

WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS



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- Water Control and Improvement Districts (WCIDs) are political subdivisions of the state authorized to provide various water-related services, including water supply, wastewater treatment, drainage, and other related functions.
- Created by the Texas Legislature or through a petition of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and governed by Chapter 51, Texas Water Code.
- Governed by an elected five-member board of directors, responsible for WCID's daily operations, though it is subject to supervision from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).
- WCIDs have broad authority to supply and store water for domestic, commercial and industrial use, operate sanitary sewer systems, and provide irrigation, drainage, and water quality services.
- With voter approval, WCIDs can seek to issue unlimited tax bonds, which include an unlimited debt-service tax that is used to pay off the bond. Once these bonds are issued, a WCID is required to levy an annual property tax sufficient to cover the district's outstanding debts.
- Unlike Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs), WCIDs can purchase existing water facilities; however, WCIDs cannot finance the construction of new roadways, like a MUD can.