

## National Wildlife Federation Receives Meadows Foundation Grant

## 650K grant over two years will support Texas water initiative

Austin, TX (Nov. 28) – The Meadows Foundation of Dallas has awarded the National Wildlife Federation \$650,000 over two years in support of the organization's Texas water initiative.

The money will be used to support the Texas Living Waters Project, a joint effort of the National Wildlife Federation, the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Environmental Defense Fund. The initiative seeks to promote environmentally and economically sound water resource management in Texas.

"We are delighted the Meadows Foundation has elected to continue to support our work on water," said Susan Kaderka, regional executive director of the Gulf States office of the National Wildlife Federation. "Water is one of the most critical issues facing Texas today. As our population grows and the climate warms, we need to think about how we can best manage our water resources for future generations of Texans."

The project partners will use the money to encourage increased water conservation, sustainable use of the state's groundwater, and maintaining enough water in Texas's rivers and coastal estuaries to support wildlife habitat.

The project maintains an informational website, www.texaswatermatters.org.

The grant will be \$350,000 in the first year. Funding for the second year is a matching grant of up to \$300,000.

The Meadows Foundation is a private philanthropic institution established in 1948 by Algur H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas. The foundation has a particular interest in three areas: public education, mental health, and the environment.

Founded in 1936, the National Wildlife Federation is one of the nation's largest conservation non-profit organizations. The federation seeks to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future. The Gulf States regional office, based in Austin, TX, was established in 1997.

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