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United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources
Conservation Service

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Johnson City FO
305 N Highway 281
Johnson City, TX
78636

Dear Judge Bray:

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Pedernales Soil and Water Conservation District (PSWCD) cordially invite the public, other USDA agencies, other federal, state and local agencies with an interest in natural resources conservation and related issues and concerns to attend and participate in a Local Working Group (LWG) meeting that will be held at the NRCS Johnson City Field Office- 305 North Highway 281, Johnson City, Texas on Monday, January 13, 2020.

The meeting's purpose is to collect input from farmers, ranchers, federal, state and local agencies, agricultural leaders, organizations, businesses and other individuals who have an interest in natural resource conservation. Input allows a LWG to identify and prioritize a county's resource concerns that need to be addressed through eligible Farm Bill conservation practices and also aids in establishing ranking criteria for county based funding.

Meeting recommendations are provided to and reviewed by the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) which advises the State Conservationist on the conservation programs offered by NRCS. Through stakeholder meetings like LWGs, the public has an opportunity to help local conservation leaders prioritize and set natural resource concerns in their counties.

Sincerely,

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