



# 10 Challenges and Uncertainty

**The five-year cycle of adopting regional and state water plans allows the state to respond to challenges and uncertainties in water supply planning. To reduce risks associated with planning for and providing sufficient water supplies, every five years TWDB and regional water planning groups evaluate changes in population, demand, and supply projections, new climate information, improvements in technologies, and policy and statutory changes.**

Regional water planning groups must develop plans to meet needs for water during a drought within the context of an uncertain future, both near and far. Water planning would be simpler if it were known when the next drought is going to happen and how severe it will be. But in reality, water planning has to be conducted in the context of uncertainty. The cyclical design of water planning in Texas, with regional water plans and the state water plan developed every five years, helps planning groups and the state monitor and respond to uncertainties. This chapter discusses some of the sources of uncertainty relevant to state and regional water planning, the challenges presented by uncertainty, and some strategies that planning groups use to deal with these challenges.

## 10.1 RISK AND UNCERTAINTY

The two related concepts of risk and uncertainty are fundamental to water planning. A risk is any negative outcome that might occur. In Texas, there is a risk that some demands for water may exceed availability under some conditions. The purpose of state and regional water planning is to minimize the negative effects of drought by planning to meet the needs for water during a repeat of the drought of record that occurred during the 1950s. Uncertainty is the unavoidable fact of not knowing what the future will bring, such as when the next drought may occur. The number of people that will live in Texas in the next 50 years, the amount of water that they will require, and

the amount of water supplies that will be available are all future uncertainties. Good planning means being prepared for risks in spite of uncertainty.

The National Research Council (a nonprofit institution that provides science, technology, and health policy advice to improve government decision making) recommends responding to risk with a cycle of analysis and deliberation, where analysis is the gathering and assessment of technical facts and deliberation is the dialogue that leads to a plan of action (NRC, 1996). The council advocates that stakeholder participation in the deliberation stage is critical because stakeholders have unique knowledge and perspectives, because they have a right to contribute to plans that will involve them, and because plan execution depends on everyone working together. A coordinated plan is more important than perfect foresight, so the most important planning strategy for reducing risk is stakeholder participation. The regional water planning process is fundamentally based on stakeholder participation by the inclusion of 11 stakeholder interests groups as required by Texas statute.

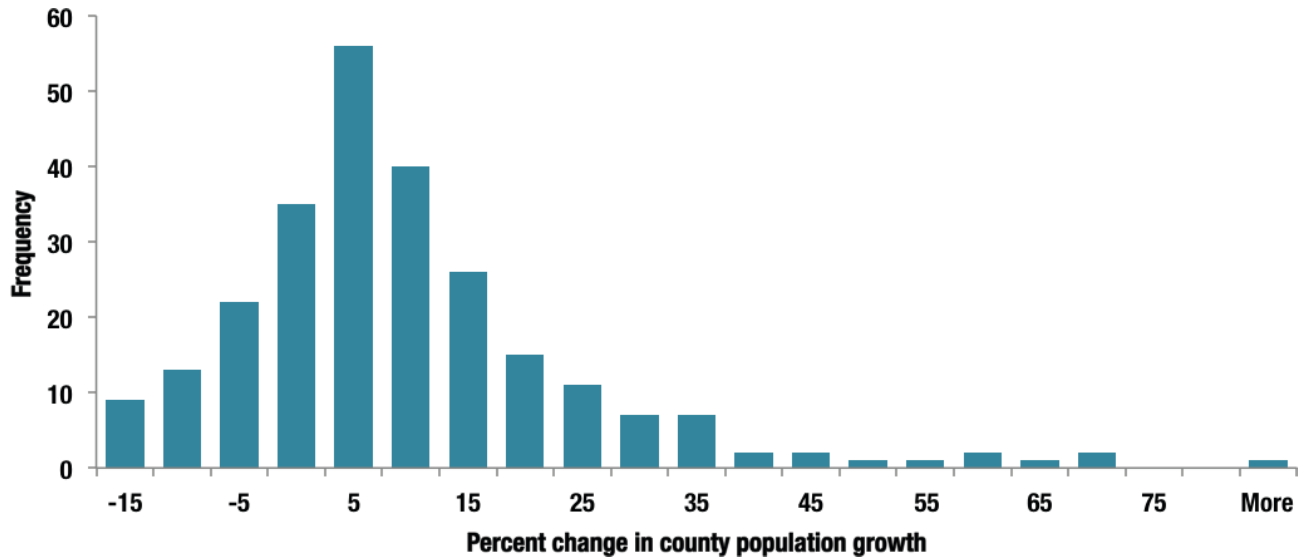
The risk analysis stage is necessary because it is much more effective to plan for risks that are clearly understood. Measurements, readings, reports, and surveys are all used to get a clearer picture of present conditions so that more certain future projections can be made. TWDB considers state and national data sources, as well as local information from each region, in making these projections. Nevertheless, unforeseeable events occasionally happen, with distant future conditions more difficult to predict than immediate future conditions. The solution to future uncertainty is updating, which is why the state and regional water plans are developed every five years. The dynamic updating built into the water planning process by Texas statute is the regional and state water plan's strongest defense against uncertainty.

