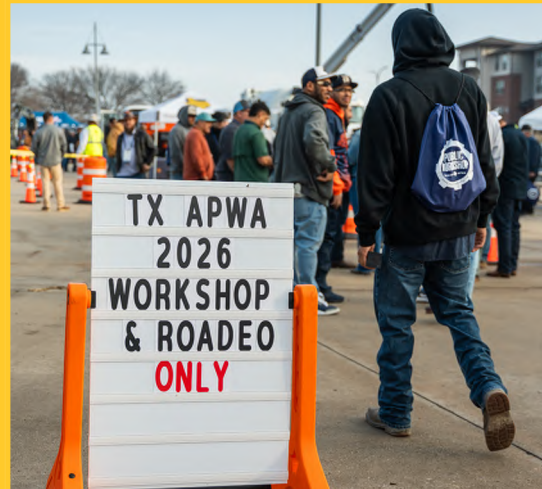


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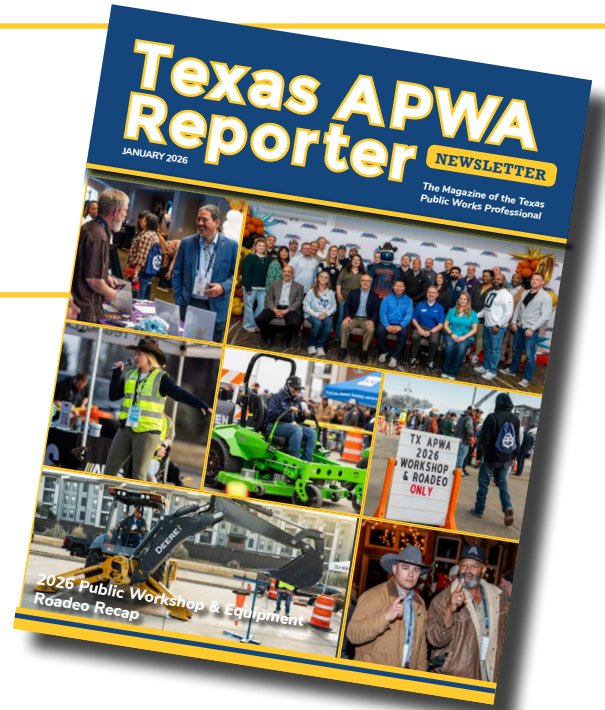
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# CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Richard Mendoza

**Message from the President:** Thanks to everyone who attended the 2026 TX-APWA Public Workshop and Roadeo in Fort Worth February 1-4. Events like this – bringing together more than 500 public works professionals from across the state – are essential to the advancement of our profession for so many reasons:

- **Education:** No matter how long you've been in this field, there is always more to learn. Knowledge is power.
- **Exhibits:** Innovation constantly brings improvement and greater efficiency to public works, and nothing beats seeing new products, tools and technology with your own eyes.
- **Networking:** From a distance, mixers and receptions might just seem like parties, but they're actually very important. That's where conversations happen, ideas are shared, connections are made and opportunities begin.
- **Equipment Roadeo:** Hey, it's just fun to watch the best in business show off the skills that make us proud and keep our customers happy.

Everyone who attended could see this year's national APWA theme – People, Purpose and Presence – in full display.

Maybe your big moment in Fort Worth was networking at BigShots Golf (since the golf course was closed due to ice on the course); perhaps it was the invaluable leadership training you received; possibly you had a revelation at one of the 30 informative educational panels.

I'll bet it was some combination of all of these. And I'll bet now you're interested in becoming more involved in your local branch – and the state chapter.

If you missed Fort Worth, please consider attending a branch, chapter, or national event in the future. In fact, conveniently for you, the national APWA PWX 2026 conference will be held in Houston, hosted by the Texas Chapter. This one really is a can't-miss for all Texas public works professionals – from August 30 through September 2, you'll be up close and personal with your colleagues from around the nation. Who knows when you'll get this kind of opportunity so close to home again? I hope to meet you personally at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

To register for upcoming events, both with the Texas chapter and beyond, visit [texas.apwa.org/event/](https://texas.apwa.org/event/). And for information about APWA PWX 2026, go to <https://texas.apwa.org/pwx-2026/>.



# TML CORNER: *Interim Work Picks Up: Ballot Language, Grants, and Water Resilience*

By Jonathan Wheat, P.E., Director of Engineering, City of Carrollton

JONATHAN WHEAT, TML REPRESENTATIVE



Welcome back to the TML Corner. The legislative interim is moving quickly, and several recent developments are especially relevant for public works leaders and city management teams. A few items below are procedural, but they still land on our desks through emergency response, reporting compliance, and the growing workload tied to grants and infrastructure delivery.

## Winter Storm Impacts Texas

As you know, Winter Storm Fern was a rare and significant winter weather event for Texas, bringing widespread ice and freezing conditions to areas unaccustomed to prolonged winter impacts. What is often not recognized is how, across the state, public works crews played a critical role in the response: working around the clock to pretreat and clear roadways, manage hazardous driving conditions, support emergency operations, and maintain essential services. Governor Abbott issued a winter storm disaster declaration to include 219 counties during the event. The declaration underscores both the breadth of the event and the day-to-day commitment to public safety that keeps critical routes accessible and communities functioning during dangerous conditions.

## Funding and Capacity Building: Tools Cities Can Use Now

Many cities are still pursuing federal infrastructure dollars, and the National League of Cities is offering free boot camps and workshops designed to strengthen grant competitiveness and grant management. The



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training focuses on community engagement strategies, using data effectively, assembling project budgets, and writing applications tailored to specific grant programs. For transportation and engineering teams, the Safe Streets and Roads for All training supports both planning and implementation tracks. Your team can register here. NLC hosted a Combined Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund workshop on February 5, along with a grant implementation and compliance workshop on February 26 focused on procurement, federal compliance, and reporting.

### **TWDB Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants and Related Resources**

The Texas Water Development Board continues rolling out major funding and guidance tied to recent legislative action. TWDB developed a proposed Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants implementation plan under H.B. 500, which appropriated \$1.038 billion in general revenue. TWDB describes this as a one-time, stand-alone grant opportunity with 100 percent grant assistance for eligible water supply and infrastructure projects, including reuse projects. Wastewater, drainage, and flood control projects are not eligible, and only political subdivisions are eligible. More information on the program can be found on the [TWDB Website](#).

TWDB also released a Flash Flood Warning Siren Guide intended for communities responsible for planning, installing, operating, and maintaining sirens in flash flood prone areas. The guide grew out of S.B. 3, which directed TWDB to assess and identify flash flood prone areas where outdoor warning sirens are warranted. While it focuses on areas impacted by the July 2025 flood events, the recommendations are broadly applicable across Texas.

### **Water Supply Policy Signals: Aquifers, Groundwater, and Emerging Demand**

Water planning remains a major theme going into the next session. The House Committee on Natural Resources met to discuss aquifer conditions, long term sustainability, and groundwater regulation and management. The discussion included statewide monitoring and modeling, groundwater research and data grants, groundwater protection programs, groundwater conservation district oversight, and concerns about changing water demand patterns, including data center impacts and groundwater level declines.

### **CLOSING THOUGHT**

The interim is where many next session priorities begin to form, but it is also where practical implementation details and funding opportunities can move quickly. We can add value by tracking the election administration changes that affect our processes, leveraging available training to strengthen grant competitiveness, and staying connected to water supply and resiliency discussions that will influence future infrastructure policy.

# Public Works: The Grand Champions of Texas

2/1/2026 - 2/4/2026

## 2026 Public Workshop & Equipment Roadeo Recap

February 1-4, 2026, more than 550 public works professionals and industry partners gathered at the Dallas/Fort Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle for the Texas Chapter's annual Public Workshop & Equipment Roadeo.

Centered around this year's theme, "Public Works: The Grand Champions of Texas," the event combined technical education, leadership development, hands-on competition, networking, and plenty of Texas-sized camaraderie.

We were also proud to host up to 151 pre-registered Roadeo competitors, making this one of the largest competitions in Chapter history.

## Education, Leadership & Professional Growth

The workshop featured multiple education tracks covering engineering and technology, asset and fleet management, construction and project management, utilities and stormwater, transportation, and leadership. Attendees engaged in real-world sessions designed to strengthen both technical expertise and management skills.

## Chapter Leadership Training

Sunday's Chapter Leadership Training was a true highlight of the week. We were fortunate to have Jill Wilbeck, APWA Associate Director of Chapter Services, travel in to lead the training. She was joined by Spencer Maxwell (Freese and Nichols), Texas Chapter President-Elect, who helped develop the program and co-led the class.



We were also honored to have APWA National President Vic Bienes (Kleinfelder, Inc., San Diego) and Region VII Director Kristina Ramirez (City of Harker Heights) in attendance. Their presence reinforced the strong connection between Texas APWA and national leadership, and the importance of investing in future chapter leaders.

## Professional Headshots

Professional headshots were offered onsite for attendees looking to refresh their professional presence. If you participated and still need your headshot link, please email [PublicWorkshop@txpublicworks.com](mailto:PublicWorkshop@txpublicworks.com) and we will make sure you receive it.





### Let's Roadeo

The week kicked off Sunday evening with the "Let's Roadeo" Pre-Conference Mixer at The Paddock at Champions Circle, setting the tone for a high-energy and engaging event.

Monday brought a full day of education sessions, networking, and sponsor engagement, followed by the Exhibitor Welcome Social and the Young Professionals' "Sip & Swing" event at BigShots Golf - proving once again that networking in Texas comes with a little extra flair.

### A Texas-Sized Pivot: Fun 9-Hole Golf Outing

We originally planned to kick things off with a 9-hole golf outing on the course - but Mother Nature had other plans. Due to freezing temperatures, the course was still covered with blocks of ice.

So, in true public works fashion, we pivoted.

The tournament was moved to BigShots Golf, where participants enjoyed a 9-hole format in a warm-ish (and much safer!) setting. While we did not utilize mulligans this year, the Chapter still selected Special Olympics Texas as the event charity and made a donation in lieu of speaker gifts — continuing our commitment to supporting meaningful causes across the state.

### Equipment Roadeo: Skill on Display

Tuesday's Equipment Roadeo transformed the east parking lot into a showcase of precision, safety, and competitive spirit.

Competitors participated in:

- Backhoe / Mini-Excavator (combined event; Men's & Women's divisions)
- Zero-Turn Mower Obstacle Course
- HP Storm Pipe Cutting

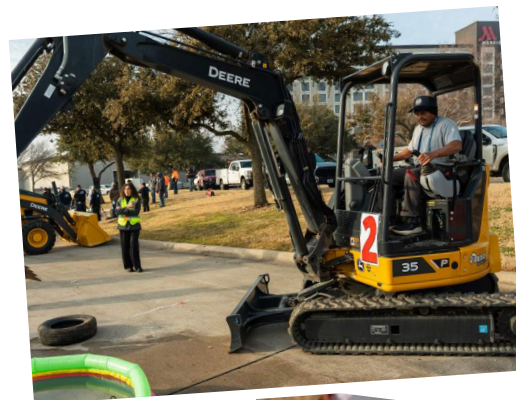
With 151 pre-registered competitors, the Roadeo brought record energy and enthusiasm. From steady backhoe controls to precision pipe cutting and tight mower turns, participants demonstrated the skill and professionalism that keep Texas communities running every day.



The outdoor Roadeo Expo featured equipment displays, safety demonstrations, simulators, and vendor engagement throughout the day, with live scoring adding to the competitive excitement. (Individual and agency award results are highlighted in a separate article.)

### Our Industry Partners

Rather than a traditional exhibit hall, this year's sponsors and tabletop exhibitors were strategically located in the hallway outside the technical session rooms and ballroom - creating steady interaction and meaningful engagement throughout the conference.



We are grateful to our platinum, gold, silver, and bronze sponsors and Rodeo partners who continue to invest in the Texas Chapter and in the professional growth of public works personnel statewide. Their partnership helps make this event not only possible — but impactful.

### PW Cowtown Challenge & A Little Space Cowboy Energy

Attendees also participated in the PW Cowtown Challenge, an interactive mobile app game that rewarded engagement throughout the week. By checking into sessions, visiting exhibitors, and completing activities, participants climbed the leaderboard to earn bragging rights as Cowtown Champions.

And if you happened to see a “Space Cowboy” roaming the halls... yes, that was intentional.

As Houston prepares to host PWX 2026, the Texas Chapter was filming promotional videos during the workshop - and our Space Cowboy made a few appearances. Those videos will be released soon, so keep an eye on our social channels as we continue the countdown to PWX in Houston.

### Looking Ahead

With over 550 attendees and exhibitors, record Rodeo participation, strong leadership engagement, and continued industry support, the 2026 Public Workshop & Equipment Rodeo demonstrated once again why Texas public works professionals truly are the Grand Champions of Texas.

