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Bianca Chafin's face is familiar to many, but did you know that she is one of more than half a dozen City employees elected to top leadership positions in regional, state or national associations related to their work with the City?

Chafin, who serves as the City's environmental programs specialist, is the chairperson of the Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council for Fiscal Year 2013. The Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council (RSWMCC) is composed of 22 representatives from participating entities who provide guidance and oversight to the annual program. The leadership team for this fiscal year is Chafin, Vice Chair Bill Brown from the City of Arlington and Past Chair Sue Alvarez from the City of Dallas.

Local government agencies in North Central Texas are dedicated to protecting the region's waters by addressing both the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff from urban areas. The agencies are committed to implementing a cooperative and comprehensive program to manage stormwater runoff to maximize the utilization of the region's lakes, streams, and rivers for drinking water supply, recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and economic opportunity.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has worked with local governments and other stakeholders to develop and then implement a regional strategy to address stormwater quality issues affecting the region. The Regional Policy Position on Managing Urban Stormwater Quality was created in 1999 by the RSWMCC to provide guidance for the regional strategy, setting out the key elements for a cooperative and comprehensive regional approach to stormwater management. The program's initiatives include public education, control of construction site stormwater runoff, management of stormwater impacts associated with post-construction, illicit discharge detection and elimination, and municipal pollution prevention.

Chafin was hired by the City of Burleson in August 2002. Prior to working for Burleson, she worked for an environmental consulting firm.