

Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group

WATER POLICY ISSUE #5

Topic: Groundwater

Issue #5: Rule of Capture

“While the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) recognizes that the Rule of Capture has a history of over 100 years in Texas, Brazos G also recognizes the advances in science and changes in water marketing that now face us.

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Brazos G recognizes that the State groundwater supply is being threatened and, in many instances landowners risk loss due to depletion by unlimited pumping by their neighbors.

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Local control through checks and balances can most effectively and fairly regulate usage. When the public chooses, Groundwater Conservation Districts are the appropriate mechanisms to provide local control of groundwater. The State should continue to develop policy and legislation to fairly protect both historic use and future sustainability.”

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