

# Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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### DISTRICT NAMES NEW MANAGER

La Grange, Texas—

The Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District announced that Rodney Willis has been named its new general manager, effective January 1st. Willis is a resident of the Warrenton/Round Top area, and has been serving as a director of the district since its inception in 2001, and as a temporary director prior to that, representing Precinct 2. Willis will resign his position on the Board of Directors in order to serve as the district's manager. Willis said, "I'm looking forward this next phase of our district's development which will, for the first time, establish an electronic/computer capability of our six different aquifers so that further studies and investigations of our future needs and uses can be accomplished. The district has done an excellent job of compiling what groundwater data has been available, from both the state and locally, but in this next phase we need to computerize this information, study it and be able to confirm its use with good science. In addition, I believe education on the conservation of water is paramount. Fayette County is realistically in a semi-arid region. Water cannot be used wastefully. Our present, and our future, relies heavily on our six very different and very complicated aquifers." Before moving to Fayette County, Willis spent almost 40 years in the specialty chemical industry where he had various managerial positions both domestically and overseas.

Willis will be replacing Linda Streicher, who was the District's first general manager. Streicher originally served as a consultant to the Board of Directors for 1 1/2 years before hiring on as the manager for the last 2 years. Board President Paul Kohlleppel said, "Our district has made significant progress, more than some other districts that have been around longer, and we feel that it is due largely to Linda's efforts. Her skills have been invaluable, her accomplishments outstanding, and the district will certainly miss her."

The Board of Directors will appoint a replacement for Willis for the remaining one year of his term at its regular Board meeting on January 9, 2006. Residents of Precinct 2 interested in serving as a Director to replace Willis should submit or mail a resume to the District at its office in the Fayette County Agricultural Building at 254 North Jefferson, Room 600, in La Grange.

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