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#### **Senator Kolkhorst Appointed to Water Infrastructure Advisory Committee**

AUSTIN - Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst (R-Brenham) has been appointed to the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Advisory Committee by Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick. The committee oversees the use of funds to provide financing for water infrastructure projects across the State of Texas. Projects are approved based on the recommendations of the seven-member advisory committee comprising the Texas Comptroller, three senators appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and three representatives appointed by the Speaker of House. As a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee, Kolkhorst will serve as the financial appointee.

"Texas must have a strong water infrastructure to maintain our vibrant economy," Kolkhorst said. "Water will continue to be a major factor in our state's growth and I am confident that SWIFT will keep playing a key role in solving our future challenges. SWIFT is a great example of our state and local governments working together to solve real problems and I am deeply honored to accept this position."

Since its creation in 2013, SWIFT has committed over \$5.6 billion for projects across Texas. In total, SWIFT is designed to support about \$27 billion in funding for regional water supply projects over 50 years. Recognizing the benefit of conservation and the needs of rural Texas, SWIFT specifically encourages funding of projects for rural communities, agricultural water conservation, water conservation, and reuse projects.

"I am proud to appoint Sen. Kolkhorst to the SWIFT Advisory Committee. Senator Kolkhorst is a hard-working and committed senator who will provide prudent insight and sound conservative principles to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of this committee," said Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick.

A longtime advocate for water and property rights, Kolkhorst is the first female lawmaker to be appointed to SWIFT since its creation. ###