

# IRRIGATION DISTRICTS



TSDC



- Irrigation Districts are limited-purpose districts established to provide untreated water for irrigation and to provide for the drainage of lands and such other functions as are incidental to the accomplishment of such limited purposes.
- Shall not engage in the treatment or delivery of treated water for domestic consumption or the construction, maintenance, or operation of sewage facilities, or provide any other similar municipal services.
- Created under Texas Water Code, Chapter 58 and have the authority to tax, borrow money, and even exercise eminent domain to acquire necessary infrastructure.
- Governed by an elected board of directors, who are often landowners within the district, to ensure local control and accountability in water management decisions.
- Irrigation Districts hold water rights and manage the allocation of water within the district, ensuring equitable distribution among members.
- Have the power to acquire and manage water resources, build and maintain irrigation canals, pumps, levees, and drainage systems, and enter into contracts for delivery of water.
- May contract with municipalities, political subdivisions, water supply corporations, or water users for the delivery of untreated water.
- Associated Organization: Texas Irrigation Council (TIC)