

# Water Grants Total \$255,325

Seven federal research grants totaling \$255,325 have been approved for the Texas A&M Water Resources Institute.

Dr. E. T. Smerdon, institute director, said the funds are being made available by the Office of Water Resources Research, Department of the Interior. One of the grants is \$100,000, an annual allotment for continuing research. The others are matching grants which must be equaled by non-federal funds for water research projects.

Amounts of the six matching grants, titles and project directors include.

\$24,970 for a "Study of Mechanisms and Suppression of Water from Soils," Dr. Jack Runkles, Soil and Crop Sciences Department. The research involves ways in which water is lost from soil by evaporation and ways of reducing the loss. Thirty percent of Texas rainfall is lost through soil evaporation and does not contribute to plant growth.

\$28,350 for a "Study of the Economic Impact of Water Impoundment Through Validity Testing of a Comparative Projection Model," Dr. John Pearson, director, School of Business Administration.

The research will develop ways of making accurate predictions on the impact of new reservoirs to a region's economy.

\$26,700 to investigate "Institutional Factors Influencing Water Development in Texas," Dr. Warren Trock, Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department.

Trock's work will cover the effect of different types of government water-related agencies on water development in Texas. \$31,605 for a "Study of the Ecology of the Navasota River," Dr. William J. Clark, Biology Department.

The research involves effect of water quality and river characteristics on fish and other water organisms.

\$18,500 for "Application of Specialized Optimization Techniques in Water Quantity and Quality Management with Respect to Planning for the Trinity River Basin," Dr. Wilbur Meier, Industrial Engineering Department.

Meier will develop computer techniques so that flow rate and water quality can be considered in attempts to optimize the development of the Trinity River Basin's total water resources.

\$25,200 for research on the "Influence of Transpiration Suppressants, Sprinkler Irrigation and Moisture Levels on Transpiration and Evapo-Transpiration," Dr. C. J. Gerald, Lower Rio Grande Valley Research and Extension Center, Weslaco.

The project involves use of chemicals that reduce transpiration and evaporation losses from plants. In Texas, nearly half of the annual rainfall is lost through plant transpiration. Most of the loss is from plants of no economic value, such as weeds and brush.

## Sixty Expected For Police Event

Sixty participants are expected for the 10th Police-Community Relations Institute Aug. 20-24 at Texas A&M University.

Wallace Beasley, Police Training Division chief for the hosting A&M Engineering Extension Service, announced the institute theme: "Equal Justice for All - A Total Community Responsibility."

Keynote speaker will be Nelson A. Watson, Research and Development Division supervisor of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Washington, D.C.

Among other speakers are Bruce J. Terris, consultant, Community Relations Service, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.; Jack Pope, Texas Supreme Court Judge; Hud Bechtel, Texas Grand Jury Association president, Austin; Leon Jaworski, Houston Attorney, and E. R. McWilliams, regional director, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Houston.

A panel, "The Community Role," will be moderated by Larry Fultz, chief juvenile probation officer, Harris County. Panelists include Ted Freedman, American Daffamation League Southwest Region director; Cato Hightower, Fort Worth Police Chief; H. T. Burk, assistant general counsel, Texas State Bar Association, and Mrs. John K. Godbey, past president of the Dallas League of Women Voters.

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