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### **Statement on Texas Water Development Board Approval of SWIFT Funding**

Austin, Texas - Today, the Texas Water Development Board approved a second round of water conservation projects under the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and its Companion State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT).

In response to these approvals, **Ken Kramer, Water Resources Chair of the Sierra Club's Lone Star Chapter**, issued the following statement:

“The Sierra Club supported the creation of SWIFT in 2013 in large measure because of the commitment to use not less than 20% of the new funding for water conservation and reuse over the long term. Today’s approval of numerous water projects to curb water loss control, reduce water waste, and use water more efficiently is a significant step forward in achieving that goal.”

In addition, **Jennifer Walker, Water Resources Program Manager of the Sierra Club's Lone Star Chapter**, issued the following statement:

“The water conservation and reuse projects approved today will benefit several parts of the state, including East Texas and the cities of Keller, Waco, and Austin.

The funding for Austin Water will allow the utility to use existing water supplies more efficiently and give utility customers real-time technological tools to understand and reduce their water use. SWIRFT funding will save Austin \$18 million in financing costs and help keep water in the Colorado River for downstream communities and the environment.”

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