Thank you to every volunteer, competitor, sponsor, speaker, staff member, and attendee who helped make this event a success.

We'll see you next year in College Station - and in Houston for PWX 2026.



## Save the Date!

**Public Workshop & Equipment Rodeo**  
February 8-10, 2027 | College Station, TX  
Hotel Rate: \$169 single /\$179 double

February 7-9, 2028 | College Station, TX  
Hotel Rate: \$175 single/\$185 double

**Annual Conference & Equipment Show**  
June 7-9, 2027 | Denton, TX  
Hotel Rate: \$175

June 5-7, 2028 | Galveston, TX  
Hotel Rate: \$224

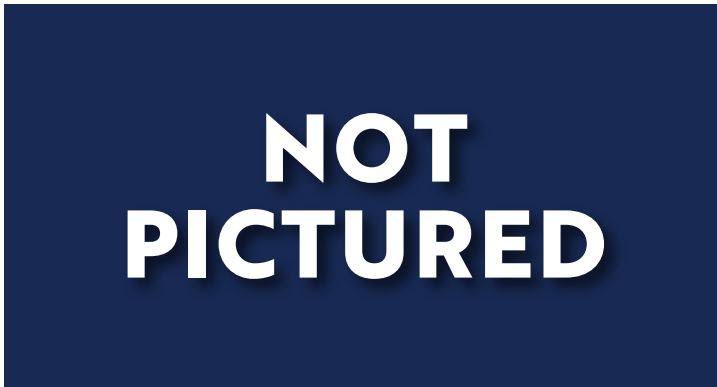
# 2026 Texas Chapter Field and State Awards

By Cesar Molina, Texas Chapter Awards Chair  
Photos by Noa Media Productions, LLC

On February 3, 2026, at the Texas Chapter Public Workshop & Equipment Rodeo in Fort Worth, attendees, friends, family and coworkers gathered to recognize and celebrate this past years accomplishment. This year, the awards committee issued both field and state awards at the workshop since the annual conference was canceled due to the chapter hosting the 2026 PWX conference in Houston this coming August. The Texas Chapter Awards Committee strives to identify and promote excellence in the public works industry through its awards program, and it did just that again this year, bringing together the best of the best individuals, teams, organizations, and projects to be honored.

## Field Awards

### In House Projects of the Year



Disaster/Emergency Construction: Misty Emergency Storm Pipe Repair, City of Denton



Structures: Brennan Avenue Drop Site, City of Fort Worth



Environmental/Water/Wastewater: Lozano Detention Pond, City of Harlingen



Transportation: Garfield Street Paving Improvements, City of Midland

# 2026 Texas Chapter Individual Field Awards



## Field Excellence Award: Paul Olea, City of Fort Worth

This award recognizes individuals, teams, or organizations for actions in the field having significant impact on services meeting the goals of public works in serving the public and protecting the environment. Nominations are to be considered on the basis of customer service, innovation, cost savings, increased productivity, and/or other noteworthy achievements.

Paul is the primary Field Operations Crew Leader in the City's Street Operations Division. He also serves as the Driving Certification Officer. His meticulous attention to detail and steadfast commitment to maintaining high operational standards have significantly strengthened the safety culture within our division. Paul is recognized for fostering a respectful and motivated work environment that promotes teamwork and accountability.



## Equipment Operator of the Year Award: Jimmy Kersey, City of Fort Worth

This award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing an employee whose ability to operate equipment is truly outstanding, exceeding the norm. Eligibility Candidates must be employed by a Texas public agency and work in a non-management position.

Jimmy is a Field Operations Crew Leader who has worked at the City for 15 years. Jimmy's primary duties include ensuring that all concrete projects are completed accurately, safely, and efficiently, while training team members in both technical concrete skills and leadership development. He also responds to emergency situations as needed, demonstrating reliability and a calm demeanor under pressure.

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## Rodeo Winners

### Zero-Turn Mower Competition



1st – Jason Adair, City of Tyler Denton



2nd – Kevin Stone, City of Fort Worth



3rd – Alfred Vallejo, City of Austin

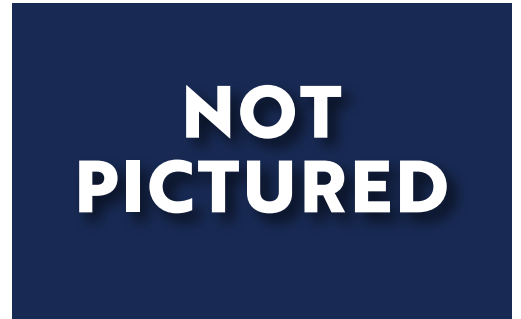
### Pipe Cutting Competition



1st – Travis Handley, City of Mesquite



2nd – Mauro Manzano, City of Mesquite



3rd – Demarcus Johnson, City of Mesquite

### Backhoe and Mini-Excavator – Woman's Division



1st – Alejandra Moz, City of Baytown



2nd – Nikkie Swearingen, City of Baytown



3rd – Blanca Rubio, City of Baytown

### Backhoe and Mini-Excavator – Men's Division



1st – Juan Cruz, City of Austin



2nd – Kyle Jarrell, City of Georgetown



3rd – Bruce Gick, City of Georgetown

Top Agency



City of Baytown



The top Rodeo winners (Backhoe and Mini-Excavator competition) will represent the Texas Chapter at national Rodeo at PWX in Houston, TX on August 31, 2026.

# State Awards

## Projects of the Year

### Historical Restoration and Preservation Category



Small Cities/Rural Communities Division – Snider Plaza Improvements  
City of University Park, SYB Construction, TNP, GPSI, Space Between Design Studio



Less than \$5 Million Division - Centennial Park Improvement, Phase 2  
City of University Park, AUI Partners, Dunaway Associates

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## Disaster/Emergency Construction Category



Small Cities/Rural Communities Division – Cinco Regional Trunkline Repair, Harris County MUD 81, Texas Pride Utilities, BGE



Less than \$5 Million Division – Malloy Bridge Road, Dallas County Public Works, RAMBO Contracting, APM & Associates

## Environment Category



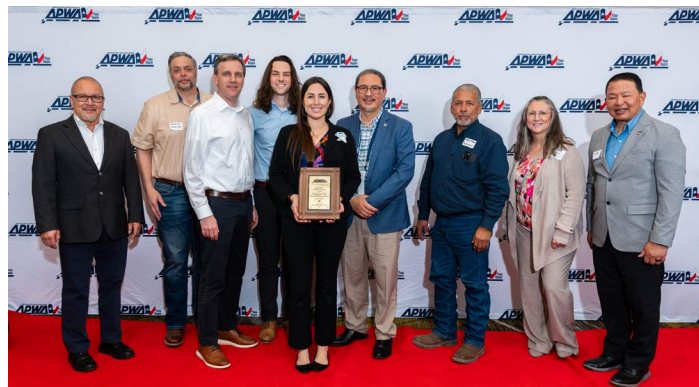
Small Cities/Rural Communities Division – Brackish Wellfield and Reverse Osmosis System, Port O'Connor Improvement District, TTE, BGE



Less than \$5 Million Division – Mustang Bayou Service Area, City of Missouri City, Quail Valley Utility District, HR Green



\$5 million to \$25 million Division – Arlington Heights Area Drainage Improvements, City of Houston, SER Construction Partners, IDS Engineering Group



\$25 to \$75 Million Division – Roy G Guerrero Park Channel Stabilization, City of Austin, Posillico, Inc., HDR

## Structures Category



Small Cities/Rural Communities Division - Recreation & Fitness Center Renovation, City of La Porte, Construction Masters of Houston, PGAL Architects



Less than \$5 Million Division – Clear Creek Second Outlet Gate Replacement, Harris County Flood Control District, Russell Marine, Huitt-Zollars

Transportation Category



Small Cities/Rural Communities Division – FY 2025 Pavement Preservation  
City of University Park, Holbrook Asphalt



Less than \$5 Million Division – FY 2025 Mill and Overlay Project  
City of University Park, Dustrol Inc., Texas Bit



\$25 to \$75 Million Division – Southern Dallas County Regional Veloweb  
Dallas County, Ragle, Inc., Salcedo Group

# Professional and Members Awards

## Exceptional Performance Awards

Journalism Category



Individual – Brett Becker & Christine Luciano, US Army Garrison, Ft Hood



Organization – Marketing Department, City of Carrollton

Safety Category



Individual – Edmund Coffman, US Army Garrison, Ft Hood

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## Sustainability Practices Award



Central Texas Regional Water Team, Ft Hood, Bell County WCID, Killeen, Harker Heights, Copperas Cove and Nolanville

## Technical Innovation Awards



Organization – Meter Reading Team, City of Frisco

## Professional Manager of the Year Awards



Administrative Management – Tanya Lugo, City of Harlingen

## Management Innovation Awards



Organization – Business Support Division, City of Fort Worth

## Drahn Jones Award for Excellence in Education



Dan Krueger, Public Works Institute of Texas



Facilities and Grounds – Brian Dosa, US Army Garrison, Ft Hood



Public ROW – Bobby Hopper, City of La Porte

**Bill Hogge Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service**



Alberto Mercado Flores, Gresham Smith

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**John Roark Young Leader Award**



Shiann Hernandez, BGE

**John German Award for Exemplary Service to Public Works**



Ruth Trevino, City of Harlingen

**Top Public Works Leader of the Year**



Ray Mayo, City of La Porte

**President's Award**



Dorothy Bergesen, Freese and Nichols/Texas Chapter of APWA

The Award Committee is chaired by Cesar Molina and includes members Matt Froehlich, Katherine Mears, Joel Valdez, Ted Nelson, Manny DePau, Tracy Collins, Jeff Duebner, and Abby Owens. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Cesar via [ChapterAdmin@TxPublicWorks.com](mailto:ChapterAdmin@TxPublicWorks.com)



# APWA ACCREDITATION UPDATE

APWA Accreditation provides an opportunity for agencies to earn an accreditation after completion of an evaluation and review process. The evaluation and best practice review process serves to provide a means of formally verifying and recognizing public works agencies for compliance with the recommended practices set forth in the Public Works Management Practices Manual.

It is a voluntary, self-motivated approach to objectively evaluate, verify, and recognize compliance with the recommended management practices.

Texas currently has 21 agencies accredited. Currently, Texas has the highest number of accredited agencies. Here is a list of those agencies:

Arlington (City of), TX Department of Public Works  
Arlington (City of) TX Department of Transportation  
Austin (City of), TX Department of Public Works  
College Station (City of), TX Department of Water Services  
College Station (City of), TX Department of Capital Projects  
College Station (City of), TX Department of Public Works  
Coppell (City of), TX Public Works Department  
Corinth (City of), TX Public Works Department  
Dallas County, TX Public Works Department  
El Campo (City of), TX Public Works Department  
Flower Mound (Town of), TX Department of Infrastructure Services  
Fort Worth (City of), TX Department of Public Works  
Frisco (City of), TX Public Works Department  
Houston (City of), TX Department of Public Works  
Little Elm (Town of), TX Public Works Department  
Plano (City of), TX Department of Engineering  
Plano (City of), TX Department of Public Works  
Saginaw (City), TX Public Works Department  
Temple (City), TX Public Works Department  
University Park (City of), TX Public Works Department  
West University Place (City of), TX Public Works Department



### Great Job!!!

Little Elm (Town of), TX Public Works Department has been Re-Accredited for the 3rd time this past December.

### Learn more

If you are interested in hearing more about APWA Accreditation, below are some upcoming opportunities.

There is a free open forum on April 21, 2026. The topic will be the sizes of agencies, which is a common question/concern <https://www.apwa.org/event/apwa-accreditation-open-forum-one-size-does-fit-all/>

On May 19, 2026, there will be a virtual self-assessment workshop. The workshop is one of the best ways an agency can kickstart their accreditation process. If there is a new accreditation manager, it's helpful for them to attend to learn the ropes quickly! <https://www.apwa.org/event/apwa-virtual-self-assessment-workshop/>

Or if you'd like an in-person self-assessment workshop, there will be one at this year's PWX in Houston! As well as accreditation open forum, learning sessions and there will be a booth you can stop by and ask any questions.



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TEXAS CHAPTER ACCREDITATION LIAISON

Also, our Texas Chapter has an Accreditation Liaison, Dana Gatlin. She is available to ask any questions anytime about what Accreditation is, how to get started, what the process looks like, help with practice requirements, etc. You can reach her via email at [dgatlin@templetx.gov](mailto:dgatlin@templetx.gov) or phone 254-298-5677.

All opportunities are listed on our Texas APWA Chapter events calendar.

