

# TWCA Introduction

Milam & Burleson Counties Groundwater Summit 2021

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# TWCA Overview



# Staff



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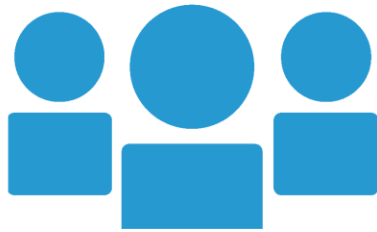
**Administrative Assistant**  
Becky Arledge



# TWCA Vision & Missions

Vision: To be a trusted resource promoting sound water policy for Texas.

## BUILD



Build Consensus

## EDUCATE



Educate Policymakers  
and Members

## ADVOCATE

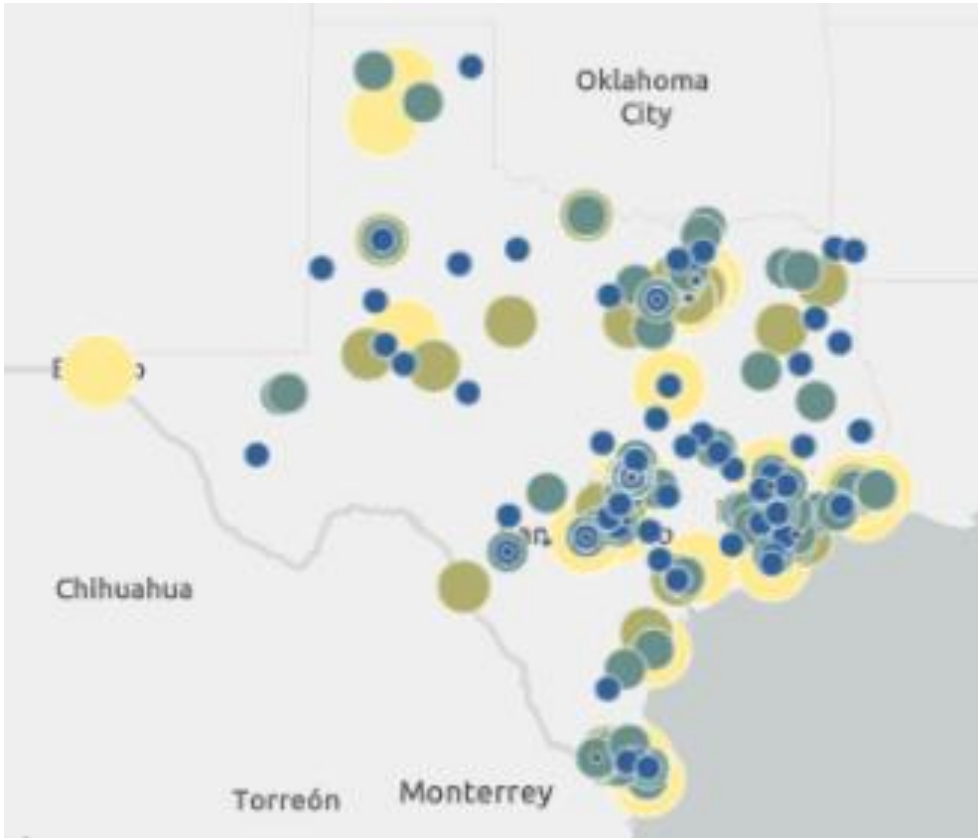


Advocate on  
Water Issues

Who We Are



# TWCA Membership by the Numbers



418

member entities

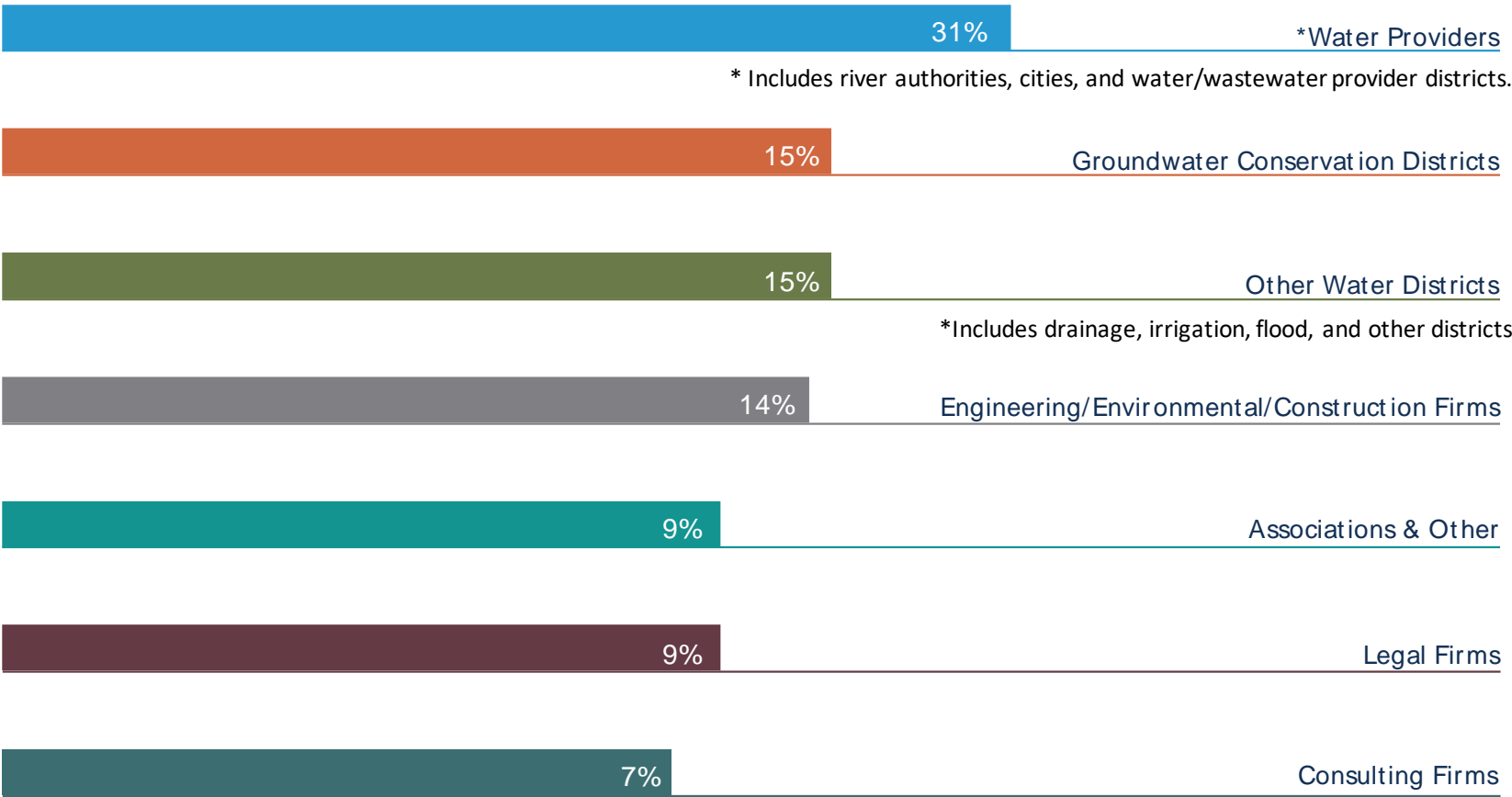


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Individuals within those entities



