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Contact Name

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Re: Statewide Conservation Programs

Dear Contact Person:

The 80th Texas Legislative Session was a significant success for Texas in regards to water policy changes and historic actions for water conservation. House Bill 4 and Senate Bill 3 established the creation of the Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council (Council). The Council was created to provide the Governor, the Legislature, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), political subdivisions, and the public with the resource of a select council's expertise in water conservation.

Included in the duties of the Council are the specific charges as follows:

- (1) Monitor trends in water conservation implementation;
- (2) Monitor new technologies for possible inclusion by the Board as best management practices in the best management practices guide developed by the Water Conservation Implementation Task Force under Chapter 109, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003;
- (3) Monitor the effectiveness of the statewide water conservation public awareness program developed under Section 16.401 and associated local involvement in implementation of the program;
- (4) Develop and implement a state water management resource library;
- (5) Develop and implement a public recognition program for water conservation;
- (6) Monitor the implementation of water conservation strategies by water users included in regional water plans;
- (7) Monitor target and goal guidelines for water conservation to be considered by the Board and Commission.

Leaders in Texas water resource planning and management are continuously striving to manage our limited supplies in a sustainable fashion. In order to better understand what our communities are doing, what is working and what is not, and what types of planning resources our communities need, the Council will be making some preliminary strides to gather information and data from entities around the state.

Enclosed is the link to an online survey hosted by the Texas Water Development Board. Please take the time to fill out this very important survey and share your information. We would appreciate it if you would forward or share this information to your membership as well. If you have questions about this request or the survey, please contact Ms. Vanessa Escobar by telephone at (512) 463-1667, or by e-mail at Vanessa.Escobar@twdb.state.tx.us

<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/WCAC/Survey.htm>

I appreciate your consideration in assisting the members of the Council in our efforts to fulfill our charges from the Texas Legislature.

Respectfully,

C. E. Williams

Presiding Officer

Water Conservation Advisory Council