# CELEBRATING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT: APWA *Certifications*



One of the greatest strengths of APWA is the commitment our members show to professional growth and leadership. Each quarter, we are proud to recognize individuals within our chapter who have earned APWA certifications.

Achieving APWA certification reflects a significant investment in professional development. These individuals have advanced their knowledge, strengthened their technical expertise, and demonstrated leadership within the public works profession. Certification is not simply a credential — it represents dedication to excellence and a commitment to serving our communities at the highest level.

APWA certifications validate expertise across critical public works disciplines, including storm-water management, infrastructure inspection, fleet management, and supervisory and executive leadership. These nationally recognized credentials support career advancement, enhance professional credibility, and contribute to stronger, more resilient public agencies.

Earning certification is an accomplishment achieved by relatively few and is truly something our chapter can celebrate. Their success brings distinction to our Texas APWA community and reinforces our shared mission of advancing the public works profession.

Please join us in congratulating the following members on their recent certification achievements:

Newly Certified Individuals (October-December 2025)

**Colton Garrett, CPII**  
**Project Inspector**  
**City of Denton, Texas**

**Nestor E. Ramirez Cruz, CPII**  
**Public Works Director**  
**City of Pilot Point, Texas**

**Shannon W. Breaux, CPWP-M**  
**Public Works Director**  
**City of La Marque, Texas**

**Danielle D. Cordova, CPWP-M**  
**Department Manager**  
**City of Jersey Village, Texas**

**Robbie O. Hall, Sr, CPWP-M**  
**Director of Public Works**  
**City of Manvel, Texas**

Thank you for continuing to elevate our profession and represent Texas APWA with excellence.



# 2026 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

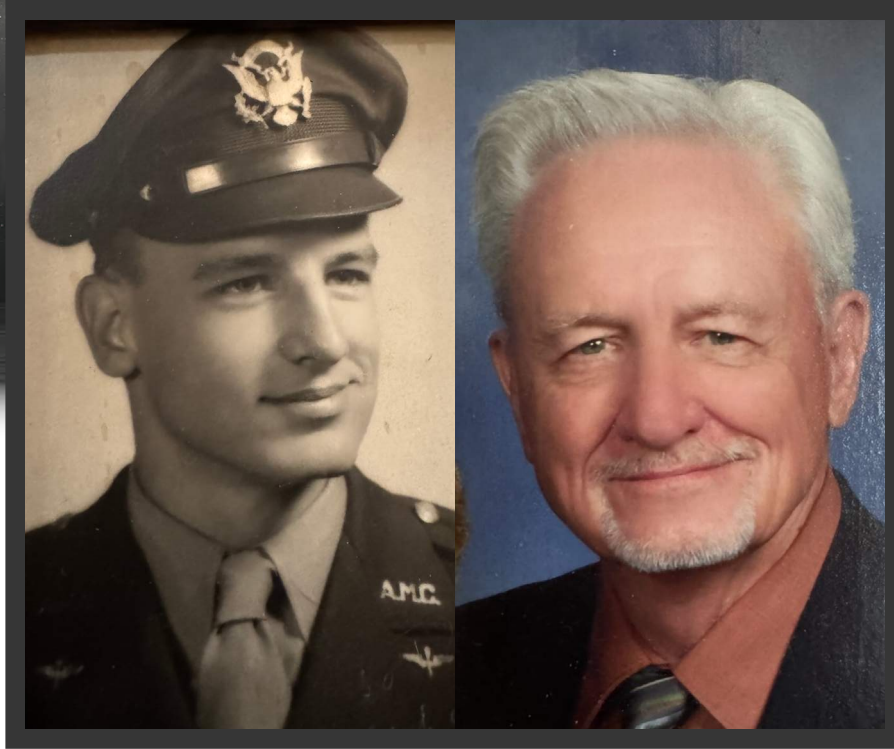


*Application Deadline:  
May 31, 2026*

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# REMEMBERING KURT SCHNELLENBACH



## *Kurt Frederick Schnellenbach*

SEPTEMBER 9, 1933 – DECEMBER 24, 2025

Past President, Texas Chapter American Public Works Association, 1978.

Excerpts included from the Obituary prepared by his family for Bowen Funeral Home in January 2026.

[Provided by the Moore Bowen Road Funeral Home](#)

Kurt Frederick Schnellenbach, former Public Works Director for the City of Fort Worth, and loving husband, father, Opa, and the proudest member of the Fighting Texas A&M Class of 1956, passed from this life on Christmas Eve, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was 92 years old.

Kurt was born to Kurt Schnellenbach and Eleanor Victoria Zarychta Schnellenbach on September 9, 1933, in Winooski, Vermont. His father, an immigrant from Solingen, Germany, had a lifelong military career beginning in Hawaii at the Schofield Barracks where he and his family were stationed until the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. That December, the younger Kurt, his mother, and younger sister returned to the mainland with other military families as war refugees. From there, "Kurt Jr. 's" life continued through a series of moves to Vermont, Michigan, Pennsylvania and eventually Versailles, France, where he became fluent at speaking French. His father's final assignment brought them to Fort Worth, Texas. Kurt and his sister attended Amon Carter Riverside High School. He graduated from Riverside in 1952.

On Labor Day weekend of 1953, Kurt was pulled into a game of “42” with a good friend and then he fortuitously partnered with a girl named Trixie Ann Adams. They lost the game, but that evening sparked a three-year courtship culminating in a marriage that lasted for 69 years and produced three daughters—all graduates of his beloved Texas A&M.

Kurt earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M in 1957. Following six weeks of basic training with the Army Corps of Engineers, he was assigned to the Construction Engineering Branch at the U.S. Army’s Engineering School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia where his primary duties were the design of military roads and airfields and the preparation of plans drafted for those structures. When he completed active duty in 1959, he continued in the US Army Reserve until being honorably discharged in October 1962.

After completing active duty, Kurt was offered a position with the Texas Highway Department as a Senior Engineering Assistant which necessitated a return to Fort Worth. and in 1964 he accepted a job with the City of Arlington as a field engineer. He rose through the ranks to become the Arlington Director of Public Works and later served as the city’s Capital Improvements Director. It was in that latter capacity that Kurt successfully lobbied for and helped bring to completion Arlington’s Green Oaks “loop”, which created important connections between areas outside Arlington while helping to alleviate the burgeoning traffic issues inside the city itself.

Kurt joined the American Public Works Association (APWA) early in his PW career, and over the years he held many leadership positions in the Texas Chapter of APWA. He was elected to the TX Chapter Board in 1973 as Trustee and served in all board officer positions, becoming President of the Chapter in 1978. He also was a leader at the national level of APWA, serving as the Texas Chapter Delegate from 1988 until he was elected to the APWA Board of Directors in 1989 and served there until 1994. Because of his active participation and leadership in PW, in 1983 and again in 1988, Kurt was named one of three top public works leaders in Texas by the Texas Chapter APWA. He also received the prestigious Chapter Service award in 1990. He retired in 1993 after nearly 30 productive years with the city but continued his work with the APWA and the TX Chapter. According to John German who served on the Board with Kurt for several years, “Kurt was a dedicated and effective leader of the TX Chapter APWA, and he was respected by all who knew him.”

Kurt’s retirement years were filled with a variety of interests including running an antiques business with his wife, Trixie, watching his Aggies win (and then lose) in football, summer trips to Surfside Beach with family, and traveling overseas to England, Italy and Germany. He was a member of the Arlington Senior Men’s Golf Association for which he served as a past president; served as a Chairman of the Board for the Arlington Federal Credit Union; and was a loyal member of First Baptist Church Arlington for 60 years. According to his daughter, Stacy, “Kurt was deeply loved and cherished by his family and friends, and he loved his lifelong associations with the men and women of “The 42 Group” as well as his wonderful friends in the PW business”.

Kurt was unstintingly loyal, honest and ethical to a fault, and he expected the same of others. As an Aggie, he believed in a firm handshake, loved his country, and was devoted to his family and friends. His faith in Christ was evidenced with acts of service through his church and Mission Arlington. As someone aptly remarked, “He loved well and was well-loved”. He was especially loved and adored by his grandchildren who called him “Opa”. There was simply no one like him.

Kurt was predeceased by twin daughters Katherine Sue and Sheri Ann, his parents Kurt and Eleanor as well as his sister Marlene Schnellenbach Harris. Survivors include his wife, Trixie Adams Schnellenbach, daughters Stacy Bogle (Bryan), Teresa Munn (Gene) and Kristen Romano, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one on the way.

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The funeral service occurred at 1:00pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at First Baptist Church, Arlington, TX and burial was in Moore Memorial Gardens. 1219 N. Davis Drive, Arlington Texas. Dr. Charles Wade and Dr. Dennis Wiles officiated. Gifts can be made in Kurt’s name to Mission Arlington. 210 W. South St, Arlington, Texas.

Prepared by John L. German, February 5, 2026



# Water Woes and Weather Whiplash: Planning for a volatile future

As “weather whiplash” delivers more frequent swings between drought and heavy rain across Texas, we must invest in infrastructure that is truly future-ready. By bringing a range of stakeholders together to better understand how water availability and demand are changing, we can make informed choices that reduce risk and build resilience over the long term.

## Water woes: droughts and deluges

Weather in Texas has always been unpredictable, but today it is more extreme than it was when I was growing up in Houston. Longer periods of drought deplete reservoirs and harden the soil. When rain finally comes, it is often intense and short-lived. Parched ground can't absorb sudden downpours, and ongoing development adds more hard surfaces, like roads, parking lots and buildings, that further limit infiltration.

The result is less water soaking into the ground to replenish aquifers and sustain vegetation, and more runoff overwhelming drainage systems. That runoff increases erosion and drives flash flooding, often with little warning.

This cycle, where conditions that create water scarcity also amplify flood risk, makes Texas particularly vulnerable to dramatic swings between drought and flooding, sometimes within the same year or even the same season. While we can't control when rain falls or droughts persist, we can influence their consequences. Unfortunately, much of our aging infrastructure was not designed for today's realities, let alone the conditions we expect in the future.



We need infrastructure that accounts for these extremes and for continued growth in our communities and industries. It's estimated that Texas will need to invest \$154 billion over the next 50 years in water supply and infrastructure improvements. The critical question is where those dollars can deliver the greatest return.

## Asset management and optimization

Smart asset management helps communities get more out of existing infrastructure, conserve water during drought and identify areas most vulnerable to flooding. Technology plays an increasingly important role.

Advanced sensor networks and real-time monitoring systems allow utilities to detect leaks early by identifying pressure changes, flow irregularities, or acoustic signals in pipes. Smart meters provide granular data on water use, helping utilities spot inefficiencies, manage demand during drought and reduce system losses.

Geographic Information Systems and Subsurface Utility Engineering allow communities to map entire water systems, including underground

assets, reducing risk, cost and project delays. Combined with predictive analytics, these tools help engineers assess the condition of aging infrastructure and prioritize maintenance based on risk rather than guesswork. Digital twins, which serve as virtual replicas of water systems, enable operators to model scenarios ranging from extreme drought to flash flooding and to plan responses before a crisis hits.

Effective asset management extends the life of critical infrastructure and supports planned, cost-effective upgrades instead of emergency repairs. When integrated with weather forecasts, soil-moisture data and historical flood patterns, these systems also help communities optimize reservoir operations, balancing drought preparedness with flood control. This approach works best when water, wastewater and stormwater systems are coordinated rather than managed in silos. With the right tools and training, communities can shift from reactive crisis management to proactive, resilient operations.

### Drought and development

As Texas continues to grow and drought conditions intensify, new water strategies are essential. Conservation remains important, as do efforts to replenish reservoirs and aquifers. But the reality is that traditional surface water and groundwater sources alone will not meet future demand.

Long-term water security depends on diversifying supply. Desalination of brackish groundwater and seawater offers a drought-resistant option, and several Texas communities are already exploring it. Direct potable reuse, which treats wastewater to drinking-water standards using advanced purification, creates a closed-loop system that becomes especially valuable when traditional sources run low. While these approaches require upfront investment, they provide resilience that pays off over time.

