



The Rainwater Harvesting Task Force Team comprised of Justin K. Mechell, Billy A. Kniffen, and Dorothy Woodson, Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering; Jim C. Cathey, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences; Monty C. Dozier, regional program director for Agriculture and Natural Resources; and John W. Smith, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, won the 2010 Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence in the Extension Education and Service team category. Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences, presented the award to (left to right) Dozier (also accepting the award on behalf of Kniffen), Mechell (also accepting the award on behalf of Cathey), Woodson and Smith. Photo by Chandler Arden, Chandler Arden Photography.



The Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership was a finalist in the 2011 Texas Environmental Excellence Award in the pollution prevention category. Presented annually by the Governor of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) commissioners, the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards spotlight the state's highest achievements in environmental preservation and protection. Allen Berthold, Texas Water Resources Institute project manager, and Jaime Flores, Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership watershed coordinator, represented the partnership at the awards banquet in May. Shown left to right are: TCEQ Commissioner Buddy Garcia, Chairman Bryan Shaw, Berthold, Flores, and Commissioner Carlos Rubinstein. Photo courtesy of TCEQ.

BST conference set for February 2012

The Texas Water Resources Institute, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, and Texas AgriLife Research are hosting the 2012 Bacterial Source Tracking—State of the Science Conference Feb. 28–29, 2012, at the T Bar M Resort and Conference Center in New Braunfels.

Speakers at this one-and-a-half-day conference will discuss bacterial source tracking (BST) and its application regarding current practices, scientific advances, and improvements in application.

Nonpoint sources (NPS) of pollution greatly affect water quality, with bacteria being a serious concern. Identifying and assessing sources of fecal pollution are vital in effectively implementing a NPS pollution management program. BST helps identify the source of bacterial pollution.

For more information on the conference, visit texasbst.tamu.edu.

New issue of water journal available online

The newest issue of the *Texas Water Journal* (TWJ) is available online at texaswaterjournal.org. More articles will be added to the issue in the coming months. TWJ is an online, peer-reviewed journal devoted to Texas water resources management and policy issues from a multidisciplinary perspective that integrates science, engineering, law, planning, and other disciplines. The new issue will also include summaries of recent key state legislation related to water.

