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<u>C.E. Williams Receives TAGD Honorary Membership</u> Contact: Julia Stanford, <u>julia@texasgroundwater.org</u> or 512-596-3101

C.E. Williams was awarded an Honorary Membership to the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) at the TAGD business meeting on August 31, 2021. After a unanimous vote approving the Honorary Membership, colleagues shared memories of C.E.'s illustrious career.

C.E. Williams has been an esteemed force in groundwater management for decades in his role as the General Manager of Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District. C.E. was raised in Carson County and went on to manage his family's farm and earn a degree in Agriculture Business from West Texas State University before joining the Panhandle GCD staff as General Manager in 1990.

Throughout his career at Panhandle GCD, Williams has been an active member and leader in the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts. He served as the TAGD President from 1996-1998 and as Vice President prior to that. The Honorary Membership recognizes C.E. Williams' outstanding



Photo 1: From L to R, Robert Mace (Meadows Center for Water & The Environment), Leah Martinsson (TAGD), CE Williams (Panhandle GCD), and Kathy Turner Jones (Prairielands GCD)

commitment to the Alliance and its member districts. He has also supported sound groundwater policy in Texas and beyond through board involvement in the Texas Water Conservation Association, Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group, Groundwater Management Districts Association, and Texas Water Foundation, just to name a few.

The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts supports Texas groundwater conservation districts and their efforts to conserve, preserve, and protect groundwater. TAGD provides educational and technical assistance to member districts and the public, serves as a resource on groundwater issues with state officials, assists members in keeping current with state law, and is a central point of contact for information on groundwater issues and practices. Visit TAGD online at www.texasgroundwater.org.