



NEW DIRECTOR TRAINING AGREEMENT



Soil and water conservation district directors are “*Public Officials*” of subdivisions of State Government. With the signing of an Oath of Office you have solemnly sworn to faithfully execute the office of Director of :

Name of Soil & Water Conservation District and No.
(Please fill in the name of the SWCD)

Subdivision No.
(Please fill in the Subdivision No.)

To effectively carry out the duties of a soil and water conservation district director I agree to participate in a training program within twenty-four (24) months after my election or appointment to the above named soil and water conservation district for the purposes of carrying out the General Powers and Duties of Soil and Water Conservation Districts authorized under Title 7 of the Agriculture Code of Texas.

I further understand that the training will include, but not be limited to:

- Legislation that created the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDS)
- Programs operated by the TSSWCB and SWCDS
- The role and functions of SWCD directors
- Requirements of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code
- Requirements of the Public Information Law, Chapter 552, Government Code
- Administrative Procedure Law, Chapter 2001 Government Code
- Other laws relating to public officials, including conflict-of-interest laws
- Any applicable ethics, policies adopted by the TSSWCB or the Texas Ethics Commission
- Records, Reports, Accounts and Audits as pertaining to SWCDS under Sec. 201.080 of the Agriculture Code, Title 7
- Corporate powers of a SWCD
- Preventive and Control Measures of a SWCD
 - Cooperator Agreements and Agreements with other entities
 - Acquisition, administration and sale of Real or Personal Property
 - Acquisition, administration and sale of Materials and Equipment
 - Conservation Plans and Information
 - Assumption of Government Projects and Acceptance of Government Grants

I have read the above provisions of the New Director Training Agreement and agree to participate in a training program within twenty-four (24) months of my election or appointment to the above named soil and water conservation district.

Director Date

Please return this form to:

Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board
 PO Box 658
 Temple, TX 76503-0658