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The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), established in 1939 and headquartered in Temple, works in partnership with the State's 216 local soil and water conservation districts to encourage the wise and productive use of the State's soil and water resources in a manner that promotes a clean, healthy environment and strong economic growth. The TSSWCB administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs to agricultural producers throughout the state. The TSSWCB is responsible for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural (forestry-related) nonpoint sources of water pollution; administers a water supply enhancement program to increase available surface and ground water through the targeted control of water-depleting brush in areas in need of water conservation; works to ensure the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams is protecting lives and property; and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

Aaron Wendt currently serves as a Natural Resources Policy Analyst for the TSSWCB supporting the implementation of the State's Water Supply Enhancement Program, the facilitation of the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee, the development of the Rio Grande Carrizo Cane Eradication Program, and the statewide delivery of conservation outreach and education programs. He has been in this role for two and a half years.

Aaron previously served the TSSWCB for seven and a half years as the Statewide Watershed Planning Coordinator supporting the implementation of the agricultural and silvicultural components of the Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program and the administration of the Clean Water Act §319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program. In this role, Aaron provided statewide leadership of the agency's Watershed Protection Plan Program and the Total Maximum Daily Load Program.

Aaron also previously served the TSSWCB for nine months as the Regional Watershed Coordinator in the agency's Wharton Field Office where he implemented a regional coordinated watershed protection strategy in southeast and south central Texas and facilitated the Regional Watershed Coordination Steering Committee.

Aaron is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Renewable Natural Resources Management in December 1999. Before joining the TSSWCB staff in November 2004, he served with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Tech University, and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.