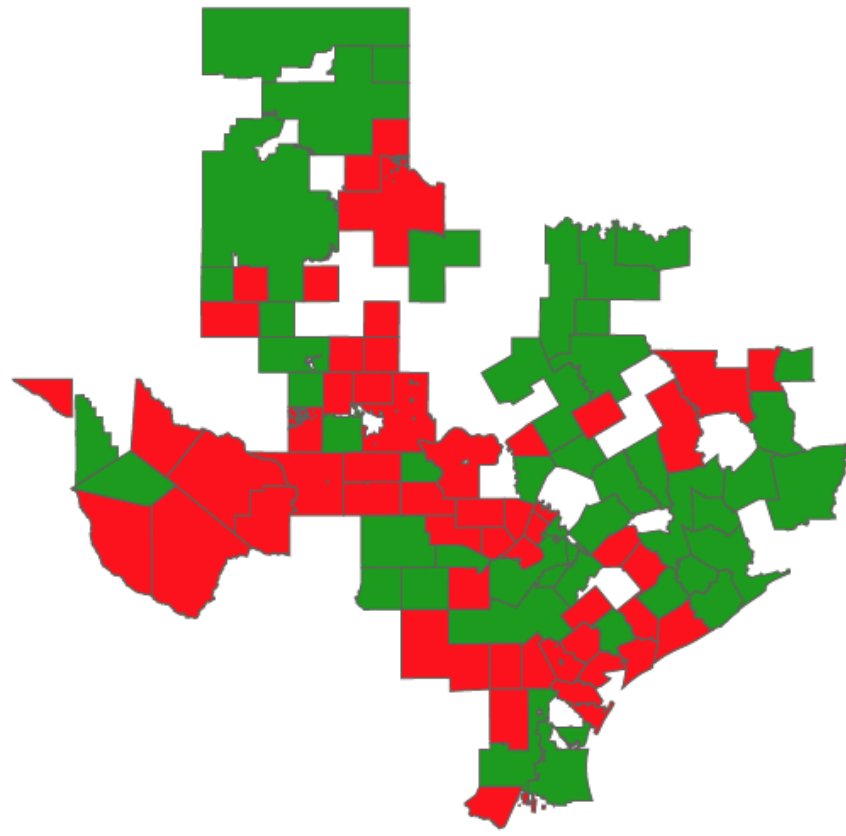
# TWCA Membership by Type





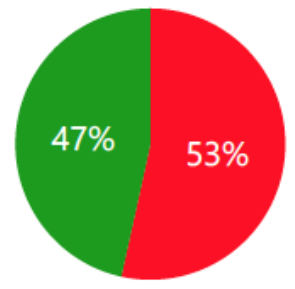
# GCD Membership in TWCA

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**Percentage of All Groundwater Conservation Districts currently Members of TWCA**

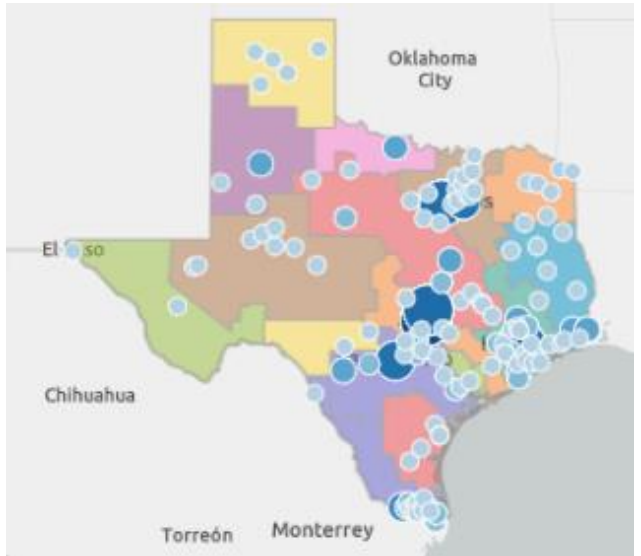
**Member**  
● No  
● Yes



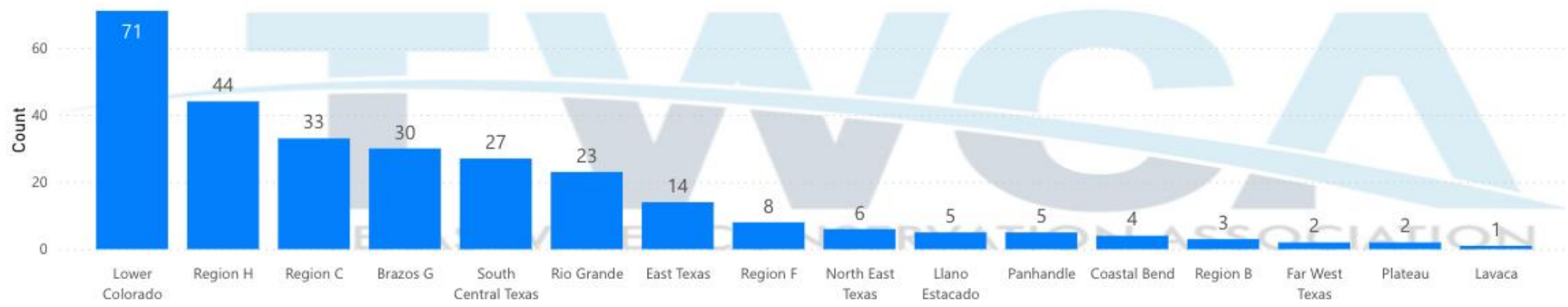




# TWCA Membership by RWPG



**TWCA Membership by Regional Water Planning Area**

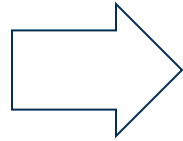




# TWCA Board of Directors

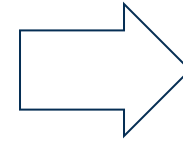
## Panels

- 9 areas of interest
- Open to all members
- Elect 7 to Board
- Elections in March



## Board

- 63 members elected at panels
- 6 presidential appointments (two for each)
- All Past Presidents



## Executive Committee

- Chair and Vice Chair from each panel
- Presidential Tree
- Directs all TWCA activities

