

REGIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

West Texas Regional Groundwater Alliance

The District is a member of the West Texas Regional Groundwater Alliance (WTRGA). This regional alliance consists of seventeen (17) locally created and locally funded districts that encompass approximately eighteen (18.2) million acres or twenty eight thousand three hundred sixty eight (28,368) square miles of West Texas. To put this in perspective, this area is larger than many individual states including Rhode Island (1,045 sq mi), Delaware (1,954 sq mi), Puerto Rico (3,425 sq mi), Connecticut (4,845 sq mi), Hawaii (6,423 sq mi), New Jersey (7,417 sq mi), Massachusetts (7,840 sq mi), New Hampshire (8,968 sq mi), Vermont (9,250 sq mi), Maryland (9,774 sq mi), and West Virginia (24, 230 sq mi). This West Texas region is as diverse as the State of Texas. Due to the diversity of this region, each member district provides it's own unique programs to best serve its constituents.

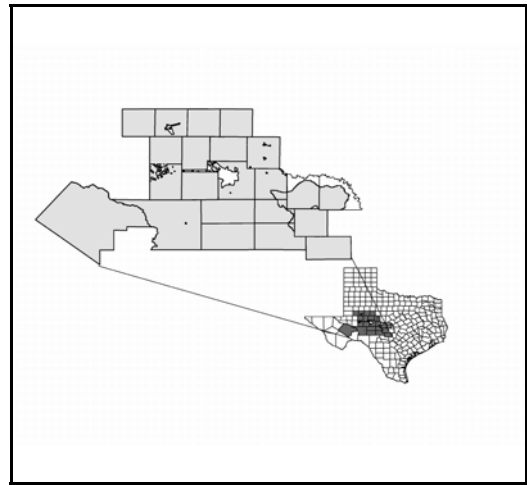


Figure 1. Territory in the West Texas Regional Alliance.

In May of 1988, four (4) groundwater districts; Coke County UWCD, Glasscock County UWCD, Irion County WCD, and Sterling County UWCD adopted the original Cooperative Agreement. As new districts were created, they too adopted the Cooperative Agreement. In the fall of 1996, the original Cooperative Agreement was redrafted and the West Texas Regional Groundwater Alliance was created. The current member districts:

Coke County UWCD	(1988)	Crockett County GCD	(1992)	Glasscock GCD	(1988)
Hickory UWCD # 1	(1997)	Hill Country UWCD	(2005)	Irion County WCD	(1988)
Kimble GCD	(2004)	Lipan-Kickapoo WCD	(1989)	Lone Wolf GCD	(2002)
Menard County UWD	(2000)	Middle Pecos GCD	(2005)	Permian Basin UWCD	(2006)
Plateau UWC & SD	(1991)	Santa Rita UWCD	(1990)	Sterling County UWCD	(1988)
Sutton County UWCD	(1991)	Wes-Tex GCD	(2005)		

This Alliance was created because the local districts have a common objective to facilitate the conservation, preservation, and beneficial use of water and related resources. Local districts monitor the water-related activities of the State's largest industries such as farming & ranching, oil & gas and municipalities. The Alliance provides coordination essential to the activities of these member districts to monitor these activities and to accomplish their objectives.