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**WATER SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM OFFICE**  
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**TO: All Chairmen, Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

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

**DATE: August 29, 2013**

**RE: FY2014 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 FY2014 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. Friday, **October 18, 2013**, is the deadline for submitting all FY2014 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 18, 2013, the State Board approved a revised *Policy on Allocation of Grant Funds for the WSEP*, which describes the WSEP purpose and goals, the competitive grant process and proposal ranking criteria, and how the agency will allocate funding. As you may recall, notice regarding this policy was sent to all SWCDs in July 2013.

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 new WSEP. This FY2014 request for proposals for water supply enhancement projects continues to implement provisions of HB1808.

Additional information on the TSSWCB WSEP and this FY2014 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 FY2014 water supply enhancement project proposals.

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