Even with the latest information and the best predictive models, some uncertainty will always remain, complicating the task of planning a focused, coordinated risk response. Rather than preparing for every possible outcome, it is more efficient to focus on a benchmark risk. In Texas water planning, the benchmark is the drought of record of the 1950s. The drought of record is better understood than other projected drought risks because it actually happened. If we prepare for the drought of record, then the state will be better positioned to respond to future droughts. Using the drought of record as a benchmark also coincides with the concept of firm yield—the maximum water volume a reservoir can provide each year under a repeat of the drought of record—which engineers use to calculate reservoir yield.

While all planning groups are required to plan based on firm yield, some regions are even more cautious when addressing climate variability and other uncertainties. Several planning regions planned for a drought worse than the drought of record by making changes to the assumptions in the availability of surface water during development of their regional water plans. Regions D and G modified the water availability models that they use in their planning process to include hydrology from later, more severe droughts that occurred within their particular regions. Regions A, B, C, F, and G assumed safe yield (the annual amount of water that can be withdrawn from a reservoir for a period of time longer than the drought of record) for some reservoirs in their regions, also to address the possibility of a drought that is more severe than the drought of record. Since the planning process is repeated every five years, planning groups have the opportunity to update their planning assumptions each cycle as needed to address risk and uncertainty.

Beyond participation, updating, and benchmarking, the best response to uncertainty is simply to be aware

**FIGURE 10.1. VARIABILITY IN COUNTY POPULATION GROWTH, 2000-2010.**



of it. Population growth, water demands, and the weather are all naturally variable and can lead to uncertainty.

