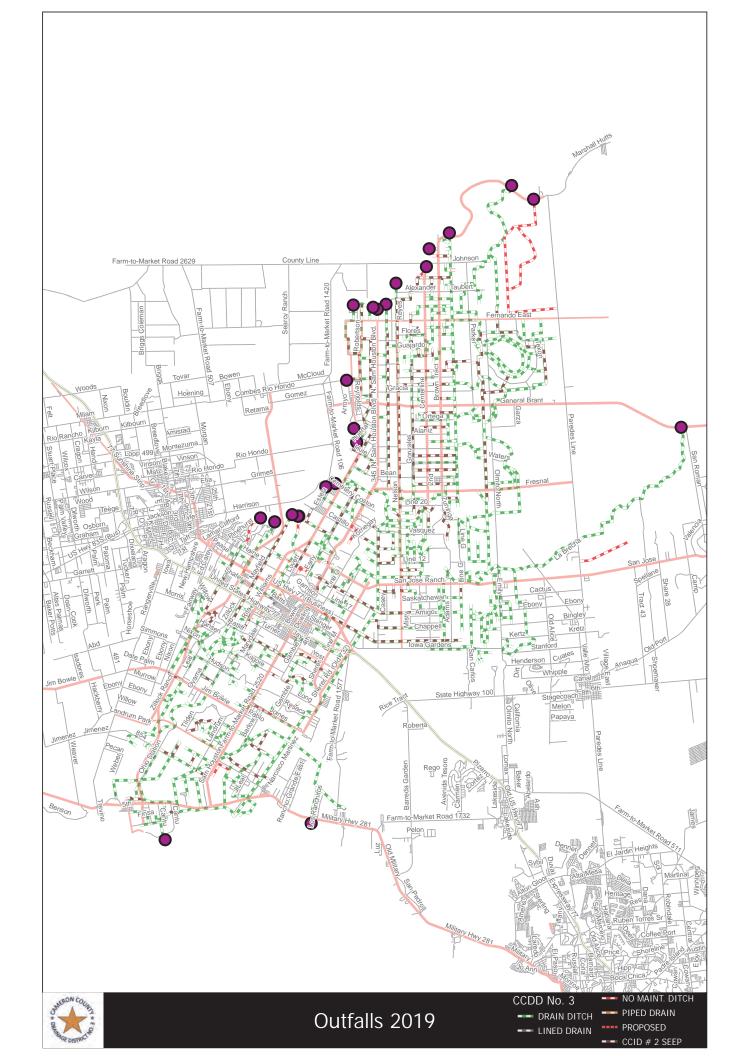
MCM 7 - Authorization for Construction Activities where the Small MS4 is the Site Operator

