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**TO: All Chairmen, Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

**FROM: Johnny Oswald, Water Supply Enhancement Program Administrator, TSSWCB**

**DATE: June 23, 2015**

**RE: FY2016 Water Supply Enhancement Program Request for Project Proposals**

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The TSSWCB is requesting proposals for water supply enhancement projects seeking funding in FY2016 to conduct brush control under the Water Supply Enhancement Program (WSEP). Proposed projects should focus on watersheds with a demonstrated water conservation need and where brush control has been shown, using a computer model, to be a feasible strategy to enhance surface and/or ground water supplies. Monday, **August 3, 2015**, is the deadline for submitting all FY2016 WSEP project proposals.

A competitive proposal review process will be used so that the most appropriate and effective projects are selected for funding. On July 28, 2014, the State Board adopted the *State Water Supply Enhancement Plan*, which describes the program purpose and goals, the competitive grant process and proposal ranking criteria, how the agency will allocate funding, and priority watersheds across the state for water supply enhancement and brush control.

Enclosed is a copy of the application for proposed water supply enhancement projects. Additionally, two documents are enclosed to provide you assistance in completing the application. The first document is a set of instructions for the application that provides explanations of questions on the form and resources for answering those questions. The second document is a set of guidelines that details project eligibility requirements, identifies watersheds with published feasibility studies, and provides additional information critical for successful applications. All three of the enclosed documents are also available on the agency website.

As you may recall, the TSSWCB went through the Sunset review process in 2010-2011. This culminated in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature passing HB1808 which delineated major changes to TSSWCB programs, including establishing the WSEP. This FY2016 request for proposals for water supply enhancement projects continues to implement provisions of HB1808.

Additional information on the TSSWCB WSEP and this FY2016 request for proposals is available on our website at <http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/brushcontrol#rfp>. Please contact the WSEP office if you have any questions regarding FY2016 water supply enhancement project proposals.

Enclosures (10 pages)