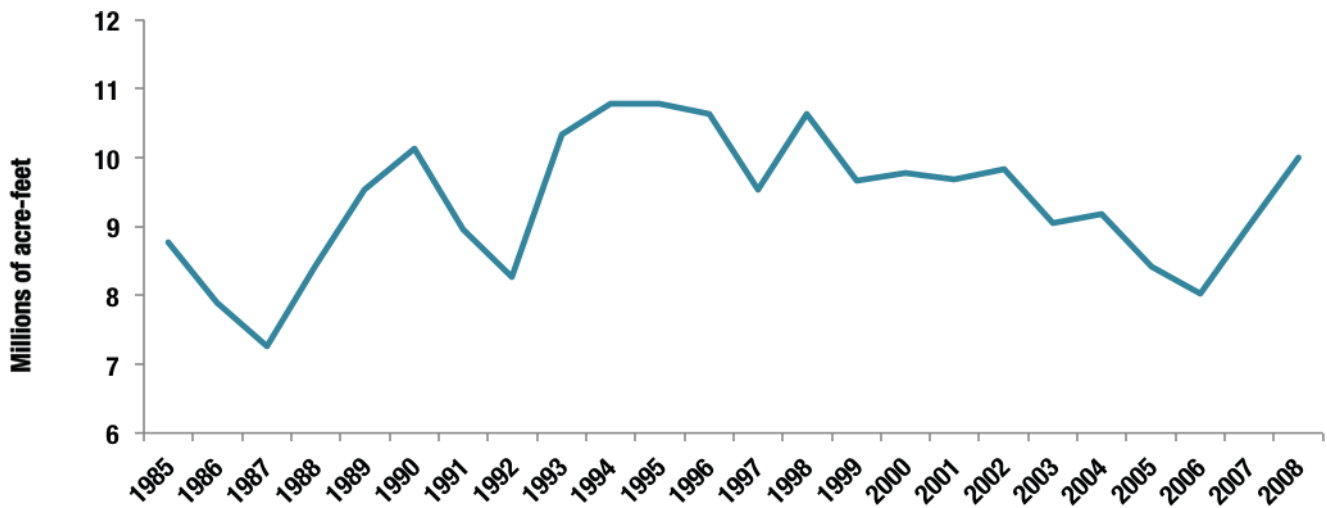
## 10.2 UNCERTAINTY OF DEMAND

Every category of water demand—municipal, manufacturing, irrigation, steam-electric, mining, livestock—is naturally variable. Municipal demand depends on how many residents are using water and how much water they are using. Population growth depends on social and economic factors including individual preferences. Per capita, or per person, water use depends on preferences, habits, and water-using appliances, all of which are influenced by the economy and the weather. Irrigation and livestock demands are also strongly influenced by the economy and the weather. Manufacturing and mining demands are influenced by economic factors and government regulation but are less sensitive to the weather than other water uses. All of these underlying factors that influence water use are difficult to predict and result in uncertainty in water demand projections.

The population of Texas increased over 20 percent between 2000 and 2010; however, this growth was not distributed evenly through the state. The median Texas county grew by only 4.2 percent during the last decade. Some counties have less population now than they did in 2000, while others grew by as much as 82 percent. One way of representing this type of variability is in the form of a histogram, a bar chart representing a frequency distribution. Figure 10.1 is a histogram of the population growth for each county in Texas between 2000 and 2010, showing the number of counties whose growth was in each percentage range. The tallest bar in the middle of the histogram represents all of the counties whose growth was between zero and +5 percent (about 55 counties). Since the bars representing growth are taller and more numerous than the bars representing population decline, it is evident that most counties experienced positive population growth over the past decade.

Because population growth is so variable, projections have to be adjusted every decade when each new U.S. census is released. Between censuses, TWDB

**FIGURE 10.2. IRRIGATION WATER DEMAND, 1985-2008 (ACRE-FEET PER YEAR).**



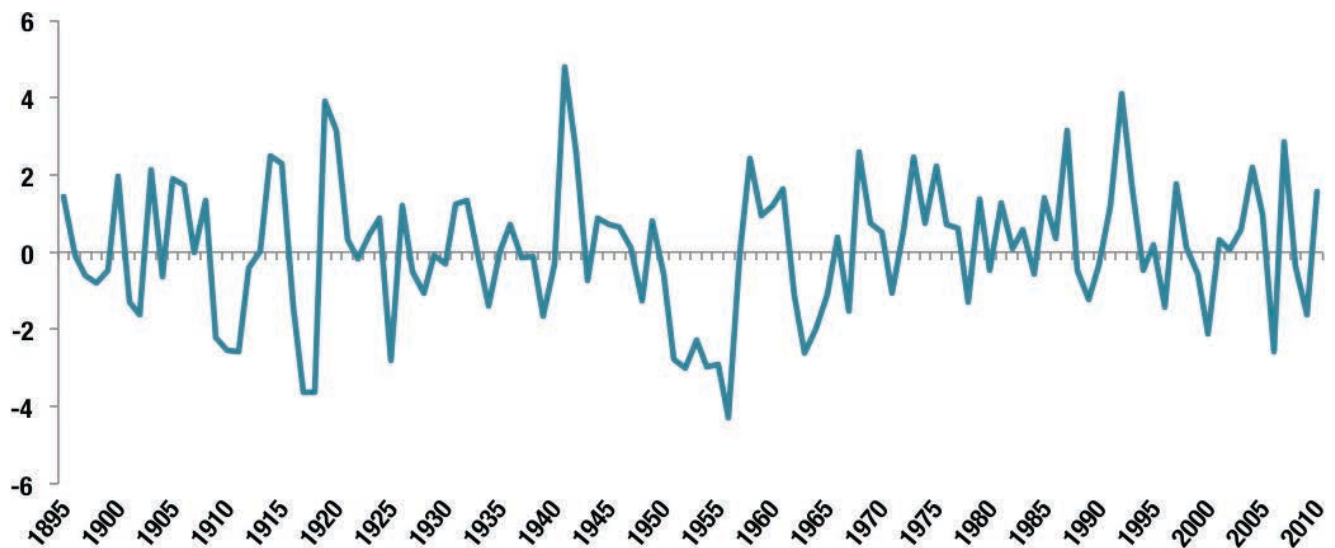
relies on estimates from the Texas State Data Center. For example, population projections for some water user groups in the 2007 State Water Plan were revised upward for the next planning cycle, based on information from the State Data Center that indicated growth in excess of the original projections. The state population projected for 2010 in the 2007 State Water Plan turned out to be about 1 percent lower than the actual 2010 census. The revisions made for the 2012 State Water Plan resulted in projected Texas population about 1 percent above the census (Chapter 3, Population and Water Demand Projections). Since communities often want to plan for the highest potential growth scenario, such projections may prove to be slight overestimates. However, planning for a high-growth scenario is a way to manage risk.

