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HPWD ACCEPTING RFPs FOR WATER CONSERVATION RESEARCH

LUBBOCK TX (March 24, 2017) – The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) is now accepting requests for proposals (RFPs) for water conservation research, demonstrations, and educational efforts for Fiscal Year 2017.

Proposals are due May 1, 2017. Instructions for submitting proposals are available at www.hpwd.org/research/. Just follow the link -- "HPWD Research and Demonstration Policy."

"Highest priority is placed on proposals relating to groundwater recharge, rainwater harvesting, and practices to conserve irrigation water in agricultural or urban use. The HPWD Board of Directors look forward to receiving proposals that will help conserve water and benefit district residents," said Manager Jason Coleman.

Earlier this month, a research and demonstration funding committee was appointed by HPWD Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

The Committee members are:

- Mike Beauchamp, Chairman (HPWD Precinct Three Director).
- Ronnie Hopper (HPWD Precinct Five Director).
- Jason Coleman (HPWD General Manager).
- Kelly Kettner (HPWD County Advisory Committee member).
- Kevin Riley (HPWD County Advisory Committee member).
- Todd Pope, Wellington State Bank (At-Large Member).
- Aubrey Spear, P.E, Director of Utilities, City of Lubbock (At-Large Member).

In accordance with current policy, the committee will evaluate each project for possible funding. A final recommendation will be presented to the HPWD Board of Directors in a few months.

Projects funded in Fiscal Year 2016 include: Alternate Crop Systems for Limited Groundwater; Dockum Aquifer Water Quality Monitoring; Evaluation of The Dockum Aquifer in Southwest Potter County; Rainwater Harvesting Economic Analysis; Soil Endoscope for Subsurface Drip Irrigation; Water Treatment Using Plant-Based Polymers; and installation of a xeric landscape demonstration garden at Bushland Elementary School.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the State Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater in aquifers within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas.

For more information, please visit the HPWD website at www.hpwd.org or call the district office at (806) 762-0181. You can also find HPWD on Facebook and Twitter.