



SOUTH TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

1700 N. Smith, Suite B
Hebbronville, Texas 78361
July 28, 2026

TO: All District Directors in the South Texas Association of
Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Dear Conservationist:

We are pleased to inform you that the annual meeting of the South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at the Ancestral Craft Spirits Distillery, located at 702 N. Portscheller St., in Roma, Texas 78584.**

The group will have a tour of the Ancestral Craft Spirits Distillery in historic Roma, Texas, that produces American agave spirits like Blasfemus, honoring Texas heritage through traditional techniques. Located in a restored historic building, that offers tours, tastings, and unique experience that blends local history and modern distillation, using agave from Oaxaca and planting their own in Starr County. The distillery aims to be a destination, preserving the town's history while creating a distinctive alternative to tequila and mezcal.

Following the tour and presentation lunch will be served. We will have a choice of (or try all three) beef tacos, hot dogs, and pizza, followed by our business meeting.

The cost of the meal will be \$25.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Representative, by Thursday, September 10, 2026. He can be reached at (361) 207-0180 or at aperez@tsswcb.texas.gov. Remember that you must pay if you RSVP, even if you do not attend.

A tentative agenda is included.

Please do not hesitate to contact Adrian if you have any questions or if you have items to be placed on the agenda.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

Sincerely,

David Escobar
President



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TENTATIVE AGENDA

9:30 am – 10:00 am	Registration
10:00 am – 10:05 am	Welcome
10 :05 am – 12 noon	Tour of Ancestral Craft Spirits Distillery
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Business Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Agency Reports

- José Dodier, TSSWCB Board Member, Area III
- James Clement III, TSSWCB Board Member, Governor Appointee
- J. Pete Laney and/or Todd Kercheval, TCAWS Consultants
- Leroy Wolff, ATSWCD President, Area III
- John Prukop, TCAWS Director, Area III
- Kendria Ray, TSSWCB Executive Director, Temple
- Shelly Chambers, Manager, Kika de la Garza PMC, Kingsville
- Pedro Ramos, USDA NRCS STC(FO), Corpus Christi



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3. Business Meeting

- 1) Minutes and Financial Report
- 2) Old Business
- 3) New Business
 - a. Door Prizes for State Meeting
 - b. Resolutions
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
- 4) Payment of Bills
- 5) Elections
- 6) Other Business
 - a. Ideas for future meeting sites
- 7) Adjourn