

FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICTS



TSDC

- A Fresh Water Supply District (FWSD) is a political subdivision created to provide and distribute water for domestic and commercial use.
- Can be created by an act of the Texas Legislature or through a petition to the TCEQ. Requires approval from the city with jurisdiction over the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and the TCEQ. The Texas Attorney General's office also provides oversight.
- Regulated by the general law created under Section 49, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, including Chapters 49 and 53, Water Code.
- Governed by a board of five elected supervisors who have the power to set water rates, establish rules for water usage, and manage the district's operations.
- Funded through taxes and fees levied on the property within the district, and revenue generated from water sales and services.
- FWSDs can issue bonds to finance infrastructure projects, collect fees for water and wastewater services. The TCEQ oversees the issuance of bonds and other financial activities.