



Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District

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Dear Dr. Gregory,

The Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (POSGCD) was formally created to protect and conserve the water resources of Milam and Burleson counties. To fulfill this mission, POSGCD works to provide protection for landowner property rights for current and future groundwater users, treats all producers equitably through the use of correlative rights, extends quantity and quality of available water in all aquifers within district boundaries, maintains comprehensive and advanced well monitoring system to continuously evaluate conditions of aquifers, and plans and manages for protection of groundwater resources in perpetuity.

The proposed project, "Agricultural Irrigation Conservation Education and Demonstration Program" supports this mission of providing education to agricultural irrigators. After action by the POSGCD Board of Directors at its February 11, 2020 Board meeting, POSGCD is pleased to support this program as it will further education delivery and promote water conservation among the largest use sectors in our district. Irrigation demand is projected to decline over the next 50 years as other demands increase, but it will remain as a significant water use in our district. Agricultural water conservation is expected to yield approximately 10% of future irrigation needs, but it will take a concerted effort to achieve this goal. Programs such as this will certainly help promote conservation and lead to future water savings.

Post Oak Savannah GCD is working to promote agricultural irrigation system technology upgrades by providing financial incentives to qualifying growers who have or plan to implement water conserving systems or system components. During the planned duration of this project, the Post Oak Savannah GCD board budgeted \$50,000 annually to provide these grower incentives. Growers in the district will be encouraged to attend education programs to learn about new technologies and available financial support. Post Oak Savannah GCD is happy to provide this financial support as local in-kind matching funds in support of this grant.

The Post Oak Savannah GCD District looks forward to working with the project team and other collaborators to expand water conservation awareness and advance water conservation in the Brazos Valley.

Sincerely,

Gary Westbrook
General Manager
Post Oak Savannah GCD