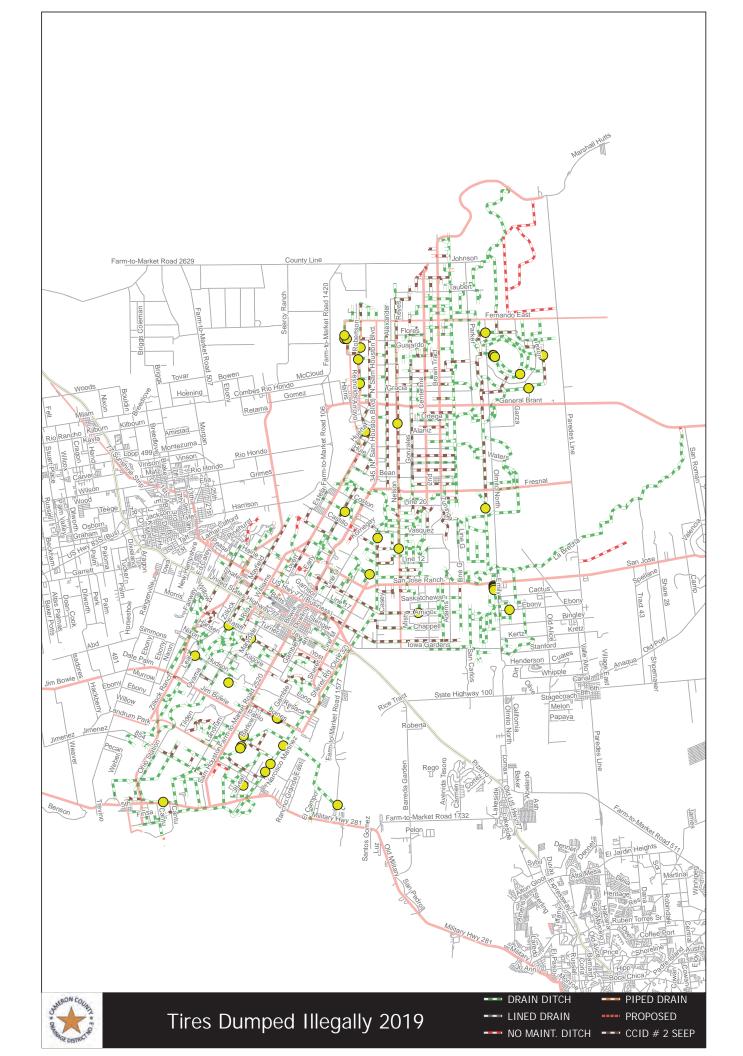
Develop a SWP3	Develop and implement a SWP3 for each applicable construction activity	Develop and implement a SWP3 for each applicable construction activity
ICompliance with ICEO regulations	Post TCEQ approval at each construction site	Post TCEQ approval at each construction site
IMaintain oversight and control	Maintain oversight and control of each construction site	Inspect and control each construction site
Unspect construction sites	Conduct inspections for SWP3 elements and compliance	Inspect and control each construction site

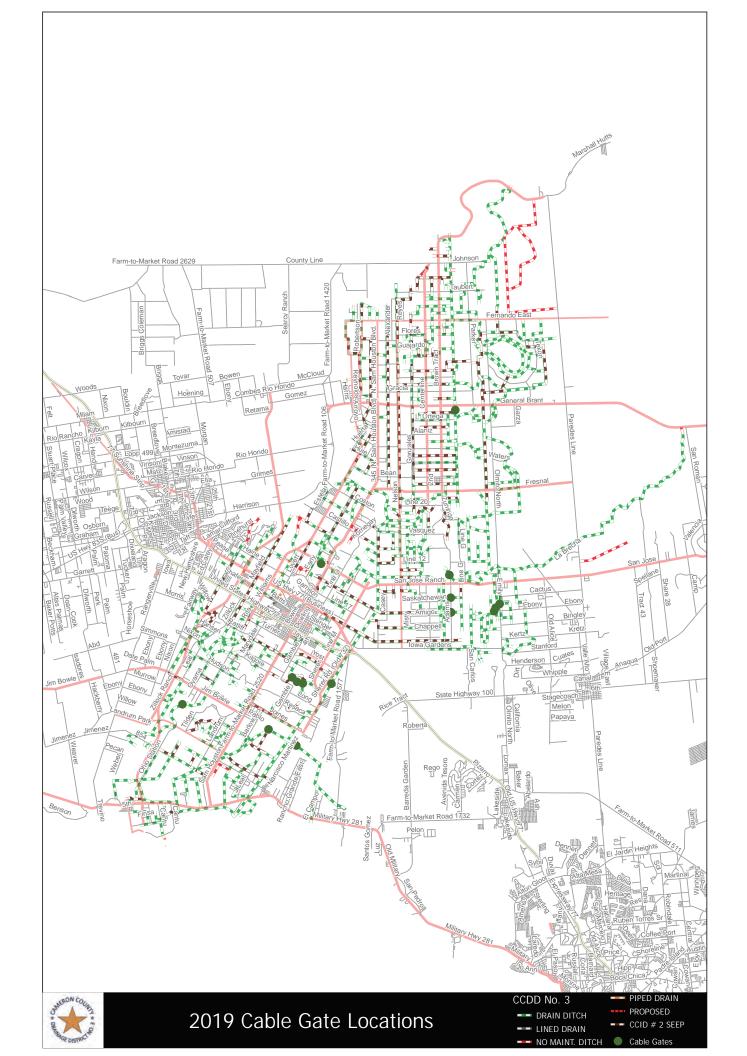
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Record keeping	record keeping	Keep accurate records of BMP activities included in the SWMP
		Develop and submit an annual report to the TCEQ and
Annual reporting		regional office. Keep a copy in the District office for
	Annual reporting	public review. Post the rport on the District's website.