TWCA Presidential Tree: President, President-Elect, and Past President

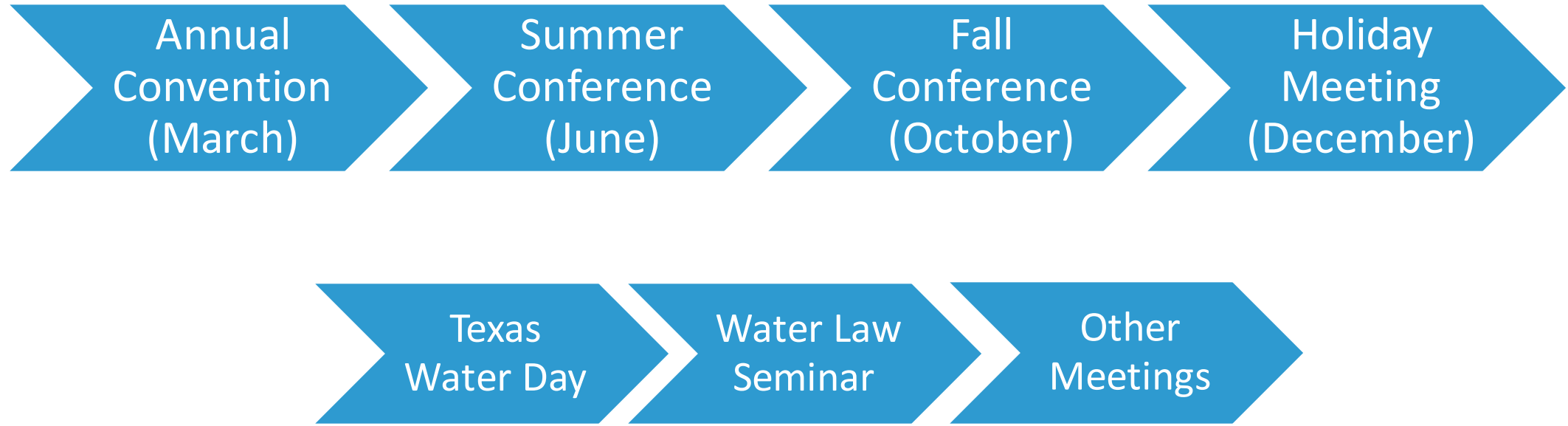


# TWCA Groundwater Panel

- Chair - Drew Satterwhite, Denison – North Texas GCD & Red River GCD
- Vice-Chair - Joe B. Cooper, Stephenville – Middle Trinity GCD
- Dirk Aaron, Belton – Clearwater UWCD
- James Beach, Austin – Advanced Groundwater Solutions
- Brian Sledge, Austin – SledgeLaw Group, PLLC
- Michael Turco, Houston – Harris-Galveston Subsidence District
- **Gary Westbrook, Milano – Post Oak Savannah GCD**



# Conferences & Events



# Legislative & Policy



# Consensus Building

- **Consensus Process.** Stakeholder-driven groundwater and surface water committees vet and recommend changes to water policy
  - Groundwater Committee
  - Surface Water Committee
  - Flood Response Committee
- The TWCA consensus process is key to TWCA's positive reputation at the Capitol
- Over **150 participants** from all areas of water management and use
- Largely drives TWCA's state legislative agenda
- Legislative proposals require a **90% consensus** among voting committee members to move forward



# TWCA Groundwater Committee

- Subcommittees
  - DFC appeals
  - Mitigation
  - Notice
  - Petition for rulemaking
- Successes
  - Permit renewals
  - Permit applications
  - Contested cases
  - ASR
  - Notice of a GCD
- 2021+ Agenda
  - Notice of permit applications
  - Petition for rulemaking
  - DFC appeals



# Texas Legislative Efforts

Bill  
Tracking

Building  
Consensus

Education

Advocacy

[www.twca.org/legisnews](http://www.twca.org/legisnews)





# Other Policy Efforts

- Federal Affairs Committee
  - Federal comment letters
  - Issue briefs explaining TWCA's key federal priorities
  - Texas Water Day
- Endangered Species Committee
- Water Laws Committee
- Water Quality Committee
- Coordination with other state and federal water associations

# TWCA Partnerships



# TWCA Risk Management Fund

- Self-insurance pool providing expert resources and access to a customized insurance program for its members
  - Workers' compensation
  - Liability
  - Property coverage
- 90+ members





# Texas Ground Water Association

- Trade association for water well drillers, equipment manufacturers and suppliers, and groundwater scientists
- 345 member entities (2644 individuals within entities)
- Annual Convention every January
- Continuing education classes
- Scholarship Foundation
- Fountainhead Newsletter





# Social Media & Confluence News

- Social media: Facebook - @TWCA1 and Twitter - @TexasWCA
- Confluence News: Monthly e-news and sponsorships for members
- Fountainhead Newsletter: [www.tgwa.org/fountainhead](http://www.tgwa.org/fountainhead)
  - Facebook: @texasgwa

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