Past WCAC legislative recommendations related to agriculture

2022 Recommendations

1. Replenish funding in the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund sufficient to support the TWDB's grant and loan program for the next ten years. (\$15 million)

Result: Adopted by the House but not the Senate.

2. Continue agricultural water conservation grant funding at or above the current level of \$1,200,000 per year.

Result: Annual funding increased to \$1,500,000.

3. Expansion of the agricultural water conservation program through an increase in funding and additional TWDB staff to support program expansion.

Result: \$71,471 and 1.0 FTE in FY 2024 and \$63,431 and 1.0 FTE in FY 2025 for administrative and staff costs to manage Agricultural Water Conservation Fund.

4. Provide the TWDB with authority and financial resources sufficient to incorporate a statewide ET network into the existing TexMesonet program mission.

Result: HB 2759 authorizes TWDB to establish the TexMesonet Hydrometeorology Network and the TexMesonet Advisory Committee.

2020 Recommendations

1. Fund the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation promoting water conservation through best management practices and new technologies at \$475,000 per year.

Result: Not adopted.

2. Fund the Texas Project for Ag Water Efficiency for the education, research and development of agricultural water conservation initiatives at \$200,000 per year.

Result: Not adopted.

3. Maintain the current level of \$1,200,000 per year for Texas Water Development Board's Agricultural Water Conservation Grant Program.

Result: Adopted.

2018 Recommendations

1. Maintain funding levels for agricultural water conservation research, education, training, conservation programs.

Result: Adopted.

2. Restore funding for the Texas Ag Water Efficiency Education and Demonstration Project facility.

Result: Not adopted.