GIS-based planning tools help water managers estimate the capacity of existing sources under different scenarios and identify which

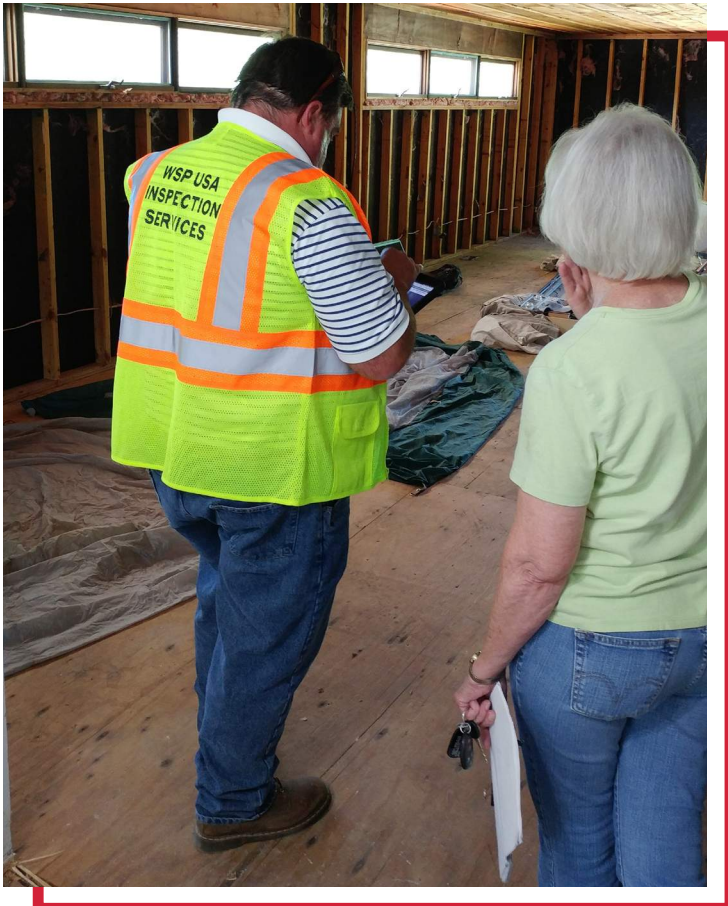


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alternative supplies can fill projected gaps most cost-effectively. By combining surface water, groundwater, desalination, and reuse—and using data to guide decisions—communities can ensure limited funds are directed toward projects that deliver the greatest benefit locally. One size does not fit all.

### Planning for floods

Flood planning also benefits from data-driven decision-making. Analyzing repetitive-loss areas helps communities prioritize projects with the highest return on investment. Increasingly, planners are using advanced visualization and augmented-reality tools that overlay flood scenarios onto real-world locations, making it easier to identify vulnerable infrastructure and evacuation routes.



Modern modeling systems track multiple flood variables in real time—from water depth to flow velocity—producing near-term projections that support life-saving decisions and property protection.

Many construction standards were established decades ago and don't reflect today's climate realities. We need more adaptive infrastructure: permeable pavement that reduces runoff while recharging aquifers; parks and sunken playing fields designed to capture stormwater; and retention systems that store water for irrigation during dry periods. Green infrastructure doesn't just manage excess water, it helps conserve it.

### Working together for resilient communities

Stronger collaboration around integrated water management is essential. Planning, designing, and building adaptive infrastructure takes time, and smaller communities often lack the necessary resources. State and federal partners can help by offering standardized approaches and clearer points of contact for technical and financial support.

Just as importantly, we need to continue working directly with communities to understand local risks and response options. When people are involved in shaping their environment, they are more likely to support infrastructure investments. Community-driven planning gives us the best chance to manage water whiplash and build resilient Texas communities together.

Paula Fitzpatrick is the Texas and Louisiana Region Executive at WSP in the U.S. and brings over 25 years of experience in people, projects, and clients to drive growth strategy and deliver critical programs and solutions in the region.

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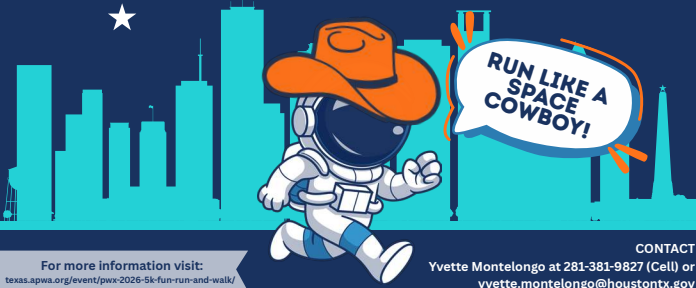
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CONTACT

For more information visit:  
[texas.apwa.org/event/pwx-2026-5k-fun-run-and-walk/](https://texas.apwa.org/event/pwx-2026-5k-fun-run-and-walk/)

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TEXAS CHAPTER HOST COMMITTEE PRESENTS

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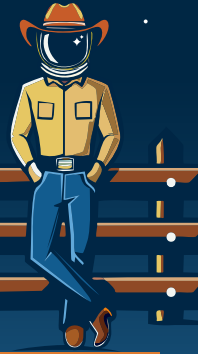
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# WEBSTER HOSTS PWITX CLASS 7 SESSION 1

The City of Webster hosted the Public Works Institute Class 7 first session from January 14-16, 2026. The Class 7 roster consists of 52 students employed by 22 cities and counties.

The day prior to the academic classes, the group had the opportunity to tour the Webster wastewater treatment plant and



Gathering the group - how the processes work get a solid understanding of the treatment processes.

The Wednesday through Friday three-day session consisted of 14 classes ranging from supervisory roles, to team development, customer service and various other leadership topics.

Thursday night was scheduled for fun and networking as there was an Alumni



Long-tenured instructor Bob Lowry exchanging ideas with students

Networking and Social Night at Boomer Jacks in Webster. The graduates got to meet the current class and share stories and exchange contact info.

The PWITX Chair, Tim Tumulty shares this thoughts: "It is a privilege to have Class 6 and 7 running concurrently. The success of the program generated the need to start running classes concurrently to avoid a waiting list and delayed timeframe to get



Site visits are always interesting...

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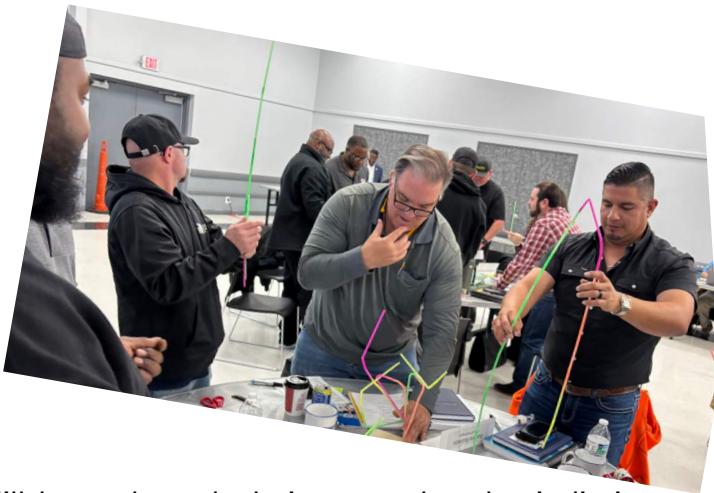
involved in this educational program. Our Committee along with our topic instructors are all volunteers who enjoy sharing their job knowledge and experience with the students wishing to learn. Our graduates have been very instrumental letting others know about the program and how it has impacted their professional lives. From my standpoint, it is a blessing to be involved in such a successful program.”

Any questions? Contact Ines Roach at <https://Texas.apwa.org/pwitx/>

Or [Publicworksinstitute\\_tx@outlook.com](mailto:Publicworksinstitute_tx@outlook.com)



Group exercises encouraging teamwork (and fun)



I'll have the calculations on the elastic limits and ultimate strength of the straws in one minute...



The smiles indicated good times were had by all.



# PWITX seen at the Texas Chapter Workshop...here, there, and everywhere

It was terrific to see PWITX members engaged each day at the Workshop and at the rodeo. They were present at the Chapter training session, as leaders at branch and chapter level, to effectively operating the equipment at the Rodeo, getting recognition at the awards ceremony and most appreciatively, acting as ambassadors of the program to help recruit future students for Class Eight.

The Chapter had a training session on Sunday and when there was an update presentation regarding PWITX, the participants were asked: "if you've been a graduate, a current student, an instructor, a committee member or a supportive city leader...please stand up", about 10-12 people stood up. This was marked testimony about the many professional contributions of those affiliated with the program.

BJ Long/Class 5 was one of those who stood up at the training session. She has helped in recent years as a leader for the Chapter's Education program and currently is managing the membership duties.

The women's Backhoe/mini excavator category was swept by Ale Moz, Nicole Swearingen and Blanca Rubio; finishing in 1st, 2d and 3rd respectively. Ale is a current student and Nicole and Blanca are graduates of Class 5.

The presence listed above and in the photos displays the program's true success... the dedication and willingness of PWITX affiliated members making a difference all across Texas.



PWITX committee, students and graduates gathering to recruit



Dorothy Bergesen, Chapter Administrator & PWITX instructor receiving the President's Award

The following were recognized for individual or organization awards:

**Technical Innovation Award:**

Kevin Grant/Class 5

Gloria Martinez/Class 5

Thania Trevino/Class 7

**Bill Hogge Award/Chapter Excellence:**

Alberto Mercado Flores/Class 5

**Drahn Jones Award/Education Excellence:**

Dan Kreuger/Curriculum Director/PWITX

**President's Award:**

Dorothy Bergesen/Instructor



Daniel Kreuger, PWITX Curriculum Director receiving the Drahn Jones Education Award

Please remember that we are recruiting for Class 8 now so if you are interested please contact Ines Roach, PWITX Administrator, at [publicworksinstitute\\_Tx@outlook.com](mailto:publicworksinstitute_Tx@outlook.com)



# WHAT'S NEW IN THE TMUTCD: A ROADMAP FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL IN TEXAS



On January 18, 2026, the 2025 Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD) becomes effective, marking a milestone update for traffic safety and roadway design across Texas. This comprehensive revision aligns the state's standards with the 11th Edition of the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) while incorporating Texas-specific laws and established practices.

The TMUTCD governs signs, signals, pavement markings, and other traffic control devices on all streets, highways, bike and pedestrian facilities, and roadways open to public travel throughout the state. Its updates play a critical role for engineers, designers, construction professionals, public works agencies, and transportation planners who implement and maintain roadway safety measures.

## Why This Update Matters

The national MUTCD underwent its most significant overhaul in decades with the 11th Edition, published in the Federal Register on December 19, 2023, and effective January 18, 2024. Texas was granted a two-year period to adopt a state manual that conforms to the new national standards — culminating in this 2025 TMUTCD update.

By incorporating the national updates alongside Texas laws and policies, the TMUTCD enhances consistency, safety, and clarity across traffic control devices state-wide. It also reflects advancements in traffic operations, vulnerable road user considerations, automated vehicle compatibility, and new sign and signal practices.



## BY GABRIELA PROCE

EIT, Civil Engineer with the City of University Park & North Central Branch Past President, TX Chapter Communications Vice Chair, National SC/RC Committee Knowledge Team Member

### Key Changes and Highlights

Here are some of the most significant elements in the new 2025 TMUTCD, based on the official list of changes provided by the Texas Department of Transportation:

#### Global & Structural Updates

- Full reorganization of content to mirror the structure of the national MUTCD, improving consistency and usability.
- Many sign designations updated to align with national numbering and definitions.
- Definitions and terminologies revised to reflect current laws — including updating the definition of “pedestrian” to incorporate “sidewalk user” from state code.

#### Signing and Regulatory Devices

- New standards for word messages and sign format, including the prohibition of word messages when an equivalent symbol exists (unless otherwise allowed).
- Sign design enhancements, such as updated regulatory sign design elements and expanded tables for guide and street name signs.
- Electric vehicle (EV) parking and charging sign categories added to reflect increasing infrastructure needs.
- Removal or replacement of outdated signs, and clearer guidance on lane control and warning signs.
- Signals and Pedestrian Devices
- New provisions for pedestrian hybrid beacons and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), with guidance on enhancing accessibility (including audible devices).
- Updates to signal phasing and pedestrian interval timing — including adjustments to pedestrian buffer intervals.

#### Automated and Emerging Technologies

- A new part dedicated to traffic control device considerations for automated vehicles, reflecting the need to accommodate evolving vehicle technology.
- Work Zones, School Areas and Other Facilities
- Revised practices for school area signing, including updated pedestrian stop signage and buffer zones.
- Updates to temporary traffic control standards, enhancing safety and uniformity in work zones.

### Transition and Compliance Timeline

To support agencies and practitioners during the transition, TxDOT has outlined a phased implementation plan:

- January 18 – June 30, 2026: Projects letting during this period should comply with the 2025 TMUTCD when feasible. Past traffic control devices may continue to be installed if they conform to the previous 2011 TMUTCD – Revision 2.
- July 1, 2026 and beyond: All projects must fully comply with the 2025 TMUTCD, including new construction, resurfacing, maintenance, and upgrades.

This phased approach ensures a smooth transition and gives state, county, and municipal departments flexibility to incorporate updates while balancing budgets, schedules, and existing project commitments.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The 2025 TMUTCD update not only reflects a regulatory requirement but also signifies a shift toward a more modern, safer, and uniform traffic control standard for Texas. With emphasis on multimodal users, technological advances, and updated safety measures, agencies across the state now have a more robust framework for traffic device implementation that supports safer travel for all road users.

