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TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
Protecting and Enhancing Natural Resources for Tomorrow

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SWCD Chair:

Due to a state of disaster being declared in all Texas counties due to an imminent threat of the COVID-19 virus it is necessary to follow best practices from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) including: social distancing, limiting large gatherings and events. Out of a duty of concern for the safety of everyone we normally deal with, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) in consultation with the Association of Texas Soil and Water Districts (ATSWCD) have cancelled the Texas Conservation Awards Banquets for this year.

Plaques have already been ordered for this year's award winners, and we will be receiving them soon. Upon receipt we will distribute them to your field representative to deliver to the specific district that submitted the winning entry.

We ask your district to select some type of safe presentation to present the plaque to the appropriate winner.

In addition, the TSSWCB has suspended the State Board member election scheduled in State Districts (Areas) II and IV.

The TSSWCB and the ATSWCD regret having to take these actions but feel that it is better to be safe than take the chance on infecting anyone with COVID-19. For now, this is our new reality and we encourage everyone in our program, our customer base, and our partners to practice the recommendations of CDC and DSHS to protect not only yourself but your family and friends also.

Sincerely;

Rex Isom
Executive Director