Irrigation demand depends on how many acres of each crop are planted, the water needs of each crop type, and the weather. Neither an upward nor a downward overall trend is evident in irrigation demand over the years 1985 through 2008 (Figure 10.2).

Irrigation for agriculture has historically been the category of greatest water use in Texas. Variability in irrigation demand therefore translates to variability in total state water demand. Irrigation demand depends on farmers' decisions on how much acreage and what crops to plant. These decisions depend on prices of both agricultural commodities and inputs like fuel and fertilizer. Government policies can also be influential. For example, the combination of an ethanol subsidy and an ethanol import tariff has encouraged corn production.

Rather than attempt to guess at future policies and commodity prices, TWDB projects irrigation water use based on current levels. Important future developments then can be reflected through adjustments in the assumptions in future planning cycles. For example, recent crop prices have been relatively high by historical standards. If these prices decrease, projected irrigation water demand may require a downward adjustment, while the lower cost of feed might require projected demand for water for livestock to be adjusted upward. More recently,

**FIGURE 10.3. STATEWIDE AVERAGE PALMER DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX, 1895-2010.**



studies have explored the potential for expanded production of biofuels using “energy cane” and algae as feedstocks, which could also result in increased water demand.

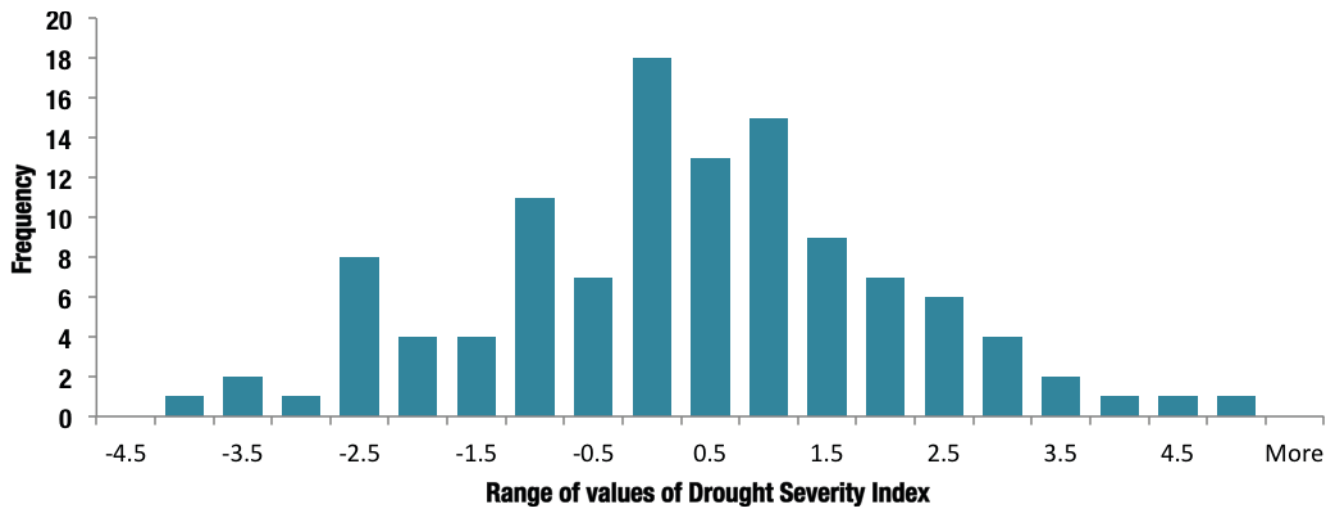
Manufacturing, mining, and power production also depend on price levels of their inputs and outputs, or the resources needed for production and the products or results of that production. Because practically all industrial processes are energy intensive, the prices of energy sources such as gasoline, natural gas, and coal are of particular importance. The hydrocarbon mining industry produces energy and uses it at the same time. Higher energy prices could shift water use away from manufacturing and toward mining and power production. The new technology of hydraulic fracturing is a method of producing hydrocarbon energy that experienced a boom during this planning cycle; thus, new developments in the hydraulic fracturing industry that could result in increased water use in the mining water use category will be monitored closely in the next regional water planning cycle.