<https://www.txdot.gov/business/resources/traffic-design-standards/tmutcd.html#new>

# WATER SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS WEBINAR



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The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is invited communities across the state to learn more about a significant new funding opportunity aimed at strengthening Texas' water future this past January with a webinar presentation.

During the 89th Texas Legislative Session, lawmakers passed House Bill 500, appropriating a one-time \$1.038 billion in general revenue to the TWDB for water supply and infrastructure projects and grants. This historic investment underscores the state's commitment to addressing critical water needs, enhancing

system resiliency, and supporting long-term planning efforts for communities of all sizes.

To help potential applicants navigate the process, the TWDB is hosted an informational webinar in January outlining key details of the funding program. The session was designed for local governments, utilities, districts, and other eligible entities interested in pursuing grant funding for water supply and infrastructure improvements.

Webinar topics included:

- An overview of the grant opportunity and available funding
- Eligibility requirements for applicants and projects
- The anticipated rollout timeline and next steps
- A live Q&A session with TWDB staff

This webinar offered a valuable opportunity for public works professionals and community leaders to better understand how to access these critical funds and prepare competitive applications.

With water supply challenges continuing to impact communities statewide, this funding represents a pivotal moment for infrastructure investment. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend and engage directly with TWDB representatives to ensure they are ready to take advantage of this opportunity.

Watch the webinar at the link below to stay updated on these grant opportunities.

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/WSIG/index.asp>



Greetings TX-APWA Members,

I hope the new year is treating you well. Let's get right into it for our quarterly update!

### Q1 Event Recap Thus Far

#### January 23 – Dallas Stars Hockey Social

Dallas Stars took on the St. Louis Blues at the American Airlines Center this January for our hockey social outing. Members had an absolute blast hanging out and watching the Stars take the win within the last few minutes of the game.

#### February 1–4 – Public Workshop & Equipment Roadeo

One of the highlights that kicked off our year was the annual TX-APWA Public Workshop and Equipment Roadeo, held February 1–4 at the Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center in College Station. Nearly 500 professionals from across Texas gathered for technical sessions, vendor exhibits, networking opportunities, and of course, the Roadeo — where participants put their field skills to the test operating heavy machinery and maintenance equipment.

The event continues to be one of the most engaging and educational experiences for anyone in the world of public works. If you missed it or want to relive the excitement, more information can be found here: [txapwaworkshop.net](http://txapwaworkshop.net).

#### February 17 – General Membership Meeting & Luncheon

At our February meeting, Beck Diviney, PE, with the Town of Addison's Public Works and Engineering Department, and Stephen Jeffus, PE, with RJN Group, Inc., presented "Addison's Story: How Vibroacoustics Changed the Capital Improvement Plan". A delicious bbq lunch was eaten, and fun was had, per usual!

### Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events

We have an exciting lineup of events coming up in early 2026. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

#### April 16 – General Membership Meeting & Luncheon

- Our next general membership meeting and

luncheon is scheduled for April 21.

- Location and speaker: To be determined

#### April 21 – Annual Clay Shoot

See the flyer attached for additional information.

### Thank You to Our Sponsors

The North Central Branch extends its sincere appreciation to all of our sponsors who support our events throughout the year. Your generosity and continued partnership make it possible for us to offer high-quality programming, fund scholarships, and give back to our communities. From tournaments and seminars to socials and luncheons, we truly could not do this without you. We see you, we appreciate you, and we thank you. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected public works community.

### Upcoming Events – Join Us!

We've got an amazing lineup of events to carry us into the second half of the year. Here's what's coming up:

- **April 16 – Annual Clay Shoot** – More details on our website!
- April 21 – General Membership Meeting – Location and speaker to be announced!

We encourage everyone to attend, bring colleagues, and stay engaged!

Keep tabs on all events through our calendar on our website: [nct-apwa.com](http://nct-apwa.com)

### Stay Connected

Be sure to stay in touch and share our updates:

Website: [nct-apwa.com](http://nct-apwa.com)

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# TX - APWA SOUTHEAST BRANCH PRESENTS

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Please join all your APWA friends at the 4th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament

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**General Questions:** Matt Froehlich | [mlfroehlich@bgeinc.com](mailto:mlfroehlich@bgeinc.com)

**Door Prizes:** Bibi Patino | [bricelda@accuratemeter.com](mailto:bricelda@accuratemeter.com)

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### March 2026 Update

The Southeast Branch is developing a partnership with San Jacinto College to show young professionals all the benefits that the APWA network can bring, but there's a way for you to get involved too!

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# GET INVOLVED: Help Shape the Future of the Texas APWA

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Volunteering is a great way to grow your network, build leadership skills, and get more out of your APWA experience. Whether you have a little time or want to take on a bigger role, there's a place for you at both the Chapter and Branch levels.

Many of our current leaders started by joining a committee or helping with an event. If you've ever considered getting more involved - or even serving on the Chapter Board in the future - this is the perfect place to start.

We're always looking for engaged members to join committees, support events, and help lead the way forward for public works in Texas.

**Want to learn more about committees?**

Visit: <https://texas.apwa.org/homepage/about/chapter-committees/>

You can also reach out to your Branch leadership or a Chapter committee chair to get connected - we'd love to have you involved.



## Interested in Volunteering?

## Current Open Positions on the Texas Chapter Site

Below is a snapshot of recently posted roles on our site (as of this writing).

Please check the full listing for more details. ([Job Opportunities](#))

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MS4 & Floodplain Administrator  
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For job seekers, it's your one-stop shop for roles in engineering, operations, management, and infrastructure. Bookmark the page and check back regularly for new postings.

Visit [texas.apwa.org/job-opportunities](https://texas.apwa.org/job-opportunities) to post or explore openings.

# FROM the VAULT

## A JOURNEY THROUGH History



# Remembering Kurt Schnellenbach and Houston's place in APWA history

This issue's From the Vault revisits two editions of The Participant, highlighting the legacy of Texas Chapter leader Kurt Schnellenbach. In the February 1982 issue, Kurt (Texas Chapter President in 1978) was announced as a representative to the APWA House of Delegates, continuing his service at the national level. That same year, Houston hosted the APWA International Congress & Equipment Show (now PWX) for the first time.

In 2026, PWX returns to Houston – only the second time in the city's history. Texas has long played a key role in APWA, hosting Congress events across Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Houston since 1912.

The Spring 1991 issue again recognized Kurt in "A Leader in Capital Improvements," while also highlighting the Public Works Short Course (now the Public Workshop & Equipment Roadeo), National Public Works Week, and statewide branch updates.

As we look ahead to PWX 2026, these archives remind us that today's progress is built on decades of leadership, service, and community.

### APWA Congress in Texas Through the Years

Texas has hosted the APWA International Congress & Equipment Show several times throughout the association's history:

| Year | City        |
|------|-------------|
| 2007 | San Antonio |
| 1995 | Dallas      |
| 1982 | Houston     |
| 1970 | Dallas      |
| 1956 | Fort Worth  |
| 1946 | Fort Worth  |
| 1912 | Dallas      |

**Coming Soon:** PWX returns to Houston in 2026, marking only the second time the event has been hosted in the city.

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## TPWA Spring Conference and Equipment Show "How Sweet It Is"

If you have an undeniable sweet tooth, consider attending the Texas Public Works Association Spring Conference and Equipment Show in Wichita Falls. Annual Conference Chairman, George Bonnett says the conference will convey the theme "How Sweet It Is" and from the looks of the agenda everyone including spouses and children are in for an enjoyable time.

The conference will be held June 19-22 at the new Sheraton Wichita Falls Hotel. Bonnett has organized a wide range of public works technical sessions and has contracted over 80 equipment vendors to set up at the nearby Activities Center.

For the early birds, the Conference tees off Wednesday, June 19 with a 7:30 a.m. golf tournament, followed by noon registration at the Sheraton. The TPWA Executive Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. succeeded by an early bird reception at 6:00 p.m.

Regular conference registration begins Thursday morning at 8:00 followed by the equipment show opening and a TPWA kickoff luncheon.

Plan for a night of fun and entertainment with "New Orleans Night". Thursday evening everyone will feast on a New Orleans style prime rib dinner and be entertained by a musical group called "The Mad Medics". "They're a group of doctors who play excellent dixieland jazz", says Bonnett.

The delegates will also be attending a business luncheon, a Friday awards banquet, and of course technical sessions. According to Bonnett, the sessions will examine a number of diverse issues in public works. Some of the topics include: energy management for pump systems, asbestos disposal, effective street sweeping, yard waste composting, recycling

and a special program that will examine progress through partnerships for flood protection. This procedure explores sharing cost with a corps of engineers.

While delegates take care of business, a host of activities are planned for the rest of the family. Spouses can attend a style show, take a shopping trip, tour of a waterfall and finish off the day's fun with an ice cream sundae. Children six and older can take part in a pool party, visit Funland Amusement Park, go skating, pig out on pizza, and also, visit "a superlarge videogame arcade", says Bonnett.

Registration deadlines for the conference are approaching, so send in your delegate and hotel registration forms as soon as possible. Those who preregister by May 21 become eligible for a special drawing for \$500 a color television set to be given away at the Friday night awards banquet.

The 1991 Spring Conference and Equipment Show contains a full agenda for the whole family and promises to be a sweet, enjoyable treat for everyone involved. So mark your calendar now and plan to attend.



## Kurt Schnellenbach- A Leader in Capital Improvements

Each year, TPWA recognizes several individuals for their uncommon accomplishments and contributions in the public works field, both to their chapters and in their communities. The following is a short profile of Kurt Schnellenbach who was honored by TPWA in 1990 with the Chapter Service award for his hard work and dedication.

In some areas of business, a project director often doesn't see the end result of his efforts. Although, he may be the person to initiate a project, because of lack of organization or poor planning, he will never see the conclusions. That's what makes the difference for Kurt Schnellenbach, Director of Capital Improvements for the City of Arlington. "What I enjoy most about my job is being able to see the beginning and end of a project", he says. As Director of Capital Improvements, Schnellenbach oversees all planning and operations of the five organizations of the capital improvements department which include administration, engineering, inspections, surveying, and building management.

Schnellenbach has been with the City of Arlington for 27 years. His career first began as Field Engineer in 1964, then Assistant City Engineer in 1966. In 1968 he became City Engineer, and in 1970 Director of Public Works. Finally in 1987 he became Director of Capital Improvements.

During the 20 year period from 1970-1990, Arlington's population grew from 91,000 to approximately 260,000 people.



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During those two decades of rapid growth, he effectively managed two very critical departments of the city, serving as Director of Public Works and as Director of Capital Improvements. Capital Improvements was created as a result of increasing public demand for capital projects.

The mission of the new capital improvements department is to provide much more emphasis on Allington's street program. A major project now underway "...is Green Oaks Boulevard Northwest, a (22 mile) outer loop around the city of Arlington", says Schnellbach. "The project is requiring cooperative efforts with a neighboring city (Ft. Worth), (the U.S. Army) corps of engineers and many other federal and state agencies.



Without his initiative, creativity and coordination on this expensive and long term project, Arlington might not be in a position to start construction for many years. However under Schnellbach's direction, Allington is deep in plan preparation and is pushing for completion. According to Schnellbach, "there's always a new challenge to be met on the job...the dynamics are changing constantly", and it seems that he is able to meet each one head on with optimism and determination.

Congratulations Kurt Schnellbach, 1990 TPWA Chapter Service Award Winner.

20th Annual Public Works Short Course

Twenty years into the past and future

For 19 or 19 years the Public Works Short Course has given public works employees new insight into the latest innovations in the field and this year was no exception. The 20th Annual Public Works Short Course, held February 17-20 at Texas A&M University hosted nearly 400 participants from across Texas.

This year's keynote speakers took participants both 20 years into the past and future. Milton Radtke, Ph.D., Agency Deputy Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, took visitors into the past with "A 20-Year Retrospective of Public Works in Texas (1970-1990)" while Nelson Evans, P.E. took participants into the future with his presentation: "A 20 Year Perspective of Public Works in Texas (1990-2020)". For those who missed his presentation, highlights of Nelson Evans' speech were excerpted in

the May issue of the Local Government Agenda, a quarterly magazine published by the Technology Resource Center.

The effective program was the result of a cooperative effort between the Texas Public Works Association, the Public Works Training Division and Technology Resource Center of the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

The Public Works Short Course is designed to broaden knowledge in a number of public works areas regardless of level of experience. Those participating were encouraged to attend sessions of interest in any of the seven public works fields including solid waste, transportation, municipal engineering, equipment services, water resources, administrative management, and buildings and grounds.