Bumper stickers and storm drain stencils offer an hotline phone number to report illegal dumping



San Benito Wetlands is a project of the Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership and the City of San Benito. CCDD#3 participates and the wetlands drain to a CCDD#3 ditch prior to outfalling into the Arroyo Colorado. Volunteer events, such as a native habitat restoration, promote stormwater quality.

Educational Program Contact Tracker - Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership

Presentation			# of		Duration
Date	Presentation Title	Event Title	people	Location	(hours)
1/8/2020	RWAC Meeting	RWAC Meeting	25	Weslaco, TX	2
1/14/2020	Cotton/Grain Pre-plant meeting	Cotton/Grain Pre-plant	150	Monte Alto, TX	6
		meeting			
1/21/2020	Watershed Principles/Overview of Arroyo Colorado Watershed	Watersheds	322	Los Fresnos, TX	1
2/19/2020	San Benito Wetlands Volunteer Tree Planting Event	Habitat Restoration	5	San Benito	3

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TWRI, AgriLife Extension and others host training, field days in 2019 for LRGV producers

By Victor Gutierrez

Rio Grande Valley Brush and Forage Management Field Day

About 60 attendees participated in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Brush and Forage Management Field Day Oct. 15 at the San Luis Ranch hosted by the Flores family in San Manuel. Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) and its partners, including U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS), USDA Farm Service Agency, Prairie View A&M University, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county agents, organized the educational program to inform producers on best management practices for brush management and forage inventory. Since pastures and rangelands have different issues than row crops in terms of irrigation, pests, fertility, etc., this field day focused on major points dealing with managing rangelands. Presentations and a ranch tour were given on brush and forage management. Presentations by Jose "Pepe" Martinez and Henry Gonzalez from USDA NRCS specifically focused on how to properly manage forages during the ranch tour.

A presentation on identifying native and introduced forage species and soil needs by Vivian Garcia (USDA NRCS) was of particular interest during to the morning tour. Megan Clayton, AgriLife Extension range specialist, presented on how to properly apply chemicals on brush in pastures, the correct stages plant species need to be for the optimal uptake of the chemicals added and the type of chemicals to use along with the rates recommended to control brush. USDA NRCS and TSSWCB representatives provided information about their cost-share incentive programs and how the programs can help producers implement conservation practices.

Small acreage and disadvantaged producer meetings

This past year, TWRI collaborated with Dr. Samuel Zapata, AgriLife Extension economist; Dr. Juan Anciso, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist; Dr. Juan Enciso, Texas A&M AgriLife Research irrigation specialist; and county extension agents Vidal Saenz, Hidalgo County; Ashley Gregory, Hidalgo County; Jennifer Herrera, Cameron County; and Ronnie Zamora, Willacy County to produce educational programs targeting small acreage farmers, beginning farmers and historically disadvantaged producers in a series of workshops.

The project team hosted six workshops covering a number of topics ranging from livestock management, fruit production and preparation of products for sale at local and state farmer's markets along with a value-added workshop demonstrating other avenues for crop commodities. (see **Trainings**, field days on page 6)



Attendees at the Rio Grande Valley Brush and Forage Management Field Day at the San Luis Ranch.



22nd Annual Rio Grande Valley Beef Improvement Association's Bull Gain Test and Heifer Development Program

By Jaime Flores

The 2019 Bull Gain Test and Heifer Development Program was held on Oct. 9 at Rio Beef Feedyard in San Manuel. Bulls and heifers were delivered to the feedyard early that morning to begin the program. The cattle were tagged, weighed, vaccinated and dewormed. The program's purpose is to provide uniform, economical, nutritional and health management to allow optimal growth and fair comparisons of genetic differences between animals in similar age groups. The test enables Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county agents to provide a uniform method of collecting performance data and providing it to consignors and other interested parties. The data collected is also used by the county agents to conduct educational activities based on the results of the program.