### **10.3 UNCERTAINTY OF SUPPLY AND NEED**

The regional water plans recommend water management strategies to increase future water supplies to meet needs during a severe drought. The actual water volume that will result from any recommended strategy is always uncertain, but it is also uncertain whether or not each strategy will be implemented, and when implementation will occur. Each water supply strategy requires some amount of funding and often political consensus to accomplish, both of which are ultimately uncertain. Projected yield of a strategy might not be realized. To avoid this possibility, regional planning groups may prioritize their recommended strategies, generally planning to execute cheaper, simpler, or more important strategies first.

Hydrology, the study of water movements in the natural environment, is also a source of uncertainty because it is so complex. Hydrologic drought is a condition of below average water content in aquifers and reservoirs, which results in reduced water supplies. It usually follows agricultural drought—an

**FIGURE 10.4. VARIABILITY IN STATEWIDE PALMER DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX, 1895-2010.**



adverse impact on crop or range production—where soil and surface moisture are reduced, stressing natural ecosystems and crops. Agricultural drought increases irrigation water demands. Both hydrologic and agricultural droughts are consequences of meteorological drought, which is the occurrence of abnormally dry weather, usually less precipitation than is seasonally normal for the region.

Levels of precipitation and evaporation are naturally variable, along with the amount of water that flows to a reservoir or recharges an aquifer. Exchanges between groundwater and surface water are not only variable but incompletely understood. Hydrologic modeling has advanced rapidly in recent years, but no model of a system so complex can completely address all uncertainty.

Hydrological drought can be measured by the Palmer Drought Index, which rates dry conditions on a scale relative to the normal conditions for each location. A Palmer Index of “zero” indicates a normal

year; negative numbers indicate drought, whereas positive numbers indicate above-normal moisture. The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration records the Palmer Index annually for each of the ten climatic divisions in Texas. The Palmer Index is constructed so that the mean will be zero as long as the climate maintains its historical pattern. Figure 10.4 shows a histogram of the same series of averaged Palmer Indexes, illustrating its variability.

Figure 10.3 illustrates the 1950s as a cluster of negative values that correspond to the drought of record. Even though Palmer Index values in this period are noticeably low, no single value constitutes an outlier, or a value far apart from the rest of the data set. The lack of an outlier implies that there was nothing hydrologically unusual about any one year of the record drought, meaning that it could happen again. The most unusual feature of the drought of record is that so many dry years occurred consecutively. Annual Palmer Index values as low as they were during the drought of record occur about 10 percent of the time, but they occurred 6 years

in a row during the 1950s with water supplies unable to recover from the preceding drought before the next drought started. If each year's weather conditions were totally independent of the previous year's conditions, the chance of the drought of record recurring would literally be one in a million. Unfortunately, we do not understand weather patterns well enough to have confidence in this very low probability.

