

Item 11e – Soil & Water Conservation District Grant Update

I have spoken with the Natural Resource Specialist in the Robertson County Natural Resources Conservation Service office about the progress on water and soil sample collections in the Brazos River Alluvium. I was informed progress has been impeded by irrigators understandably not wanting to turn on the irrigation engines just to get a water sample. It appears the soil sampling will continue and be completed this fall. Water sampling will likely not be able to be completed until next spring once irrigation resumes.

We will probably receive soil sampling invoices this fiscal year that will be paid with budgeted grant money. Water sampling invoices will obviously to be paid next fiscal year. Grant money dedicated to this portion of the project will need to be moved into the 2018 District Operating budget.