These bulls are put on 110-day gain test and are measured for Average Daily Gain (30%), Rib-eye Area/cwt (20%), Weight per day of Age (20%), Percent IMF "Marbling" (20%) and Scrotal Circumference (10%). Bulls are ranked by breed and by age. Heifers are ranked by their

reproductive tract scores, pelvic area and frame size to provide information to breeders of yearling purebred and commercial bulls and heifers for use in selection and marketing to beef cattle producers throughout Texas. Bulls that have an overall test ratio of 100 or better, have passed a fertility test and are negative for trichomoniasis are given a clean bill of health and are eligible to go to auction. This year there were four age groups, Senior Bulls – Spring 2018, Intermediate Bulls – Summer 2018, Junior Bulls – Fall 2018 and Calf Bulls – Spring 2019.

The Rio Grande Valley Beef Improvement Association was created in 1998 to assist cattlemen in improving the quality of their livestock. The bull gain test is an official gain test conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, under the direction of Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension beef specialist and AgriLife Extension county agents in Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy and Starr counties. Successful bull gain tests and heifer development programs have been conducted every year since 1998. A total of 1,608 bulls and 1,110 heifers have been entered in the program since its inception.



Beef Improvement Association's Bull Gain Test and Heifer Development Program conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to assist cattlemen in improving the quality of their livestock by collecting performance data.

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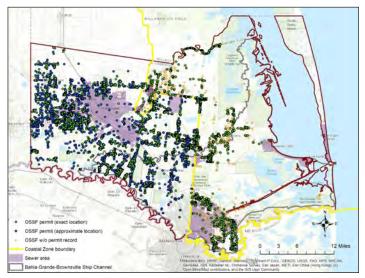


Team works on updating the inventory of septic systems in Cameron County

By Gabriele Bonaiti

Private residential on-site sewage facilities (OSSFs), commonly referred to as "septic systems" (or Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, OWTS), are estimated in Cameron County to have grown by more than 400 systems in 2018, reaching a total of almost 36,700 systems. OSSFs have various designs based on physical characteristics of the local soils and the level of seasonal groundwater and are generally categorized as "conventional" or "aerobic." Conventional systems typically consist of one or more septic tanks and a drainage or distribution field and are the most common type in Cameron County. Aerobic systems have an aerated holding tank and typically an above-ground sprinkler for distributing the treated effluent. When properly designed and operated, both types of OSSFs are expected to contribute virtually no fecal bacteria to adjacent water bodies.

During the development of the Arroyo Colorado Watershed Protection Plan, it was decided that a detailed inventory of OSSFs (number, location, type, age, etc.) could be beneficial, and funds were obtained from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to start developing an OSSF GIS database. In the first phase of the project, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension), Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) and University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) created preliminary maps for the Arroyo Colorado watershed and the coastal zone. In



Cameron County OSSFs geolocated as of August 2019.

Phase II, AgriLife Extension, TWRI and UTRGV worked with the Cameron County Health Department to develop a complete inventory of OSSFs for the entire county. This phase will last three years.

The adopted method refers to previous experiences in Texas, i.e., the Coastal On-site Sewage Inventory database and the Lampasas River Watershed OSSF Inventory, by AgriLife Extension, and the Houston-Galveston Area Council OSSF Inventory. Identified steps include: a) maps of sewer service areas are obtained from cities and other sewer providers, and used to identify (and exclude) properties reached by collective lines; b) 911 physical addresses and aerial photography are used to identify buildings that likely have an OSSF and that fall outside sewer areas; c) parcels legal description and OSSF permits are used to estimate age and type of OSSFs and to validate OSSF location.

Currently, the main focus is locating OSSF permits in collaboration with Cameron County Health Department. The department agreed to update its database, start collecting XY coordinates of new permits and share data on a regular basis (use of XY coordinates was identified as the most effective method in locating new permits). AgriLife Extension, TWRI and UTRGV provide support to the health department, such as students, software and hardware, data analysis and online tools (e.g., interactive web maps). The county has an electronic database, which includes permits for installed OSSFs since 1988. The project team is working to determine the total count of permits and the number located on a map (some precisely on top of a building and some on an approximate location). Historic OSSFs permits are located using any available information, including appraisal legal description, while new ones are shared monthly by the health department and immediately located on a map based on XY coordinates and physical address. To date, a total of 12,109 OSSFs have been located on a map, as shown in Figure 1. Out of these, 47% have been located precisely on top of the building, while 53% are still on an approximate location (OSSFs with a permit obtained in the years 1988-2017).



