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DRAINAGE DISTRICTS



- Drainage Districts are political subdivisions created to provide drainage, flood control, levee construction, reclamation, and stormwater management services.
- Authorized under Chapter 56 of the Texas Water Code, these districts may levy taxes and assessments, issue bonds, borrow money, and exercise eminent domain when authorized by law for district purposes.
- Governed by a board of three commissioners, Drainage Districts are responsible for planning, constructing, operating, and maintaining drainage and flood-control facilities.
- Districts may construct, improve, and maintain canals, drains, ditches, levees, pumping stations, and other infrastructure necessary to reclaim and protect land from overflow and excess water.
- District facilities and watercourses are public property, and districts may regulate connections to and use of their drainage infrastructure.
- Drainage Districts may acquire property, annex territory, consolidate with other districts, and dissolve in accordance with procedures established by state law.
- Drainage Districts play a critical role in flood mitigation, stormwater management, land reclamation, and protecting lives, property, and economic development.
- Associated Organization: Association of Water Board Directors (AWBD) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality