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Statement from Corn Producers Association of Texas on High Plains Water District's Proposed Rule Revisions

LUBBOCK, Texas (July 30, 2014) – The following is a statement from the [Corn Producers Association of Texas](#)' President Jimmy Wedel of Lubbock regarding the [High Plains Underground Water Conservation District](#) (HPWD) rule-making process:

"The Corn Producers Association of Texas commends the High Plains Water District board and staff for the very reasonable and deliberate rule-making process it has completed. We appreciate the district's concerted effort to work with farmers and landowners throughout the process over the past year. The opportunity for open dialogue with the district is crucial in developing rules that further our region's conservation efforts without impeding our economy.

The resulting rules help protect the economic vitality of the region and private property rights, while allowing the local management of a precious natural resource.

It's imperative that we keep control of our groundwater resources at a local level. The process the HPWD has recently undergone is a premier example of how this can be done efficiently and effectively utilizing county committees, stakeholder meetings and making themselves personally available to landowners and interested parties.

No one knows a region, its resources and its economy better than local representatives. Keeping this control on a local level ensures we can make the wisest decisions to conserve our resources, without damaging the livelihood of this thriving region.

CPAT recommends farmers and landowners read the proposed revisions to the HPWD rules, which are available online ([HERE](#)), and share their thoughts with HPWD by the August 5 deadline."

The final opportunity to provide testimony on the proposed rule revisions will be Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 3-6 p.m. at the Kuhlman Center at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Center, 200 N. Brown Rd in Canyon, Texas.

Stakeholders may also submit written comments to the HPWD via hard mail to 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411 or email to rulecomments@hpwd.com by 5 p.m. on Aug. 5. Additional information regarding the proposed rule revisions are available on the district's website, www.hpwd.com.

Additional information about CPAT, issues impacting the Texas corn farmers, and the state's corn industry are available at www.TexasCorn.org.

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