Short Course participants were also given a tour of the Texas A&M campus and were treated to an evening of song and entertainment by the Texas A&M Century Singers at the Tuesday night Banquet.

Texas Public Works Association Calendar

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|-----------------|--|
| May 19-25       | National Public Works Week   |
| May 21          | Deadline for Early Registration for the Annual Conference, Wichita Falls   |
| May 29-31       | Basic City Management Course, Texas A&M University, College Station  |
| May 31          | Deadline for nominations of the Top Three Public Works Leaders and Chapter Service Award to be presented at the TPWA Annual Conference—Contact: Norvan Dykes, Assistant City Manager, City of Baytown, P.O. Box 424, Baytown, Texas 77522-0424, 713/422-8381 |
| June 20         | North Central Branch meeting at The Rig Restaurant in Arlington  |
| June 19-22      | TPWA Annual Spring Conference and Equipment Show, Wichita Falls  |
| June 19-21      | Basic Land Use Controls Course, Drafting Hotel, Austin   |
| August          | North Central Branch picnic at Lake Groesbeek  |
| August 28       | Southeast Branch meeting in Beaumont   |
| September 11-13 | Texas Industrial Development Conference, Corpus Christi  |
| October 17      | North Central Branch meeting at The Rig Restaurant in Arlington  |
| October 14      | Southeast Texas Branch Golf Tournament at South Shore Harbour Country Club   |
| October 30      | Southeast Branch meeting in Baytown  |
| December 13     | Southeast Branch meeting in Seabrook   |

The 72nd Legislature and Public Works Compiled From Texas Municipal League Publications

by: William R. "Bill" Hogge, P.E. - TPWA Representative to the TML Board of Directors  
Director of Public Works for the City of Plainview

Earlier this year, the 72nd legislature convened in what was predicted to be one of the toughest sessions experienced in modern times. Why? Because so many difficult problems need solving. There is a general fund shortfall of at least \$3.5 billion, new public school financing is necessary, jails and prisons are overcrowded, spending on human services has increased, insurance regulation reforms are necessary, and dozens of other significant issues. There will probably be between 5,000 and 6,000 bills and resolutions introduced, maybe more.

To make matters even more difficult there are many new players on the Austin stage, a new governor, a new lieutenant governor, a new comptroller, a new attorney general, a new state treasurer and a new commissioner of Agriculture. There are also six new members in the 31-member Senate and 34 members in the 150 member House of Representatives. This makes for one of the biggest turnovers in recent history and could have a significant affect on the legislation introduced this year. All of these facts take on more importance when considering that during the 1989 regular session and the six special sessions over 6,600 bills or significant resolutions were introduced and that at least 900 of them would have affected municipalities in some substantial way. When the dust finally settled, more than 1,600 of them had been passed and signed into law with approximately 200 impacting the cities. Some of the recent state legislation affecting public works relates to the establishment of drainage utilities, trench safety, purchasing, substandard buildings, water pollution and abatement plans, water inspection fees and professional procurement. Many harmful bills were defeated or permitted

to die in committee. But often the Texas Municipal League (TML) spends more time and effort defeating bad bills than it can to promote beneficial ones. Prior to each biennial legislative session the TML develops a legislative program and policy appropriate for dealing with anticipated legislative efforts, both good and bad. During 1990 five TML Legislative Policy Committees developed and proposed to the League membership a comprehensive program for the 72nd Texas Legislative Session. Those committees were:

- o Community and Economic Development
- o Finance and Administration
- o Personnel
- o Public Safety
- o Utilities and Environment

The 1991 TML Legislative Program has four categories of effort:

1. Oppose. The league will actively and vigorously attempt to defeat any legislation which it deems to be detrimental to its member cities.
2. Seek Introduction and Passage. The league will attempt to find a sponsor, will provide testimony, and will either actively pursue passage. Those bills are known as "TML Bills".
3. Support. The league will actively attempt to obtain passage of the initiative if it is introduced by some other entity and the league will provide and/or arrange for testimony.
4. Endorse. The league will make its support known but will not actively pursue passage.

How do we prevent poor legislation from being adopted? How do we get our views across to the legislature? What can

we do to help insure that the legislation passed meets our needs and solves our problems?

Foremost, we must be aware of the issues and the problems to be addressed. We must share our professional knowledge and know-how with TML and our legislators.

We must make ourselves available to testify on proposed legislation and assist the TML staff before legislative committees. Let them know and they will call upon us at the appropriate time. The TML legislative staff does an excellent job of keeping up with the status of bills introduced and can coordinate the efforts toward influencing action to everyone's advantage.

As members of TPWA, we must not write or contact legislators in the name of TML or APWA. The TML affiliate rules prohibit such and APWA cannot lobby either state or federal legislators due to its federal tax status. It is fine to do so as individuals, but it must be understood that we are acting as individuals.

One of the ways to keep on top of the issues and proposed legislation is to obtain and read the Legislative Update prepared by the TML staff and sent weekly to each TML member city. It contains a list of bills introduced in both Houses of the Legislature with a short description of each. It also usually contains special information concerning other issues on the State and Federal levels.

With our knowledge of the issues we can do much to promote and protect good public works and keep our communities better places for all of us to live in. Let's do our part. It is the professional job to do.

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National Public Works Week  
"Quality of Life Through Public Works"

Public works officials throughout North America will celebrate National Public Works Week, May 19-25, 1991. "Quality of Life Through Public Works" is the theme of the week, which is dedicated to recognizing the public works engineers and administrators as resourceful and effective professionals.

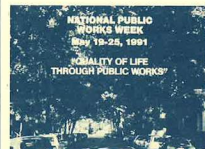
The announcement of the 1991 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year is the highlight of National Public Works Week. The award program was established in 1960 to recognize outstanding public works professionals and, in doing so, inspire excellence and dedication in public service.

Each year the ten individuals are selected by a distinguished panel of judges representing educators, the media, the American Public Works Association, and some of the organizations co-sponsoring National Public Works Week (NPWW). Some of this year's sponsors include the American Water Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the National League of Cities and the Water Pollution Control Federation.

As the primary public relations effort for the public works profession, NPWW seeks to:

- increase citizens' understanding of public works.
- promote awareness of the contributions public works people make our health, safety, and comfort.
- inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing outstanding contributions of individual public works officials.
- encourage talented young people to prepare for careers in public works and to acquaint them with the opportunities in the field.

So, for all public works professionals, we salute your efforts during Public Works Week for a job well done and encourage you to invite the mayor of your city to adopt May 19-25 as National Public Works Week.



Bill Hogge Honored During National Public Works Week

As sincere congratulations goes to William R. "Bill" Hogge for being selected by the American Public Works Association (APWA) as one of this year's Top Ten Public Works Leaders of 1991. Hogge's work not only serves as a role model for all those currently in the field, but he has also set an example in the field of public works that will be difficult to follow.

As a top ten leader, he will be recognized in a special ceremony at the TPWA Annual Conference and Equipment Show this June.

Hogge has been with the city of Plainview since 1956. Plainview is a relatively small community and consequently Hogge has had to accept additional responsibilities. But, according to Hogge, "in any small city you will have to wear many hats". For the past 35 years, he has served faithfully as city engineer and Director of Public Works. Among his responsibilities serving as city engineer are: design, plans and specification preparation, and construction supervision and inspection for street, water and sewer improvements. As Director of Public Works, he acts as the general administrator and director of engineering,

he supervises street maintenance and cleaning, sanitation, water production, water and sewer maintenance and sewage treatment.

Since he first started in Plainview, he has initiated and completed numerous public works projects that have contributed greatly to citizens' health, safety and comfort. Among his achievements in public works are the mapping of the City of Plainview, water system disinfection, and reorganization of the public works division.

In addition to his work, he takes pride in his involvement in both professional and community organizations. In an attempt to rationalize his busy schedule, Hogge explains, "I just enjoy the opportunity to serve people". And helping people appears to be one of Hogge's greatest virtues. Professionally, he is involved in the American Public Works Association, the Texas Chapter of APWA, the South Plains Branch of APWA, the American Society of Civil Engineers Texas section, and the National Society of Professional Engineers. In the Plainview community, Hogge is dedicated to several organizations including the Lions Club, Texas Lions League for Crippled Children, Catholic Diocese of Lubbock and his local church.

As City Engineer and Director of Public Works for the city of Plainview, Hogge is required to wear many hats and fill many jobs. In Bill Hogge's case it seems that each hat fits him perfectly.

TPWA Executive Committee Highlights

Kuwait Resolution Passes Unanimously

By action of the Executive Committee, the general membership of TPWA and the Texas Engineering Extension Service TPWA has endorsed a proclamation of support for the U.S. troops in Iraq and Kuwait. The proclamation would offer the services and support of TPWA, the Technology Resource Center, and the Texas Engineering Extension Service to

the armed services civil affairs task force. The motion was passed and approved without delay.

The Resolution states:

WHEREAS, the officers and members of the Texas Public Works Association are aware of the take over of the country of Kuwait by the country of Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations issued a resolution demanding the unconditional withdrawal of the Iraq Forces from the country of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, the Allied Coalition has declared war on the country of Iraq to enforce the United Nations Resolution; and

WHEREAS, American Civil Affairs Units have been deployed to become part of the American and Allied Forces with a mission to assist to local populations in re-establishment and rebuilding of the local governments and infrastructure destroyed by war; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Public Works Association in conjunction with the Texas Engineering Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System, wishes to provide research support and technical assistance in association and management of all phases of public works activities involved for such,

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the membership of the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association in conjunction with the Texas Engineering Extension Service offers said research support and technical assistance as set forth and is hereby offered by said Texas Chapter and the Texas Engineering Extension Service in support of the Civil Affairs Mission in Operation Desert Storm. Passed and adopted this 19th day of February, 1991.

New Divisions Approved

APWA recently announced that formation of both a division of municipal engineering and a Transportation Division of the Texas Chapter was approved. Similarly, TPWA received the required number of signatures for the creation of the Division of Administrative Management. Newly elected officers for this division include:

- Chairman—Ray Jones
- Vice-Chair—Ed Hechner
- Secretary—Paul Causey (Appointed)
- Members (2) (1 year term): Bill E. Pollasek, Celeste Crockack
- Members (2) (2 year term): Steve Gillett, Mike Kennedy

Newsletter Deadlines Set

Ed Rhenberg, PARTICIPANT Committee Chairman, reported on the new deadlines for data submission and newsletter distribution dates. The new dates are:

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Data Submission   | Distribution |
| Spring-April 15   | June 1       |
| Summer-July 15    | September 1  |
| Fall-October 1    | November 15  |
| Winter-December 1 | February 1   |

"New" Texas Department of Natural Resources

The TPWA Executive Committee met on April 18 and made comment on a proposed legislative bill concerning the Texas Department of Natural Resources. The document attempts to combine the functions previously held by the Texas Water Commission and Texas Department of Health. The Bill was co-authored and co-sponsored by Senators Parker (D-Port Arthur), Green (D-Houston), Brooks

(D-Pasadena), and Representative Saunders (D-LaGrange). TPWA members are concerned about six different areas the Bill and anticipate addressing them during the legislative process.

1. Lack of Positive Business Environment

Under Section 421.001, a series of 14 items are shown as being the purpose of this chapter. We believe an additional element should be added representing the position that the State of Texas is desirous of establishing a positive business environment which is supportive of economic growth, industrial expansion and the creation of additional jobs. We do not believe that this statement is, by definition, contrary to the first 14 issues noted.

2. Definition of Unreasonable Risk

Unreasonable risk is defined as "that risk as defined in this Act". "Risk" is defined as the probability of damage. The utilization of probability in defining risk has proven to be an ill defined bottomless pit with as many different versions as individual statisticians performing the calculations. The use of this criteria without a very strict statistical protocol being defined, opens up the door for endless litigation, delays, and most of all, added expense with very little return in terms of a safer environment for the State of Texas.

3. Appointments to the Board

The proposed legislation states that the Government "shall appoint to the Board persons who have demonstrated a concern for protecting the environment". In order for the Board to function as a strong, dynamic and positive influence, it will be necessary to obtain a very balanced Board. A danger exists that utilization of the stated criteria could result in a Board neither technically nor professionally qualified which could result in absolute chaos in the workplace. Inclusion of a broader spectrum from engineering, academia, business and government should result in a far more dynamic group capable of setting progressive policies before the State of Texas.

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**4\* Terms of the Permit**  
Under Subchapter J (b) (1) (E), a statement is made that a permit is for a fixed term not exceeding ten years. While numerous criteria are established for canceling, terminating or modifying the permit, there is no statement which addresses the ability of the permit to be extended for another 10 year period under a stated criteria. It is important to keep in mind that construction of pollution abatement facilities are normally financed with 20 year revenue bonds. The marketability of any such bonds is driven by the interest rate balances against risk. Without some assurances that a properly run facility will be permitted, obtaining financing for facilities to improve the environment in Texas may be made very difficult.

