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POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSREVATION DISTRICT RECEIVES \$30,000 GRANT FOR IRRIGATION METERING PROJECT

The Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (POSGCD) is excited to announce a grant of \$30,000 awarded by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) as part of the Agricultural Water Conservation Grants Program. These funds will be used to help farmers in our district purchase and install new irrigation flow meters or upgrade existing ones.

While the District does require farmers to report their estimated water use each year, flow meters are not required. These meters can be a game-changer for on-farm management by giving farmers more accurate water use data for more control over irrigation. Improving water management practices in irrigation of crops can a significantly reduce operating costs by using less energy and water. This not only helps crops grow healthier but can also lead to better yields, making it a win for both the land and the farmer's bottom line.

The District is also teaming up with the Texas Water Resources Institute, part of Texas A&M AgriLife, to offer free training on how to make the most of these meters and provide free installations for those who are interested.

This project is part of the District's ongoing efforts to support local farmers and encourage smart water use. We encourage farmers to take advantage of this opportunity to improve operations and help conserve water in our region. Sign up for email updates about the project and how to participate: <u>https://bit.ly/posgcd-email-updates</u>. Contact the main office with any questions.