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To: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Area 1

Congratulations to all of the Area 1 Conservation Award winners, and thank you to all of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) that submitted entries.

The Area 1 Conservation Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the First Methodist Church Activity Center, located at 600 Houston St, Plainview, Texas. The banquet will begin at 6:30 pm. All SWCDs are invited to attend this event.

The Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD) and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) encourages award winners to attend the banquet. It is recommended that each SWCD purchase tickets for their winners and ensure that they are present to accept their awards.

This year we will also be presenting Service Awards to Conservation District Directors and honoring all Districts that are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We hope that you will be present for these special presentations.

Registration for this year's banquet is \$25 per person and <u>must be ordered by April 30, 2024</u>. Please complete the enclosed order form and return it to the ATSWCD office along with a check made payable to the ATSWCD. Checks should be written from your SWCD's Trust Account. Due to catering constraints we will not be able to accept late ticket orders.

Also enclosed is a sample news release for publicity purposes. Please consider submitting the news release for any winners to your area newspapers. Additionally, feel free to post the news release on your SWCD's website or on social media.

We hope that your SWCD will make plans to attend this year's Area 1 Conservation Awards Banquet to help us honor the conservation leaders in our area of the state, and to support this outstanding awards program.

Roy Thompson, Board Member Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts Scott Buckles, Board Member Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Enclosures – Area 1 Winners List, Ticket Order Form, and Sample News Release