



Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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Dear Conservation District Directors:

First and foremost, thank you to all districts who supported the Association in fiscal year 2024 through your annual quota payment. We greatly appreciate your confidence in us to lead your organization.

We are poised to start fiscal year 2025 off in a great way but we need your continued support. The FY 2025 quota statement is attached. The Association has worked hard to bring in supplemental sources of revenue so we do not have to raise quota assessments, and continue to increase the support we can provide to districts. The total assessment remains at \$675.00. This includes \$425.00 for Association Quota, \$200.00 for the Public Information and Education Program and \$50.00 for the Awards Program.

The Association quota is used to support the basic function of the office, including rent, utilities, salaries, office supplies and much more. It also plays a big role in our ability to sign agreements with NRCS and other organizations as it is used to support our part of the agreements. This includes our grant programs.

The Public Information and Education Program is used to support a variety of projects. Since 2004 the Association has paid more than \$100, 000.00 in college scholarships through the FFA Soil Stewardship Speaking Contest. This program also supports the WAY Program (another youth contest for 4-H and FFA members) and our District Leadership Development workshop. This is only a small example of how PI&E funds are used.

As you know, the \$50.00 assessment is required to participate in the Awards Program. We highly encourage participation in the Awards Program, This is one of our best opportunities to highlight the great conservation work going on across Texas.

I know that the need to conserve our natural resources never stops and the Association will continue to work hard to support conservation districts and our collective efforts. We look forward to another successful year.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other board member should you have questions or concerns at any time.

Thank you,

Kent Batma
President