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Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors

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The Importance of Collaboration

The Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors (TAWS) is a nonprofit organization whose members are Sponsors of PL-534, Pilot or PL-566 watershed projects within the State of Texas. Sponsors in Texas include over 300 units of local government including Soil and Water Conservation Districts, counties, cities, water control and improvement districts, watershed authorities and other special purpose districts.

Benefits of Membership

The purpose of TAWS is to secure State and Federal Funding for watershed sponsors, foster communications among its members, educate and provide information to legislative, governmental and other groups to have a positive impact on the Small Watershed Program.

All watershed sponsors benefit from the work and activities of the organization, but that work wouldn't be possible without member support. Individuals, consulting engineers, and others who have an interest in the Small Watershed Program may also provide support through donations, meeting sponsorships, and memberships. The 2025 membership application document is on the second page of this newsletter.

Calling All Future Steering Committee Members and Officers

TAWS has Steering Committee Member openings. Please contact Kevin Burns at burnauto@yahoo.com for further information.

TAWS Meeting Spring Meeting

The annual spring meeting will be one day this year and will be held on **May 14**th at the Embassy Suites in Round Rock, TX. If you are interested in registering for the meeting, please complete the spring meeting registration form you can find on the <u>third page</u> of this newsletter. Come listen to agency reports from NRCS, TCEQ and TSSWCD, a Legislative update and more! The full agenda will be sent out in March.

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2025 TAWS Dues

Please complete the TAWS membership form below and return it with your payment to the address on the bottom of this form.

The Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors (TAWS) has four membership categories:

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS (SWCDs, WCIDs, Cities, Counties and other political subdivisions of the State of Texas who have entered into long-term O&M Agreements with USDA- NRCS)

SPONSORING MEMBERS (elected and appointed representatives of Sponsoring Organizations)

ASSOCIATE FIRMS (consulting engineering firms and others who support the mission of TAWS)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (individual consulting engineers and others who support the mission of TAWS)

Your support of TAWS will enable the Steering Committee and other members to work towards securing adequate state and federal funding for the Small Watershed Program and to work with the TCEQ and NRCS on other issues. TAWS is a member of the National Watershed Coalition and supports the goals of that organization.

Over the years, TAWS has received donations from several sponsors and others. For those entities who can make a donation in additional to their regular dues, TAWS is a appreciative and will recognize them at future meetings.

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•	Sponsoring Organizations Sponsoring Member (Individuals) Associate Member Firms	(\$250, recommended) (\$25, recommended) (\$250, recommended)
•	Association Members (Individuals) Additional Donation	 (\$25, recommended)
	Total Payment	

TAWS membership period is from March 1, 2025- February 28, 2026

Please make your checks payable to TAWS and mail it Kristen Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer, at the address below:

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For questions, please contact Kristen at 210-302-3661 or by email at khansen@sariverauthority.org