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TWDB Director Kathleen Jackson Tours UGRA EduScape

On May 14th, UGRA Board Secretary Diane McMahon and UGRA staff hosted Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Director Kathleen Jackson for a tour of the UGRA EduScape. Representatives of the Hill Country Master Gardeners and Hill Country Master Naturalists were also in attendance. One of three TWDB Directors, Kathleen Jackson was first appointed to the Texas Water Development Board by Governor Rick Perry in 2014 and reappointed to the Board by Governor Greg Abbott in 2017. The TWDB, with their over 250 employees, provides leadership, information, education, and support for planning, financial assistance, and outreach for the conservation and responsible development of water for Texas.

In March 2019, TWDB awarded UGRA its annual Texas Rain Catcher Award for the UGRA EduScape in recognition of exemplary efforts to promote rainwater harvesting and water conservation through educational and outreach activities. The UGRA EduScape is an educational landscape that wraps around the Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center at 125 Lehman Drive in Kerrville. Visitors can stroll along the landscape path to view numerous examples of practices that conserve water and protect the Guadalupe River through stormwater management. Visitors will be guided by information on interpretive signs to enhance understanding of the landscape elements.



Pictured Left to Right: Reggie Cox, Hill Country Master Naturalists; Tara Bushnoe, UGRA Natural Resources Coordinator; Kathleen Jackson, TWDB Director; Pam Umstead, Hill Country Master Gardeners; Diane McMahon, UGRA Board Secretary and Outreach and Education Committee Chair; Tammy Thompson, UGRA Assistant General Manager; and Ray Buck, UGRA General Manager.

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