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HIGH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT ACCEPTING RFPs FOR RESEARCH

LUBBOCK, TX (MARCH 25, 2016) -- The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) is accepting requests for proposals for funding of water conservation research, demonstration, and educational efforts in fiscal year 2017.

“The HPWD Board of Directors encourages persons working in these respective areas to submit proposals for funding no later than May 2. This will allow consideration of the projects for the following budget cycle that begins October 1,” said General Manager Jason Coleman.

Coleman said the highest priority will be given to proposals relating to the Dockum Aquifer, rainwater harvesting, agricultural water conservation, and groundwater reuse.

HPWD Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo will appoint the 2017 Research and Demonstration Committee in May. The committee consists of the General Manager, two HPWD Board Members, two

HPWD County Advisory Committee members, and two members-at-large. This group will make funding recommendations to the five-member HPWD Board of Directors.

The committee approved the following for funding during fiscal year 2016:

- An economic analysis to determine feasibility of groundwater supplementation from the Dockum Aquifer.
- A depth and salinity study of the Dockum Aquifer.
- An economic analysis of residential irrigation habits and landscape design.
- Purchase and demonstration of a soil moisture meter.
- Enhanced irrigation research.
- An evaluation of precision mobile drip irrigation systems.
- Playa basin educational workshops.

Additional information is available by clicking on the 2017 Research Proposal Request Criteria link at www.hpwd.org/grants/ or by calling the district office at (806) 762-0181. Email delivery of proposals is preferred and should be sent to jason.coleman@hpwd.org.

Created in 1951 by area residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas. It celebrates its 65th anniversary in 2016.

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