Agricultural drought can appear suddenly, causing almost instantaneous damage to agriculture and encouraging wildfires. Most recently, Texas experienced severe agricultural droughts in 1996, 1998, 2009, and 2011. Prolonged agricultural drought is often an indicator of impending hydrologic drought. Since 1997, public water suppliers and irrigation districts in Texas have been required to develop drought contingency plans to respond to the early warnings of hydrologic drought. Contingency plans help to manage risk by promoting preparation and coordination before a drought emergency appears.

## **10.4 UNCERTAIN POTENTIAL FUTURE CHALLENGES**

Although the processes discussed so far all exhibit natural variability, historical distributions indicate what values they will probably take most of the time. Some risks, called ambiguous risks, are so uncertain that it is not known when they will happen, what their impacts will be, or even whether they will occur at all. Natural disasters, terrorism, and climate change are examples of ambiguous risks. Developments in new technology, as well as future state and federal policy decisions, can also be ambiguous, with unforeseeable implications. Awareness may be the only defense against this kind of uncertainty. This section discusses some of the challenges to water planning that may arise in the future from ambiguous risks.

### **10.4.1 NATURAL DISASTERS**

Natural disasters include floods, hurricanes, tornados,

and fires. The worst natural disaster in the history of the United States occurred in Galveston in 1900, when a hurricane killed more than 6,000 people. Hurricanes and floods generally increase water availability, so they do not usually pose a serious challenge for drought planning; however, they can degrade water infrastructure and water quality and can result in the redistribution of populations. An example is Hurricane Katrina, which forced many people to evacuate to Texas from Louisiana and Mississippi, adding to population variability. Hurricane Ike caused tremendous devastation to the Bolivar Peninsula, damaging a new water treatment plant's distribution system in addition to much of the residential housing, leaving a considerably smaller population to pay for the investment already incurred. Wildfires generally occur during drought conditions, so they may inflict additional damages on communities already suffering from drought. Fires also cause erosion that may affect streamflow positively or negatively.

Although less frequent than either flood or fire, earthquakes also occur occasionally in Texas. A magnitude 5.7 earthquake hit Marathon in 1995. Earthquakes are a serious risk to dams and infrastructure in some states, but it is unlikely that Texas will experience an earthquake significant enough to damage water infrastructure. A terrorist attack, much like a natural disaster, could damage infrastructure, degrade water quality, or result in only minimal impacts.

### **10.4.2 CLIMATE CHANGE**

Chapter 4 (Climate of Texas) presents evidence that mean temperatures across the state have increased over the past three decades. A similar trend has been noticed in many regions around the world. Scientists on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change believe this warming trend is "unequivocal" (IPCC, 2007). At the same time, extreme precipitation events in Texas have become more frequent, meaning that



variability is increasing. Climate change and climatic variability both pose challenges to water planning because they add uncertainty. Additional challenges, primarily to agriculture, could arise if the climate of Texas becomes permanently warmer.

If precipitation decreases or evaporation increases as a result of climate change, farmers and ranchers will be forced to pump more groundwater, change their crop mix, or plant less. In one possible scenario, Texas could experience a 20 percent decline in cropped acreage. At the same time, cotton and grain sorghum could replace broilers, cattle, corn, rice, and wheat (McCarl, 2011). In areas of declining water availability, a change towards more cotton is plausible because cotton may be grown with deficit irrigation. On the other hand, research in the Northern High Plains has focused on producing corn with only 12 inches of supplemental irrigation, so the projected changes in production due to climate change may be overstated. Improvements in water use efficiency and adoption of new technologies or crop varieties may allow farmers the ability to grow more crops with less irrigation water applied. While technological advancements may further extend the useful life of the Ogallala Aquifer in the Panhandle and moderate changes to the climate may benefit rain-fed agriculture, future climate change impacts could increase the vulnerability of unsustainable practices in agricultural systems in the High Plains (IPCC, 2007).

Even though surface water would be the most vulnerable to projected climatic changes through increased evaporation and decreased streamflows, some groundwater sources would also be vulnerable. Aquifers with relatively fast recharge, such as those in the Edwards Aquifer in central Texas, are fed directly from the surface. For these types of aquifers, low runoff translates to low water recharge. More intense rainfall or flooding could impact recharge as well, by altering soil permeability or simply by forcing water courses away from recharge zones. Climate change resulting in higher temperatures in the Edwards Aquifer

region could be especially damaging for agriculture, since increased irrigation pumping may not be legal or feasible.

