ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REPORT
AND
STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE
Year: 2005

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Section 1. Goals and Accomplishments

Goal 1:  Research Excellence: Develop solid, nationally recognized and respected programs in water resources and environmental research.

Goal 2:  Partnerships: Build strategic partnerships and alliances to enhance research programs of the WRC and to support related teaching and service missions.

Goal 3:  Resources and Infrastructure: Provide support to the education, research and service activities of the Department of Civil Engineering, the College of Engineering and Texas Tech University.

Goal 4:  Marketing and National Image: Enhance the state and national image of the Water Resources Center.

Goal 5:  Engagement: Build community connections that enhance the quality of life for students and the community.
Section 2. Universal Quantitative Data

There are no Universal Quantitative Data for this area/unit.
### Section 3a. Quantitative Information

#### Calendar Year

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There is No Area Specific Data in Fall Section.
There is No Area Specific Data in Fiscal Year Section.
Section 3b. Qualitative Information.

- As part of its research and outreach efforts, the Center was the lead sponsor of the High Plains Groundwater Conference: Challenges and Opportunities, held in Lubbock in December 2004. The Golden Spread Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, and College of Agriculture and Natural Resources were co-sponsors. The conference had over 200 attendees, and a 300-page proceedings was published. Another conference will be held three to five years in the future.

- The Center began cooperation with the Wind Science and Engineering Center on a new wind-water initiative. The program intends to make renewable wind energy available for advanced drinking water treatment and distribution. Both federal and state funding have been pursued, and the fruit of this effort will be shown in FY 2006.
Section 4. Strategic Planning Update.

There is no strategic plan update for the current year.

Commentary:
During FY 2005, the President announced a “Water Initiative” with the intent of coordinating water-related research, education, and outreach activities across the campus. The Water Resources Center was recognized as one of the lead organizations in this initiative. The Director participated in a committee that proposed a plan to the President for accomplishment of the initiative, and also helped organize a series of monthly seminars on water-related topics. Final definition of the water initiative was left until the following year.

Implementation Plan:
Future changes and resources required by the Center are dependent on the final definition of the President's water initiative. That definition is coming together in FY 2006, and the Center will be cooperating in a Water Leadership Council with the CASNR Water Center, the Center for Water Law and Policy, and ICASALS.