

Educational efforts showcased at "Water Conservation Day at State Capitol"

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 was among more than a dozen agencies showcasing water conservation education efforts during the May 21 Water Conservation Day at the Texas State Capitol.

"It was a great opportunity for legislators, their aides, and natural resource committee staff members to see some of the water conservation education programs currently on-going within the state. The High Plains Water District's Ogallala aquifer display received many favorable comments from those in attendance. Several commented that it gave them a better understanding of the geology and hydrology of the aquifer," said Carmon McCain, information/education group supervisor.

Both the House of Representatives and Senate adopted resolutions proclaiming May 21 as Texas Water Conservation Day at the State Capitol. Each resolution recognized the importance of educating Texans about water conservation opportunities and practices, as well as emphasizing need for additional conservation.

"Water conservation strategies



WATER WISE—(Above) High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright, Texas Water Foundation Acting Director Carole Baker, and Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District Manager C. E. Williams visit during the May 21 event. (Top Right) The display for Dallas Water Utilities and Tarrant Regional Water District offers a reminder not to water driveways. (Bottom Right) Representatives from the City of Austin Water Utility discuss water conservation efforts with a visitor to the Water Conservation Day exhibit area.

are critical tools in addressing the water needs of future generations of Texans, and I applaud the efforts of our water conservation leaders and the important work we are doing today," said Sen. Kip Averitt of Waco, chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

In addition to the High Plains Water District, participating agencies and/or districts included City of Austin Water Utility, City of

Cedar Park, City of Dallas, City of Fort Worth, City of Frisco, Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District, Lower Colorado River Authority, North Harris County Regional Water Authority, North Texas Municipal Water District, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, Rainfilters.com, Resource Action Programs (*WaterWise*), San



Antonio Water System, Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, Tarrant Regional Water District and the Texas Water Development Board.

The event was hosted by the Texas Water Foundation, a non-profit organization established for the purpose of generating a heightened public awareness among all Texans regarding the vital role water plays in daily lives.