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Water Supply Enhancement Program
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Guidelines for FY2018-2019 Proposal for Water Supply Enhancement Project

Project Eligibility Requirements

- Published Feasibility Study that includes a watershed-specific computer model (per §203.053 Agriculture Code) (see map below and/or TSSWCB website)
- A water conservation need documented in the *2017 State Water Plan* (see TWDB website)
- Meet the following WSEP Goal for FY2018-2019:
 - Primary Goal – Enhance domestic and municipal uses, including water for sustaining human life and the life of domestic animals, agricultural and industrial uses (which means processes designed to convert materials of a lower order of value into forms having greater usability), commercial value, and environmental flows.

Additional Information

- Grant funds are competitive and will be prioritized based on water need and water yield (see the TSSWCB *State Water Supply Enhancement Plan* adopted January 19, 2017, posted on the agency website)
- **June 1, 2017** is the deadline for submitting all FY2018-2019 WSEP Project Applications
- A maximum of \$600,000 over the project period may be requested for an individual project. A two-year project period should be planned.
- Allocation amounts will be awarded based on the amount of cost-share funds that can be obligated to landowners over the project period
- Any letters of support for the proposed project from collaborating entities must be received by the proposal submission deadline
- A maximum of only one (1) subbasin from the Feasibility Study may be listed on each application.

Major Changes from Previous RFP

Two major changes were approved by the State Board for the previous RFP which are carried forward to this FY2018-2019 RFP. Both of these changes were intended to strengthen the WSEP by increasing the acreage of brush treated in a particular subbasin, which should increase the hydrologic response due to vegetation changes induced through the WSEP.

- Each SWCD involved in the WSEP is limited to two (2) subbasins as active projects (approved and prioritized) and/or newly submitted proposals. This will focus the brush control being conducted in any particular SWCD. Three examples:
 - If a SWCD has no approved, prioritized projects from either the FY2016 or the FY2017 RFP, then they may submit two new proposals through this FY2018-2019 RFP.
 - If a SWCD has two approved, prioritized projects from either the FY2016 and/or the FY2017 RFP, then they may not submit any new proposals through this FY2018-2019 RFP.

- If a SWCD has one approved, prioritized project from either the FY2016 or the FY2017 RFP, then they may only submit one new proposal through this FY2018-2019 RFP.
- In order to balance the two subbasin limitation, extended time is needed to complete an approved, prioritized project. Therefore, an active project (i.e., a particular subbasin) will remain on the approved, prioritized project list, eligible for cost-share allocation, until the SWCD certifies that brush control is complete in that subbasin, or no more than 10 years after being approved. Essentially, this means that work should continue in a particular subbasin until brush treatment goals identified in the Feasibility Study are achieved, or until programmatic landowner “saturation” is reached with no reasonable expectation to treat additional brush. In almost all cases, the published Feasibility Studies identify a 10-year implementation window for brush control across a watershed.

Two major changes were approved by the State Board for this FY2018-2019 RFP.

- This single RFP is for both FY2018 and FY2019. Project applicants should submit project budgets that include cost-share funds needed for a 2-year project period. Project cost-share allocations for each of the two FYs will be based on this single RFP.
- Only Feasibility Studies accepted by the State Board as of March 23, 2017 will be considered as eligible Project Watersheds for this RFP. As a result, any Feasibility Studies currently in progress that may be completed and accepted by the State Board after March 23, 2017 would only be eligible for WSEP cost-share funding in subsequent RFPs issued for FY2020 and beyond.

