



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 2023 through your annual quota payment. We greatly appreciate your confidence in us. We realize that we all continue to work in unique or difficult environments and we continue to work hard to earn your support.

We are poised to start fiscal year 2024 off in a great way but we need your continued support. The FY 2024 quota statement is attached. The Association has continued to work worked to bring in supplemental sources of revenue so we can continue to maintain our quota at the previous year's levels and continue to grow the organization and 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 as it is used to support our part of the agreements. This includes the 555 Program.

The Public Information and Education Program is used to support a variety of projects. In fiscal year 2023 we paid \$3000.00 in college scholarships to winners of the Texas FFA Soil Stewardship Speaking Contest. Since 2004 the Association has paid more than \$1000,000.00 in college scholarships. 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.

We look forward to another successful year to working with each and every local SWCD to ensure 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,

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President