



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Senator Craig Estes**  
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### **Senator Estes Receives Appointment by Governor to Western States Water Council**

Austin – Texas Governor Rick Perry appointed State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) to the Western States Water Council.

"Water does not recognize state boundaries on a map as rivers, lakes, and aquifers flow across state lines, and even serve as state boundaries," said Estes. "Water is a shared resource, and the western states share a common need to protect vital water resources, while respecting our basic water rights."

The Western States Water Council is an organization consisting of representatives appointed by the governors of 18 western states. The purposes of the Council are to accomplish cooperation among western states in the conservation, development and management of water resources, and to provide a forum for the exchange of views, perspectives, and experiences among member states.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues from the other states in promoting economic development and our quality of life," said Estes.

The council also provides analysis of federal and state developments in order to evaluate impacts of federal laws and programs and of state laws and policies.

Estes was recently appointed by Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst to serve on the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments, the Agriculture and Energy Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators, and the Environment Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators.

*Senator Estes is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and represents Senate District 30 covering Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Grayson, Jack, Montague, Parker, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties.*

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