

Scientists say drought is depleting aquifer

LAWRENCE (AP) — Drought is speeding up depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer so much that a University of Kansas researcher calls the problem “as pressing or more pressing” than it ever has been before.

Eight university scientists recently spent a week in western Kansas to measure the water levels of 500 wells that draw water from the aquifer. They discovered the water level is dropping faster than it did in the last decade.

“What happens when it gets dry, people pump more, so they’re drawing on it more,” said Rex Buchanan, associate director of the Kansas Geological Survey. “These numbers clearly show the issue of depletion of the Ogallala is out there, and it’s as pressing or more pressing as it has been.”

The Ogallala stretches from northern Texas to South Dakota and is a major source of water on the High Plains. In addition to the university study, the state’s Division of Water Resources tested 700 other wells in the area, reaching similar findings.

Rural irrigation in western Kansas has been drawing water from the aquifer faster than nature can replace it, and in some areas the aquifer has dried out.

Two years ago, then-Gov. Bill Graves set the goal of zero depletion of the aquifer in Kansas, but farmers and western Kansas lawmakers opposed that goal.

Sen. Stan Clark, R-Oakley, said

the study shows the need to decrease water use before the aquifer situation gets worse.

“Quite honestly, we need to move to an economy that doesn’t require the Ogallala, and we must begin that separation soon,” Clark said.

The economy of western Kansas relies heavily on wheat and livestock, two areas of agriculture that require a lot of water. Lately, precipitation totals have been nowhere near what is required.

with monthly sewer fees Pickman said. The commission will have to determine how this will be done and over what time period then can pay for the upgrades.

The commissioners will consider two appointments to the city housing authority, and at least one of these will be a new person to fill a vacancy. Pickman said he had not received the recommendations yet.

The cemetery board has two members who may be reappointed because their terms have expired, but Pickman said he was waiting for

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the recommendations from that board as well.

Schlyer Goodwin is to talk to the commission about the Big Brother and Big Sisters program and their upcoming Bowl for Kids program on April 5. He is expected to ask the commission to field a four-man team from the city to compete against the school district and the county. Goodwin has also asked to address the commission about “local government issues.” Pickman said he does not know what those are, but Goodwin asked Mayor Tom Rohr to give him the time on the agenda.

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CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Case No. O3C1 Plaintiff,
Court Number vs,
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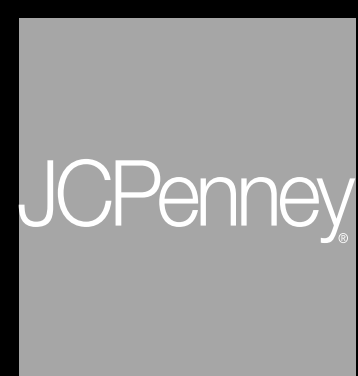
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