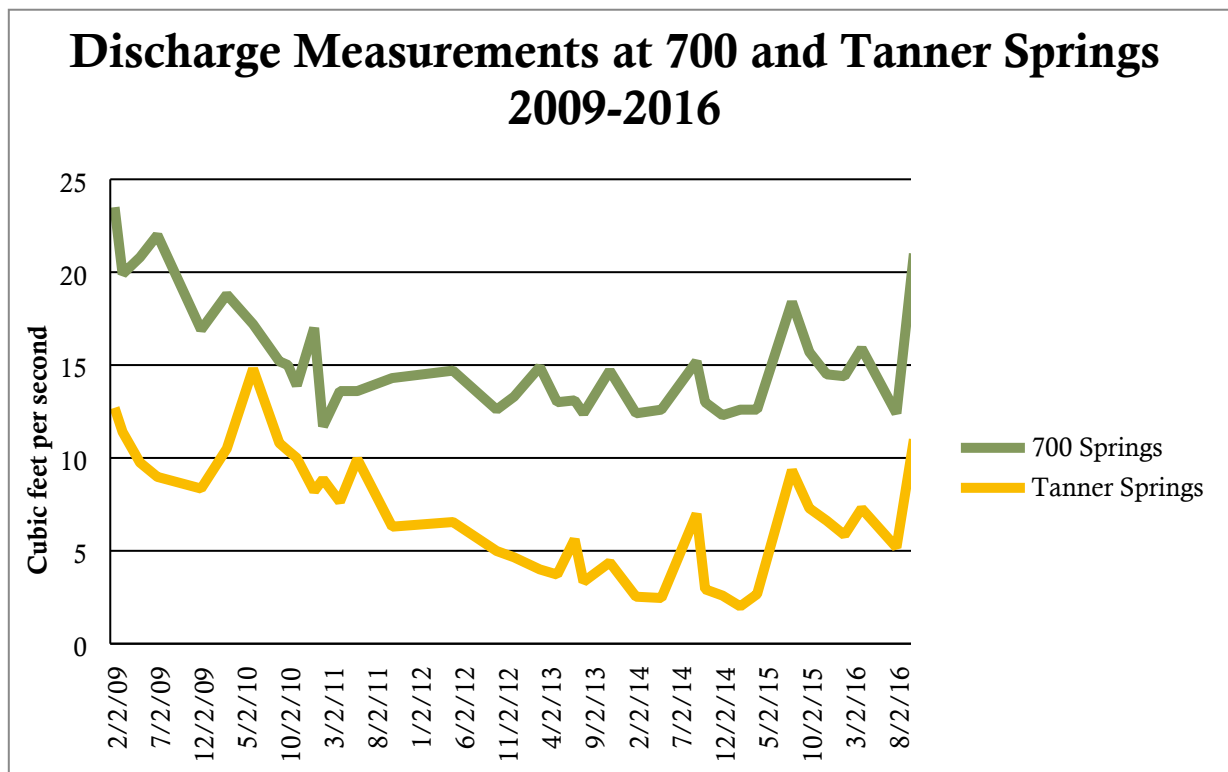


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# Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

## Springs Rebound with Recent Rains



The good rains late last month not only gave a much-needed pulse to the South Llano, they also provided much-needed recharge to the aquifer. USGS field measurements at 700 and Tanner Springs, some of the headwater springs of the South Llano, showed spring flow levels to be the highest since 2009-2010.

Springflow at 700 Springs measured 21 cubic feet per second (cfs). This is the highest flow measured since 2009. However, the flow is just over half of the 41.8 cfs measured in early 2008.

Springflow at Tanner Springs measured 11 cfs, the highest measurement since 2010. The highest flows measured at Tanner Springs are 17.7 cfs in 1997.

## Monarchs: The Milkweed Mission

This new film from Llano Watershed resident Turk Pipkin not only shares some spectacular footage, it helps tie together the role that our land stewardship efforts play in helping to preserve these and other important species.



Teaser: There is also a Junction connection to this 9-minute film.

[Enjoy...](#)



A Dam Problem:  
Another Film  
Festival Gem

[Here is another film](#) from last week's Wild and Scenic Film Festival. *A Dam Problem* highlights the investment in time and relationship building needed to complete a successful dam removal and floodplain restoration project in Oregon that benefitted farmers, fish and the surrounding ecosystem.

Don't forget, the [Film Festival will be shown in Fredericksburg](#) on Nov 1.

## The Invasive Battle in Texas

The Llano isn't the only watershed fighting invasive species...

One of the great ironies of battling invasive plants is that many of them are legal to buy and plant in Texas.

*"Talking to other researchers...it always comes down to why are they being sold and why I'm pulling them out at the same time?"*

-Hans Landel, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

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*A man walks by a patch of invasive elephant ear plant along Lady Bird Lake, in Austin. While the city removes it, it's perfectly legal to buy and plant.*

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### Help Fund Rainwater Education and Conservation in Texas Hill County Schools

Hill Country Alliance's Rainwater Revival grants lend a helping hand to schools throughout the 17-county region. Proceeds from the Rainwater Revival Grant program will fund grants for Hill County Schools to be used toward implementing/maintaining rainwater collection systems or water conservation education programs on their campuses.

[Learn more](#)

### Learn about the Birds and the Bats this weekend at South Llano River State Park

Join the folks this weekend at South Llano River State Park for Bat Bonanza (Friday night) and Birding 101 (Sunday morning). [...details](#)

