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To: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Area 3

Congratulations to all of the Area 3 conservation awards winners, and thank you to all of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) that submitted entries.

The Area 3 Conservation Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at the Refugio County Community Center, located at 305 Swift Street in Refugio. The banquet will begin at 6:00 PM. All SWCDs are invited to attend this event.

The Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD) and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) advise SWCDs to encourage award winners to attend the banquet. It is recommended that each SWCD purchase tickets for their winners and ensure that they are present to accept their awards.

We also encourage you to invite your State Senator, State Representative, county officials, city officials, and other community leaders to the Conservation Awards Banquet. This is an excellent opportunity to further publicize the high-quality work accomplished by SWCDs and local conservationists.

Tickets for this year's banquet are $20 per person and <u>must be ordered by April 24, 2020</u>. Please complete the enclosed order form and return it to the ATSWCD office along with a check made payable to the ATSWCD. Checks should be written from your SWCD's Trust Account.

Also enclosed is a sample news release for publicity purposes. Please consider submitting the news release for any winners to your area newspapers. Additionally, feel free to post the news release on your SWCD's website or on social media.

We hope that your SWCD will make plans to attend this year's Area 3 Conservation Awards Banquet in Refugio to help us honor the conservation leaders in our area of the state, and to support this outstanding awards program.

Richard Schilling, President
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Enclosures – Area 3 Winners List, Ticket Order Form, and Sample News Release