TWDB has taken a number of steps to address uncertainty related to climate variability in the regional planning process. The agency monitors climate science for applicability to the planning process, consults with subject experts, and solicits research. TWDB also co-hosted the Far West Texas Climate Change Conference in 2008 (Chapter 4, Climate of Texas).

## 10.5 WATER AND SOCIETY

The greatest uncertainty pertaining to water planning is the future of human society. Economic cycles can affect the use of water inputs in productive processes like agriculture and industry. In the long run, these processes adapt to water availability and the needs of society. For example, most industrial users have dramatically increased their reuse of water in recent years. These users respond to the price and reliability of water as a signal of increased water scarcity, motivating them to develop new technology, which can improve the efficiency of water use, locate new supplies, and provide new supplies more efficiently. Desalination and reuse are two examples.

Society's values change as well. Over the past 40 years, public interest in protecting natural resources has increased dramatically. Water-based recreation is also much more popular now than it was 40 years ago. These new values have translated into new behaviors, new industries, and even new laws. Predicting which new values will emerge in the future is probably futile; the only solution to changing values is to recognize them early and to adapt plans accordingly.

Whether new challenges come from the values of society, the weather, or the economy, the regional water planning groups are prepared to deal with challenges and uncertainty through the five-year regional water planning cycle. Most importantly, they meet regularly to coordinate their activities and to assimilate new information. They

plan for worst-case scenarios by employing conservative measures like firm yield and safe yield and by including model drought contingency plans. Although the challenge of uncertainty can never completely be overcome, it can be managed through vigilance and adaptive planning.

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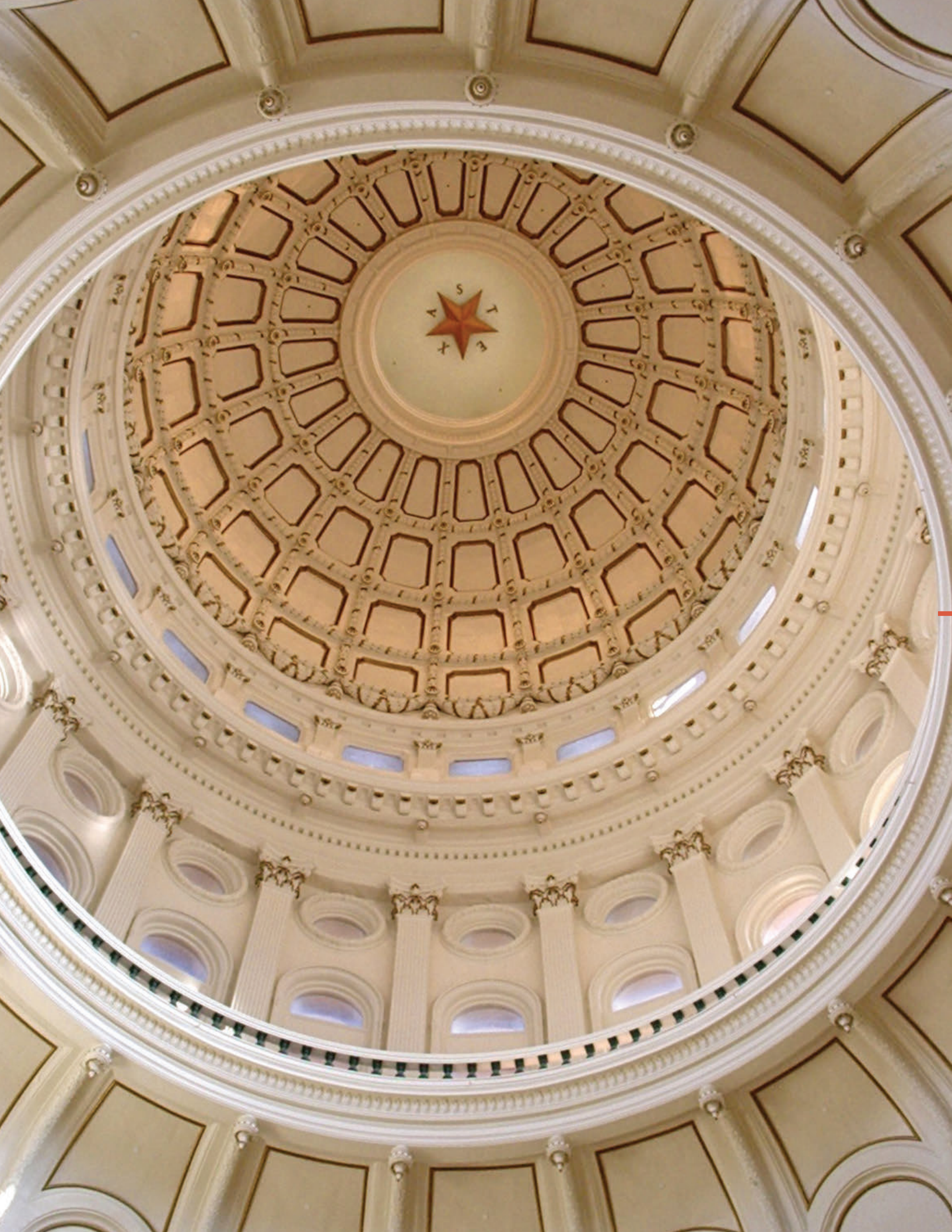
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## UNCERTAINTY IN THE WEATHER