Contact Information

For further information or assistance with completing a FY2018-2019 WSEP Project Application, please contact any of the following:

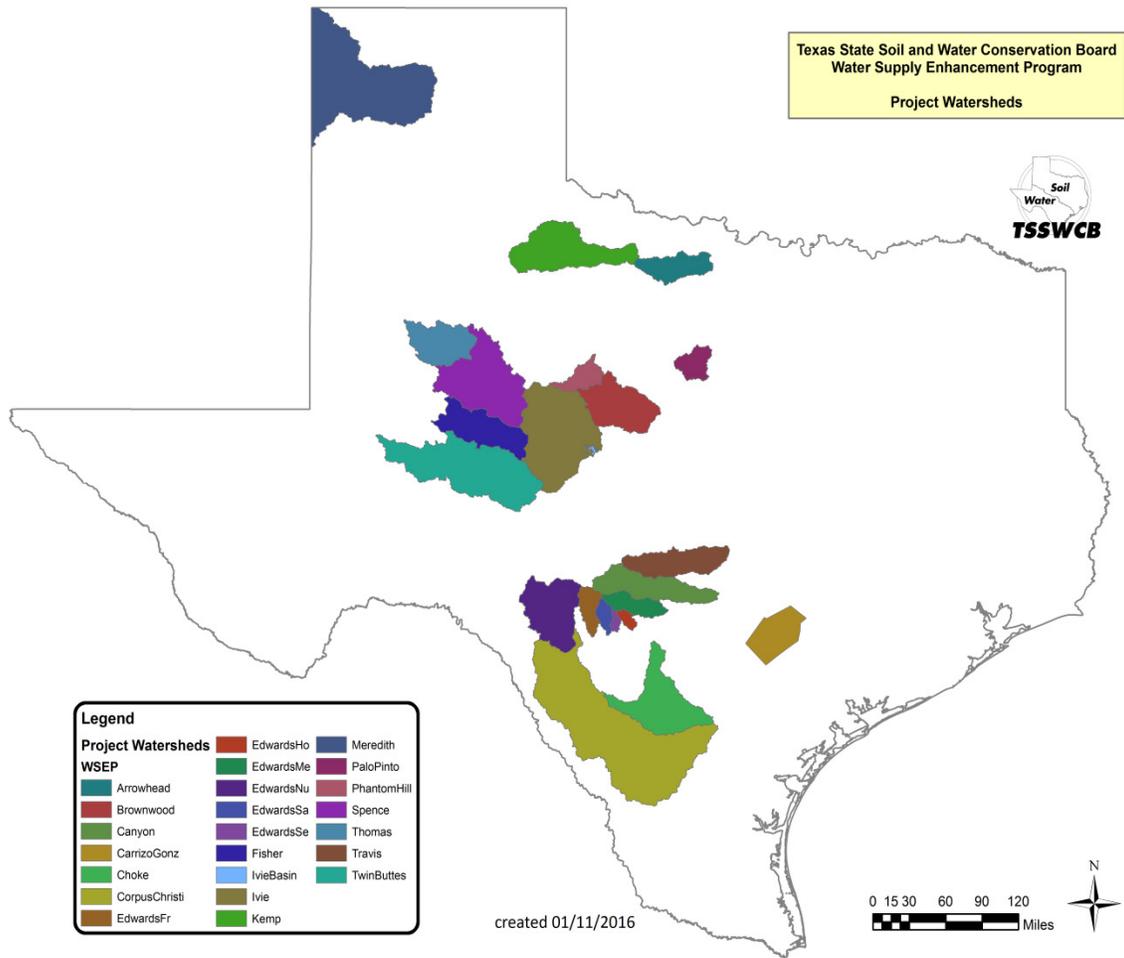
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How to Submit Proposals

Proposals may be submitted either electronically (preferred) or as hard copies. Regardless of delivery method, proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. CDT on the deadline to be considered for funding.

- Submit proposals electronically to Johnny Oswald at joswald@tsswcb.texas.gov.
- Hard copy submissions should be mailed to the TSSWCB WSEP Office located at 622 South Oakes Street, Suite H-2, San Angelo, TX 76903.

Map of Watersheds with Published Feasibility Studies



Note: The Feasibility Study for the Upper Llano River watershed, not shown on the map, was accepted by the State Board on January 23, 2017 and is considered eligible for this RFP.