**5\* Potential for Unreasonable Litigation**  
Subchapter K states "any person may commence a civil suit on his own behalf against an owner or operator of a facility who is alleged to be in violation of this Code or Rule..." The inclusion of such verbiage has the potential of creating an environment susceptible to endless litigation, thereby diverting resources which we so desperately need to address realistic environmental problems in our State.

**6\* Status of Existing Permits**  
Section 1.04 (a) of the Act states "The Texas Department of Natural Resources or a Court shall review a permit decision made before the effective date of this Act under the terms of the law in effect before the effective date of the Act." This verbiage appears to be very ambiguous in as much as it could be construed that all permits previously issued are to be reviewed. Such an exhaustive process would not seem to be in the best interest of the environment.

**TPWA Branch News**  
**South Plains Texas Branch**

A major concern of the South Plains Branch is that nearly all active members reside in a relatively taxed area, either Plainview or Lubbock. Their goal has been to increase membership and participation at quarterly meetings by members who work in smaller cities within the South Plains boundaries.

The South Plains Branch met on January 23 for a luncheon membership drive at Bigmans Smokehouse in Lubbock. Eight members attended along with 13 guests representing 9 different cities. Larry Hertel, branch secretary, spoke on the institutes for professional development and also reminded everyone of the upcoming Spring Conference and Equipment Show. Immediate Past President, Larry V. Huffman explained the procedure for TPWA funding assistance to the branch for new memberships and described the application procedure for the guests that attended. The new cities requesting memberships include Denver City, Idalou, Lamesa, Littlefield, Shallowater, Rails, Wolfforth, Levelland, and Seagraves.

The South Plains branch of TPWA held their first quarterly meeting February 5. The meeting, also known as the Annual Sweetheart Banquet was held at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant in Lubbock. Everyone was encouraged to bring their spouse or friend. Thirty-nine attended which included the guest speaker, Bill Johnson who gave a presentation on titled "Birds Don't Sing in Cages".

**Branch President Profile—**  
**Delton "Del" Essary**  
Much appreciation goes to Del Essary for his efforts as president of the South Plains Branch of TPWA. As superintendent of solid waste management for the city of Plainview for the past four years, he oversees residential and commercial refuse collection and type 1 sanitary landfill. He has been the driving force behind implementing cardboard, oil, and metal recycling programs in the

Plainview area. Essary also holds a class A solid waste technician letter of competency from the Texas Department of Health.

In between his work and raising three teenage daughters, Essary also finds time to perform as President and CEO of Plainview Federal Credit Union.

In what is left of his spare time, Essary enjoys camping and fishing and tending his talents as a semi-professional musician.

**Central Texas Branch**  
The Central Branch quarterly meeting was held April 12, 1991 at the Stagcoach Inn in Salado, Texas. A total of 28 members attended. Al Watts, Manager of Recyclable Prospects discussed how to set up associated programs. Rhonda Stroud addressed the group regarding hazardous communication standards.

**Southeast Texas Branch**  
On November 30, 1990 the Southeast Texas Branch held their regular meeting with its annual Christmas Party. The seasonal event took place at the Nassau Bay Hilton.

Branch president, Paul Pondish announced the election of new officers. New 1991 officers include:  
President: D. Jesse Hegemier  
Vice President: Margarito Arrendondo  
Secretary: Jerry Jones

The new 1991 officers met again on January 16 in Houston where new trustees were selected. Those selected on the board of directors as trustees were as follows:

Herb Thomas Jr. of Baytown  
Gary Jones of Seabrook  
Charles Reas of Houston  
Paul Pondish of Deer Park serves as trustee as immediate past president.  
On February 27, the group met at the Fireman's Hall in Deer Park. Twenty-one TPWA members attended with 5 guests. A plant tour was conducted at the City of Deer Park Surface Water Plant.

Forty three people attended the April 24th branch meeting at the City of Houston Southwest Service Center. Buck Buchanan, Assistant Director of Administrative Services for the City of Houston spoke on Houston's dynamic recycling program.

In other business, Lind Upchurch, retiring from the City of Houston as an engineer, was awarded with a "Plaque" in honor of his years of service to the branch.

It was also decided that the 1991 Southeast Texas Branch golf tournament be held October 14 at South Shore Harbour Country Club. The Southeast Branch will meet again June 19-22 at the Annual Conference and Equipment Show and again on August 28 in Beaumont, October 30 in Baytown and December 13 in Seabrook.

**Branch President Profile—**  
**Jesse Hegemier**  
We would like to introduce Jesse Hegemier as the newly elected President of the Southeast Texas Branch of TPWA. Hegemier received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Ohio State University in 1976. As Public Works Director and City Engineer for League City, Hegemier devotes much time and energy to activities which make the League City area a better and safer place to live. He and his wife Suzanne have two sons, Matt and Todd.

**North Central Texas Branch**  
Twenty four people attended the February 21 meeting of the North Central Branch of TPWA at The Rig, Restaurant in Arlington.

During the meeting Charlie Snider and Dennis Blair of Conley, Lott and Nichols Machinery Co. presented to the North Central membership their new line of the shredding equipment. The North Central Branch plans a June 20 meeting at The Rig Restaurant in Arlington sponsored by TXI cement treated base and an August picnic at Lake Grapevine. Also an October 17 meeting is planned to take place again at The Rig Restaurant.

**Permian Basin Area Branch**

The Permian Basin Branch has formally elected new officers. They include President: Mike Butler, Assistant Director of Engineering Recycling Corporation, City of Midland  
Vice-President: Don Coleman, Street Superintendent, City of Odessa  
Treasurer: Hank Kirk, Fleet Services Superintendent, City of Midland

**South Central Texas Branch**

The TPWA South Central Branch met January 16 at Krause's Cafe in New Braunfels. Ten members attended. Bill Polasek, Branch President, introduced and welcomed two new directors to the membership. Keith Dickerson, Public Works Director for the City of Canvessa, and Calvin Cook, Public Works Director for the City of Yeakum. Polasek indicated that Yeakum expanded their area of recruitment.

On April 16 the branch met at the Holiday Inn in Seguin with a whopping 47 members attending. Special guest, Natt Ricker of the Alamo Group described various types of movers, offered an equipment show and a tour of the Alamo Group facilities. Also Larry McCarthy, TPWA Special Activities Chairman, made a presentation on chemical weed control entitled "Weed Control in Right-of-Ways."



**West Central Texas Branch**

The West Central Texas Branch has tentatively planned four meetings for 1991. Meeting places will be Sweetwater, Brownwood, San Angelo and Abilene.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- If anyone has any suggestions for a research and development project that TPWA may want to become involved in please contact:  
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915/646-6036
- Norman Dykes, P.E., Assistant City Manager for the City of Baytown recently had knee surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery from TPWA.
- If your city would be interested in sponsoring an internship to assist the Director or Assistant Director of Public Works, please call Bruce Karr at 409/361-3611.

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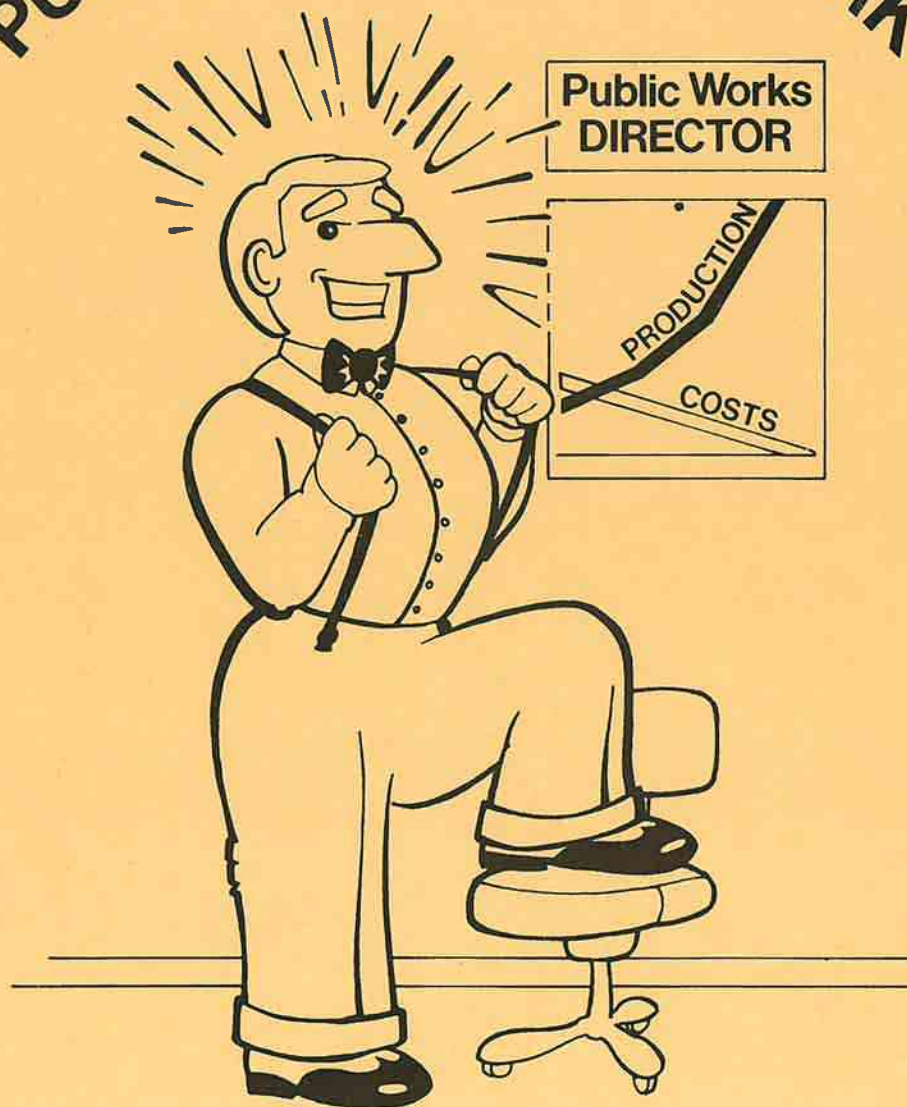
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we begin our work and activities in 1982 we in the Texas Chapter can be proud of our past achievements and can truly live up to the 1982 APWA slogan "Putting Pride to Work". We can look forward to another year of opportunity for service to others through the jobs we do, no matter how menial they may seem, for they do so much to improve the lives of so many in our communities and in our organization. We should be proud to be public works "professionals" and should put that pride to work in all that we do.

WM. R. "Bill" Hogge  
President, 1982  
Texas Chapter, APWA

I appreciate the honor and privilege of serving as your President and I pledge my every effort toward the continued success of the Texas Chapter. Thanks to each of you who so willingly and enthusiastically accepted the responsibilities of committee membership. It is the dedicated work of our committees and the participation of our chapter members which guarantees our leadership among the chapters of APWA. Each of you is important to the chapter's success and your involvement is most appreciated.

1982 is an especially important year for the Texas Chapter because we will be hosting the APWA International Congress and Equipment Show in Houston in September. Plans are already well underway for this big event and each of us will be called on to help make it successful. We will need as many of our members in attendance as possible, so make your plans now to help make our colleagues from throughout the United States, Canada and the rest of the world welcome by showing them our great "Texas Hospitality".

Of course we will also be assembling for learning and fellowship at the TPWA A&M Short School in College Station, the Annual Spring Meeting in Waco and the Texas Municipal League Conference in Fort Worth.

The opportunities we have to serve and benefit our membership and others in public works are almost unlimited. However, there are several which provide us with special challenges, and I propose them as goals for 1982.

11TH ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKS SHORT COURSE

February 22-24, 1982

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

1. Educational and professional advancement of all Texas public works employees at every level in order that they may better serve their communities as they develop more professional skills, self assurance and pride in the jobs which they do. To do this we need to expand and improve the TPWA certification programs to include more areas of activity such as street maintenance, equipment services and others.
2. Organization and establishment of additional Chapter Branches throughout the State. By providing branches with meetings within easy reach of more communities, our beneficial programs and activities will attract more participation and membership from those communities.
3. Continued increase in membership, especially in agency membership.
4. More involvement of our wives and husbands in our branch and chapter activities.

We have a great organization which offers much for each of us. Let's all get involved in its work and make 1982 the best year yet by "Putting Pride to Work"!

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Texas Chapter, American Public Works Association, will meet from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, February 21, 1982, in Room 308 of the Rudder Conference Tower on the Texas A&M University Campus in College Station.

Whites Mines will host a hospitality room, with snacks and beverages, at the Ramada Inn Sunday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. All Executive Committee members, their guests, and early Conference arrivals are encouraged to drop by.

