

A black silhouette of the state of Texas is positioned in the upper left corner. The letters "TSDC" are printed in white, centered within the silhouette.

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WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS



- Water Improvement Districts are political subdivisions of the State of Texas established to provide irrigation and related water management services and, where authorized, other water supply and drainage functions.
- Created under Chapter 55 of the Texas Water Code, Water Improvement Districts may construct, operate, and maintain irrigation, drainage, and water delivery facilities; acquire water rights; levy taxes and assessments; and issue bonds.
- Governed by a board of five directors, generally elected by district voters, Water Improvement Districts are responsible for overseeing district operations, finances, and infrastructure.
- Districts may acquire, transfer, and convey water rights and related interests; adopt rules and regulations; employ peace officers; and finance district improvements.
- Water Improvement Districts may provide irrigation services, and, where authorized, furnish water for domestic, commercial, industrial, and power purposes, as well as construct and maintain drainage facilities.
- District facilities may include canals, laterals, reservoirs, pumping stations, drainage systems, and other infrastructure necessary for the delivery and management of water resources.
- Water Improvement Districts may contract with the United States and participate in federal reclamation, water supply, irrigation, and drainage projects.
- By supporting agricultural production, water conservation, and regional economic development, Water Improvement Districts play an important role in the efficient management and distribution of Texas water resources.
- Associated Organization: Association of Water Board Directors (AWBD) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).