

# **DIRECTORY OF STATE WATER AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS & PROGRAMS**

### Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is an education agency with a statewide network of professional educators, trained volunteers, and county offices. Some of their major efforts are in mitigating drought impacts, conserving water use, improving emergency management and protecting human health.

## Texas A&M AgriLife Water Education Network

The Texas A&M AgriLife Water Education Network website provides front door access to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service programs focusing on Water Conservation, Water Management, Irrigation and Water Quality.

### **Texas Water Resources Institute**

The Texas Water Resources Institute and the Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources work together to foster and communicate research and educational outreach programs focused on water and natural resources science and management issues in Texas and beyond.

## **Agriculture Water Brochure**

Information drawn primarily from data and reports published by the Texas Water Development Board, the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, and Texas A&M University. Together these sources provide valuable perspective on the status and trends of irrigated agriculture in Texas.

## **Texas Agriculture Irrigation Association**

TAIA was established in 1991 for the purpose of promoting quality standards in irrigation: proper design, installation and management of agricultural irrigation systems.

#### **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is the environmental agency for the state. It strives to protect our state's public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development.

## **TCEQ - Take Care of Texas**

Everyone's first step to Take Care of Texas is to learn about ways to get involved. TakeCareOfTexas.org contains materials that range from general information about environmental programs to specific, step-by-step instructions that address common environmental situations.

# **TCEQ - Texas Drought Information**

Information to help you make better decisions about water use, including surface and groundwater regulations, and emergency procedures.

## **Texas Groundwater Protection Committee**

The Texas Groundwater Protection Committee strives to identify areas where new or existing groundwater programs could be enhanced, as well as improve coordination among agencies involved in groundwater activities.

## Texas Parks & Wildlife Department - The State of Water

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's mission is to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The State of Water web page provides a drought survival kit and tips for helping wildlife, saving your yard and cutting your water bill.

### Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is the state agency that administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and coordinates conservation and nonpoint source pollution abatement programs throughout the State.

#### **Texas State University - The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment**

Texas State University-San Marcos established The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, formerly the River Systems Institute, as a leadership initiative to coordinate and further university-wide efforts in the field of aquatic resource management.

#### **Texas Tech University - Water Resources Center**

The Water Resources Center (WRC) was established by the Texas Tech University Board of Regents in 1965. The WRC's research activities focus on current water issues of regional importance to the Texas High Plains and encompass state, national, and international water issues that are of common concern.

#### **Texas Turf Irrigation Association**

The Texas Turf Irrigation Association is the state level professional association for licensed irrigation professionals in Texas. They offer education opportunities, networking, support of and cooperation with local irrigation associations, and monitoring laws, rules, and trends at the state level that can affect the livelihood of the licensed irrigator in Texas.

#### **Texas Water Conservation Association**

The Texas Water Conservation Association is devoted to conserving, developing, protecting, and using the water resources of the state for all beneficial purposes. It is also affiliated with the <u>National Water</u> <u>Resources Association</u>.

# **Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee**

The TWICC is comprised of state and federal funding agencies, technical assistance providers, water and waste water trade organizations, and regulatory agencies. The purpose of the TWICC is to identify and develop solutions to water and wastewater infrastructure compliance issues and to seek affordable, sustainable and innovative funding strategies for the protection of public health and the efficient use of government resources in Texas.

#### **Texas Water Development Board**

The Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) mission is to provide leadership, planning, financial assistance, information, and education for the conservation and responsible development of water for Texas.

#### **TWDB - Water Conservation Best Management Practices**

The mission of the water conservation staff is to provide leadership, planning, education, information, technical assistance, and agricultural financial assistance for water conservation in Texas.

### **TWDB - Water Conservation Education**

Educational programs offered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) focus on building understanding about water resources, state water planning and water conservation across the state.

#### **Texas Water News**

Providing Texas water conservation news, review, videos, and Texas Drought information. A service of The Texas Network and Save Water Texas.

#### **Texas Water Smart**

Texas Water Smart is a public-private partnership of nearly 300 businesses, associations, research organizations and state and local officials who have contributed to its growth and success. Since spring of 2012, the program has been highly effective in raising awareness of ways homeowners and businesses can save green – in their landscapes and in their wallets.

#### **The Lawn Whisperer**

You can have a beautiful, healthy lawn and still save water. When you really listen to your lawn, it can tell you when it needs water and when it doesn't. A program of Save North Texas Water.

## Water IQ

Water IQ is a public awareness water conservation program to educate Texans about their water resources. Water IQ: Know Your Water offers an easy-to-identify brand, a variety of materials, and a network of groups and communities dedicated to educating Texans about water conservation. The program complements existing local and regional water conservation efforts.