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Los Fresnos ISD hosts Falcon Pond Beautification Day

By Jaime Flores

Los Fresnos Independent School District hosted the Falcon Pond Beatification Day (FPBD) on Nov. 16 at the Los Fresnos High School campus. The FPBD is Phase II of the beautification project. Phase 1 was kicked off in March 2019.

The goal of the FPBD was to plant native flowers, shrubs and trees in Falcon Pond and pick up litter and trash in and around the pond.

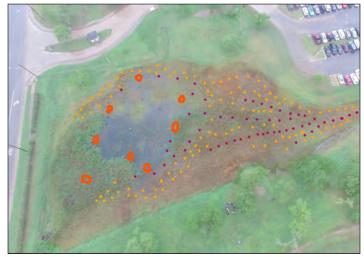
The volunteers started arriving early Saturday morning. A total of 54 volunteers, including 40 students, two district employees, a school nurse, four campus administrators, five campus teachers/club sponsors and two parents/community members, showed up for the event. The students represented the Los Fresnos High School (Biology Club and AP Biology students), Los Fresnos United (Nature Club), Resaca Middle School (STEAM 6th and 7th grade students), Los Cuates Middle School (Gardening Club) and Liberty Memorial Middle School (Junior National Honor Society members).

Jaime Flores, Arroyo Colorado watershed coordinator, first explained to the students that they were going to plant trees and the reasons why. Rubber boots, shovels and trash pick up sticks were distributed and Flores demonstrated how to dig a hole, remove the tree from the pot and plant it correctly. Then the students broke into groups of 3-5 and started picking up trash and planting.

Falcon Pond is the bed of an abandoned resaca, an ancient distributary channel of the Rio Grande, modified to serve as



Los Fresnos High School students planting flowers, shrubs and trees at Falcon Pond Beautification Day.



Aerial photo marking where volunteers planted flowers, shrubs and trees during the Falcon Pond Beautification Day.

a stormwater retention pond. During rain events, all of the stormwater from the high school flows across and under the school's parking lot and eventually drains into Falcon Pond. The native flowers, shrubs and trees that were planted will serve several purposes: 1) they will filter out sediment, nutrients and pollutants from the stormwater coming from the high school and parking lot, 2) they will bloom and provide nectar that will attract pollinators, such as bees, butterflies and hummingbirds, and 3) they will attract more birds to the pond.

In two hours, the students planted 250 native flowers, shrubs and trees and collected trash to fill one and half 55-gallon trash bags. The flowers, shrubs and trees planted were: Scarlet Sage, Golden Wave Coreopsis, Mexican Capraria, Shrubby Aster, Heliotrope, Crucita, Golden Rod, Runyan Water Willow, Mexican Button Bush, Primrose Willow, Shrubby Aster, Montezuma Cypress, Anacua and Guamuchil.

Phase III of the project will consist of the students developing interpretive signage for the flowers, shrubs and trees that were planted in Falcon Pond, as well as signage discussing nonpoint source stormwater pollution and the role of Falcon Pond in removing pollutants from the stormwater.

The Arroyo Colorado Partnership, Texas Water Resources Institute and Los Fresnos ISD partnered together to implement this project. It is being financed through grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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Irrigation Management Modernization Challenges and Opportunities demo, tour

By Victor Gutierrez

On July 16, Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI), Texas Water Development Board and Rio Farms facilitated an Irrigation Modernization Challenges and Opportunities program that included a cotton irrigation demonstration trial that was conducted from April-August 2019 in Monte Alto. Rio Farms partnered with TWRI to conduct an irrigation demonstration project on a 16-acre tract of land using cotton as the target crop. The 16-acre block was split into three sections: a control block; a treatment block, which used an irrigation technology called Pipe Planner that uses larger hole sizes to push water faster down the furrows; and a skip row irrigation block. Soil moisture sensors were used to better understand water movement into the soil profile within each block. Three sensor arrays consisting of three sensors each (at 6, 12 and 24 inches deep) were placed in the center of each block at approximately a third of the way down the rows and a third of the way from the end of the row. Data was collected weekly and helped in determining when irrigation was needed. Automatic water metering technology was also used to report water use. A tour of the field highlighted challenges faced, lessons learned and future plans.

