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## Texas Association of RC&D Annual Meeting Held in Amarillo

The Texas Association of RC&D Councils held their Annual Meeting in Amarillo on April 18-20, 2000, at the Radisson Inn. Approximately 200 people attended the event.

The De-Go-La RC&D Council was well represented with Frank Montez, Marshall Holybee, and Richard Martinez attending with our new Coordinator, Jerry Pearce. Directors attending manned an exhibit booth which featured information on the Sustainable Poultry Litter Management Project. Informational brochures on the project were handed out to some 140 individuals in attendance.

Concurrent sessions were held on IRS Issues for Non-Profits, Six Myths About the Future of Small Towns, Insurance Service Office Regulations, and Health Care Programs. Speakers presented topics including Rural Community Survival, and Doctors for Rural

Communities.

During the business session, Joe Cantu was re-elected President with Lou Bridges First Vice-President, Judge John Hull Second Vice President, and Donna Kidd Secretary/Treasurer. In addition to selecting officers for the next year, delegates approved a change in the by-laws allowing staggering of two-year terms for officers. Kerrville was determined to be the site for the 2002 Annual Meeting.

This year, awards were given recognizing various individuals who had made significant contributions to the RC&D program state-wide. Award winners included Walter Wilcox (Big 8 RC&D), Dave Demers (Alamo RC&D), Upper Guadalupe River Authority, and Denny Deady (outstanding media person).

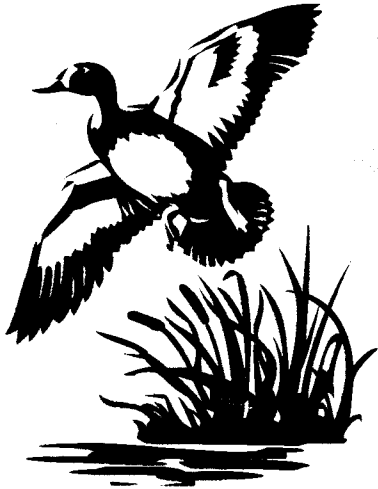
Next year the Annual Meeting will be held in Wichita Falls. Make plans now to attend!

## De-Go-La Distributes High Tech Equipment

During the first quarter of the year, the De-Go-La RC&D partnered with a group call Partnership for Re-inventing Government and the Bureau of Indian Health to distribute 16 surplus computers and 3 laser printers to community libraries and non-profit organizations in ten of the project's counties. A volunteer spent approximately 80 hours during this effort to re-format the hard drives and load software on the machines. As a result, many area libraries received good, useable 486 computers

to provide public public access to the internet as well as promoting after-school learning programs for children.

In June and July, surplus computers were once again made available to the RC&D from Congressman Ron Paul's District Offices. Thanks to this second round of donated computers, we were able to place equipment in the hands of 6 more organizations who will be able to put them to good use.



RC&D....."Making Things  
Happen"

De-Go-La RC&D NEWS

The De-Go-La RC&D Board of Directors meets quarterly to conduct business. Anyone wishing to attend these meetings is welcome and encouraged to attend. Your input is appreciated!

## Projects, etc. by: Jerry Pearce, Coordinator

After taking over from Rindle Wilson (retired) last fall, I have discovered there is a tremendous amount of activity at all levels in the De-Go-La RC&D. It amazes me that you have to be a computer specialist, grant writer, surplus property manager, and a few other highly skilled people just to keep up with what is going on.

A few interesting projects we have going on include such things as a feasibility study for shipping agricultural products from the Port of Port Lavaca/Point Comfort to Mexico; development of a regional recycling facility for lawn wastes and poultry mortalities; a riparian buffer demonstration project at Lake Texana; and a demonstration of wetlands for household waste-water treatment. All of these projects offer an opportunity to achieve the De-Go-La RC&D mission of providing leadership and

coordination in achieving a quality of life and environment in rural areas.

I am excited about the future of De-Go-La and I hope you are too! As sponsors and directors, you have set forth a firm challenge and commitment to improve your communities. I plan to do everything I can to help you succeed in meeting your goals. I hope that each of you will accept the opportunity to work hand-in-hand to achieve a high quality program in Resource Conservation and Development.

If you are aware of any needs in your area that the RC&D program might be able to help with, please contact me at the following:

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