By now you should have received your tentative programs and preregistration forms for the 11th Annual Public Works Short Course. You can see from the session listings that a varied and exciting program has been planned in all public works fields. You can learn the latest information in your specialty or sit in on a new subject that interests you. The choice is wide, and our expert speakers will offer valuable ideas you can use in your operations.

In addition to the technical sessions, there will be ample opportunity for short course participants to meet informally and to socialize. This year's reception, hosted by the Texas Hot Mix Association and the National Lime Association, will be held Monday night at the Ramada Inn. We will again feature the Public Works Short Course band at the reception, so be sure to bring your musical instruments and join the fun. The band has become one of the outstanding features of the Short Course, and one that the participants look forward to each year. The banquet Tuesday night will feature the great buffet you have come to expect at A&M. In addition, several companies will host hospitality rooms at motels near the campus.

All this is yours for the same low price as last year—\$35, which includes tickets to the reception and banquet for each registrant. Additional banquet/reception tickets may be purchased for guests for \$10.

If you have not sent in your registration form, be sure to do so today. If you have registered, pass the application along to a friend. You'll both be glad you did. See you in College Station February 22.

PREREGISTRATION FORM

ELEVENTH ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKS SHORT SCHOOL

February 22-24, 1982  
College Station, Texas

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 P.O. Box or Street City State Zip Code

Course Fee: \$35.00 Make check payable to Texas A&M University System.  
 Mail check and preregistration form to: Public Works Training Division  
 Texas Engineering Extension Service  
 The Texas A&M University System  
 F. E. Drawer K  
 College Station, Texas 77843

## DID YOU SEE?

In Kingsville, Sanitation Department truck drivers can become "Route Managers" with the responsibility of seeing that the alleys along their routes are clean and passable. Information regarding the need for maintenance is transmitted to the Street Department.

New York City is experimenting with a method of handling combined sewer overflows during heavy rainfalls. The method involves diverting the combined sewer overflows and urban runoff to special compartments in Jamaica Bay. The compartments are formed of floating plastic curtains suspended from fixed pontoons. Later, the overflow is pumped out and treated.

## PUBLIC WORKS MEN OF THE YEAR

APWA is soliciting nominations for the top three Public Works Men of the Year. Any Public Works person who has performed outstanding service to his city is eligible for the award. Nominations should be sent to Charley White, Street Superintendent, P. O. Box 60, Abilene, TX 79604, by February 15, 1982. For more information, call Charley at (915) 676-6376.

## NOTICE TO ALL APWA MEMBERS

If you or someone you know has been a member of APWA for the past ten years and has also been employed by the same local public agency in an official capacity for thirty or more years, please notify Charley White, Chairman, Awards Committee, Street Superintendent, P. O. Box 60, Abilene, TX 79604 (915) 676-6376. That person may be eligible to receive the Samuel A. Greeley Local Government Service Award. Nominations must be received by APWA before May 1, so please notify Charley immediately.

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- The nominating committee report presented by Wendel Hulse recommended the following officers for 1982:

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Past President  | Jimmie Schindewolf |
| President       | William Hogge      |
| President-Elect | John German        |
| Vice President  | Fred Baker         |
| Secretary       | Clarence Daugherty |
| Treasurer       | Mike Anderson      |
| Trustee         | Wayne Dickens      |

These nominees were elected by acclamation:

- Bob Bugher, APWA Executive Director, briefed the members on the national organizations activities and on the National Congress & Equipment show in 1982 in Houston.

## TEEX NAMES NEW PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING DIVISION HEAD

T. M. "Tommy" Newton is the new Division Head for the Public Works Training Division, Texas Engineering Extension Service. Tommy comes to TEEX from another part of the Texas A&M University System, the Texas Transportation Institute, where he most recently served as Associate Research Engineer. At TTI, Tommy was engaged in transportation research, and he also has an extensive professional background in railroads, streets, and highways.

Tommy Newton is a BS and MS graduate in civil engineering from Texas A&M and is a member of the Texas and National Societies of Professional Engineers. He is also a member of a number of other professional societies and author of numerous reports on transportation research.

Tommy is eager to get acquainted with the public works community and to continue the Public Works Training Division's tradition of service. Come by the office when you are in College Station, or give him a call at (713)-845-2911 if he can be of any help. Many of you will meet Tommy at the Short Course February 22-24, 1982.

Milton Radke, Division Head since the Public Works Training Division was established in 1976, was named Associate Director for Programs by TLEX October 1, 1981.

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## TEXAS CHAPTER AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

### Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee of the Texas Chapter of APWA met in October 26, 1981, in San Antonio in conjunction with the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference. In addition to routine business, the following items of general interest were presented:

- Richard Ridings, Membership Chairman, reported 959 members as of October 26, 1981.
- The 1983 spring meeting will be held in San Antonio.
- Kurt Schnellenbach, Arlington, has been elected to the House of Delegates seat vacated by B. Jack McDaniel, who has been elected to the APWA Board.
- The Executive Committee authorized publication of the opposition of the Texas Chapter Executive Committee to the change in the point distribution formula for accumulating points for the APWA President's Plaque.

## TEXAS CHAPTER AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

### General Business Meeting

The general business meeting, Texas Chapter, APWA, was held October 27, 1981, in conjunction with the TML meeting in San Antonio.

In addition to routine business, the following items of general interest were presented:

- The membership unanimously approved a proposal that the top three designees from the Texas Chapter for the last two years be nominated for the national top ten honor.

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## WANTED: EXCHANGE TEAM RESOURCES

- Have you faced and solved a problem in one or more of the areas listed below?
- Have you implemented one or more of the changes listed below?

If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, maybe you should consider signing up to be a resource manager in the Professional Exchange Program. The Professional Exchange Program draws on managers and other who have had firsthand experience within the past 3 years with problems and changes in municipal operations. These officials spend two days visiting a "peer" professional who is now facing a problem they have already solved. Expenses for the visit will be paid for by the requesting city for out-of-pocket expenses.

The Professional Exchange Program will be run in conjunction with the Public Works Resource Center. When a request for technical assistance comes to the Center that can best be addressed by an experienced practitioner onsite, a willing individual in a neighboring city will be located to provide the assistance. The requester will be asked to reimburse the provider for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses including compensation for the provider's employer if necessary.

If you would like to serve as a resource manager, fill in the application and return it to the Public Works Resource Center. You will be contacted when your application arrives. If you would like to include additional background information on your experience, please feel free to do so.

Because this program will be working with a minimum of red-tape and paperwork, we hope as quickly as within one day to match people with proven solutions with those people having problems.

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PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ MUNICIPALITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of experience (check as many as applicable, spaces provided for areas not listed)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> airports                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> sewerage and sewerage treatment   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> general administration                    | <input type="checkbox"/> solid waste collection & disposal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public buildings and grounds              | <input type="checkbox"/> street construction/maintenance   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drainage, drainage techniques improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> water distribution & treatment    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> education programs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> urban planning, zoning            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> energy & resource recovery                | <input type="checkbox"/> utility systems                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> equipment                                 | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> parks & recreational facilities           | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> product information                       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> purchasing                                | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public safety                             | _____  |

Return to: Public Works Resource Center  
 Texas Engineering Extension Service  
 P. E. Drawer K  
 College Station, Texas 77843

Please photocopy as necessary.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM and WORKSHOP  
 on  
 URBAN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
 October 11-14, 1982

Stormwater management has become a matter of great concern in urban areas. Methods of addressing and managing these concerns and problems are drawing debate and criticism. Persons in a position of responsibility must be able to respond quickly in an organized manner and be able to provide direction for future needs.

Attempts at confronting future stormwater problems are hindered by economic cut-backs at the federal level. The urban water management dilemma was recently discussed at the National Association of Urban Flood Management Agencies meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona in October 1981. Participants were informed that future federal funding will be severely limited; federal dollars for restudy of flood plains will also be reduced. States and local agencies must improve flood plain management practices and look toward local non-structural solutions to their drainage problems. New approaches must be developed and existing innovative techniques disseminated to associated concerns.

This symposium is oriented toward providing practical approaches of current methods to stormwater management through technical presentations and workshops. All sessions will cover present state-of-the-art techniques and the workshops will illustrate application of these methods.

This program is based on comprehensiveness and flexibility. To avoid conflicts, some lectures and workshops will be offered more than once on different days.

The program goals are to enhance the participant's working knowledge of stormwater management, and his ability to apply the information obtained.

Registration fee for the symposium will be approximately \$250.

Invitations are open to those desiring to present a paper. Papers should be of a practical nature and address the issues covered in the "Content" below or on the "subject content form." Papers will be tentatively selected based on review of the abstracts. Abstracts should be 250 - 500 words in length. Evaluation will be based upon quality, content, and applicability. The following deadlines will be followed:

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|--|----------------|
| Receipt of abstract                          | April 1, 1982  |
| Invitation to submit paper based on abstract | May 1, 1982    |
| Receipt of photo-ready manuscript            | June 15, 1982  |
| Notification of acceptance                   | August 2, 1982 |

Mail abstracts, papers and inquiries to:

John M. Mason, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.  
 Symposium Coordinator  
 Department of Civil Engineering/Civil Systems Group  
 The Texas A&M University System  
 College Station, Texas 77843  
 Phone: (713)845-1726

Content

Political and Legal Issues

- Drafting of effective ordinance
- Planning issues
- Enforcement
- Court Cases and case studies
- Federal Flood Insurance Program

Flood Prediction, Protection and Computation

- On-site detention design techniques
- Urban hydrology - small watersheds
- Flood plain delineation techniques - large watersheds

Flood Plain Management

- Management and economics of flood plain development
- Land use compatibility within flood plain
- Design of buildings and other improvements within flood plain

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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|-----------------------|---|
| February 22-24, 1982  | 11th Annual Public Works Short Course<br>College Station                                    |
| June 3-5, 1982        | TPWA Annual Spring Meeting<br>Waco  |
| September 11-16, 1982 | APWA International Congress and Equipment Show, Houston                                     |
| October 11-14, 1982   | Southwest Regional Symposium and Workshop on Urban Stormwater Management<br>College Station |
| October 23-26, 1982   | Texas Municipal League Conference,<br>Fort Worth  |

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN APWA? Are you a member of APWA and the Texas Chapter? Are you receiving the APWA Reporter? Membership in APWA and the Texas Chapter is the best dollar buy in the public works field. We need you as a member and we feel that the Association can assist you in your work and further your career in public service. A variety of memberships is available to you whether you are a public works official or are in a related firm or business. If you are not a member, please complete the form below and mail it today to Richard Ridings, Chairman of the TPWA Membership Committee. Mr. Ridings will see that you receive a membership application.

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION  
 REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

|              |                |          |
|--------------|----------------|----------|
| NAME         | TITLE          |          |
| ORGANIZATION | STREET ADDRESS |          |
| CITY         | STATE          | ZIP CODE |

MAIL TO: Mr. Richard Ridings, Chairman, Membership Committee, TPWA,  
 P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767

TRAINING PROGRAMS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING DIVISION  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE - 1982

This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. Please contact the Public Works Training Division for confirmation of date and location before traveling to a program.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM

Feb. 16-18 Plainview  
March 3-5 Corpus Christi  
March 23-25 Baytown  
March 31-April 2 San Antonio  
April 6-8 Abilene

TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

April 12-16 San Antonio

DRIVEWAY DESIGN

March 10-11 El Paso  
March 29-30 Corpus Christi

SAFE HANDLING OF TRAFFIC IN  
WORK AREAS

March 1-2 McAllen  
March 8-9 El Paso  
April 13-14 San Antonio  
April 19-20 Dallas  
April 21-22 Longview

SOLID WASTE A CERTIFICATION  
MGMT. ASPECTS OF SOLID WASTE  
SOLID WASTE PROBLEM SOLVING

March 8-11 Longview  
March 22-25 Abilene

SANITARY LANDFILL DESIGN

April 13-14 Longview

SOLID WASTE C CERTIFICATION

SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS  
SANITARY LANDFILL MGMT.  
SANITARY LANDFILL OPERATIONS

Feb. 8-12 Temple  
April 5-9 San Antonio

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION

UNIT I

Feb. 2-3 Houston

UNIT II

Feb. 16-17 Houston

UNIT III

Feb. 25-26 College Station  
March 9-10 McAllen  
April 20-21 Baytown

UNIT IV

March 11-12 McAllen  
April 22-23 Baytown

UNIT V

March 23-24 San Antonio

UNIT VI

Feb. 8-9 Abilene  
March 25-26 San Antonio

UNIT VII

April 6-7 Dallas

UNIT VIII

April 8-9 Dallas

For more information on short schools conducted by Public Works Training Division; contact the Public Works Training Division (712) 845-2911.