Irrigation district field tours

In preparation for the July 16 field day, on July 15, a group of farmers/producers and irrigation district members took a bus tour from Casa de Palmas in McAllen to two different pump houses. The first stop was in Hidalgo at the historic Hidalgo Pump House. The second stop was at the equally historic pump house located in Los Indios to demonstrate how water is pumped from the Rio Grande and then "pushed" into irrigation district reservoirs. Producers were refreshed on the practice of using poly-pipe to efficiently irrigate main row crops produced in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV), including cotton, corn and grain sorghum. Dr. Lucas Gregory, senior research scientist at TWRI, opened the program to irrigation specialists across the state. Irrigation district representatives spoke about improving irrigation district modernization and salinity management. There were more than 30 attendees from across the RGV at this



Tom McLemore, general manager, Harlingen Irrigation District, discusses the components and utility of the automated canal gate demonstration channel at the Rio Grande Center for Ag Water Efficiency.



Water level sensor and automated gates in the demonstration channel at the Rio Grande Center for Ag Water Efficiency.



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Training, field days (cont. from front page)

Each workshop also included a section that focused on business planning. Landowners were informed about where and how they could apply for cost-share assistance programs and where they could apply for USDA loans.

Every workshop was well attended, averaging 50 people per workshop. This year, based on feedback from participants who attended last year's workshops, producers who were not able to physically attend a workshop could live stream the workshops through Facebook Live and/or see the workshops through the RGV small acreage website: http://bit.ly/RGVSmallAcreage.

Irrigation programs

TWRI and partners facilitated back-to-back identical irrigation programs focused on maximizing the efficiency of irrigation water use through technology and irrigation management. These programs were Sept. 25 at the AgriLife Extension annex service center in Cameron County and Sept. 26 at the Echo Hotel Conference Center in Edinburg.

There were presentations on the latest state-of-the-art irrigation technology including soil moisture sensors, drip irrigation and drip tape from local industry representatives Danny Sosebee, Netafim USA and Jeffery Kleypas, Toro Irrigation. Irrigation land-leveling and irrigation pipelines for faster water delivery, both irrigation best management practices, along with chemigation and fertigation process for application were presented by Dr. Juan Enciso, AgriLife Research irrigation specialist.

Salinity issues in irrigation water have become more of an issue over the last several years in the RGV, and producers had requested more information on salinity. In response to this request, Dr. Girisha Ganjegunte, Texas A&M AgriLife Research professor, El Paso, presented on salinity manage-

ment in irrigation water and discussed the option to plant alternative crops. Dr. Dana Porter, AgriLife Extension agricultural engineering specialist, Lubbock, presented on irrigation scheduling tools and approaches to specific to soil and crop needs. Dr. Luis Ribera, AgriLife Extension agricultural economist, spoke on economics and value of irrigation water specific to the RGV, a topic of particular interest to the producers.

Dr. Leyon Greene of the Texas Water Development Board spoke on TexMesonet, a weather tool application to help inform producers on weather conditions and the use and installment of weather stations.

With a little over 70 attendees combined, there was good discussion between irrigation specialists and local producers about their irrigation practices and updates on which best management practices are in the new 2018 Farm Bill. Financial and technical assistance for these BMPs will be funded through USDA NRCS and TSSWCB.

Water conservation for youth

Throughout the year, TWRI participated in youth development programs explaining the importance of water conservation and nonpoint source pollution. Using a watershed model, TWRI educational presentations demonstrated how water is delivered, used and disposed of and, how eventually, it enters into the Arroyo Colorado to be distributed into the Lower Laguna Madre. Sometimes accompanying the watershed model was a live model stream trailer, which demonstrates how a stream flows and the impacts on the riverbank such as soil erosion and sediment and nutrient runoff. Presentations about water conservation have been made to more than 3,000 children this year in the tri-county area of Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties.



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