It is often said that Texas' weather can best be described as drought punctuated by floods. Our climate is certainly marked by extremes in temperature, precipitation, and catastrophic weather events such as droughts, floods, and hurricanes. While our daily weather is compared to precipitation and temperature "averages," these averages can obscure the sometimes impressive day-to-day, season-to-season and year-to-year extremes that are imbedded within them (TWDB, 1967).

The variability in Texas' weather is largely due to the state's location and topography. When moisture-laden air from the Gulf of Mexico collides with cooler, drier air masses moving southeast from the interior of the continent, storms and flooding can result. The Texas Hill Country is particularly susceptible to heavy thunderstorms when moist air rises over the Balcones Escarpment of the Edwards Plateau. Central Texas holds some of the highest rainfall rates in the state and the nation. In 1921, when the remnants of a hurricane moved over Williamson County, the town of Thrall received almost 40 inches of rain in 36 hours. The storm resulted in the most deadly flooding in Texas history (Jones, 1990).

This "flashiness" of the state's precipitation is an important consideration in water supply planning, particularly when addressing uncertainty. Constant variability means that much of the time, river and streamflows are an undependable source of water supply in Texas (Ward, 2011). This problem is dealt with through the construction of reservoirs, which impound rivers and capture some high flows for use during dry periods (Ward, 2011). So not only are reservoirs needed for the control of flooding, but they also help replenish surface water resources when the state receives intense rains and resulting floods.



# 11

# Policy Recommendations

TWDB's statutory requirement to develop a state water plan every 5 years includes provisions that the plan should be a guide to state water policy that includes legislative recommendations that TWDB believes are needed and desirable to facilitate more voluntary water transfers. TWDB based the following recommendations, in part, on recommendations from the regional water planning process.

During the development of their regional water plans, planning groups make regulatory, administrative, and legislative recommendations (Appendix D) that they believe are needed and desirable to

- facilitate the orderly development, management, and conservation of water resources;
- facilitate preparation for and response to drought conditions so that sufficient water will be available at a reasonable cost to ensure public health, safety, and welfare;
- further economic development; and
- protect the agricultural and natural resources of the state and regional water planning areas.

Along with general policy and statutory recommendations, planning groups also made recommendations for designating unique reservoir sites and stream segments of unique ecological value; however, the Texas Legislature is responsible for making the official designations of these sites.

Planning groups may recommend the designation of sites of unique value for construction of reservoirs within their planning areas. The recommendations include descriptions of the sites, reasons for the unique designation, and expected beneficiaries of the water supply to be developed at the site. A planning group may recommend a site as unique for reservoir construction based upon several criteria:

- site-specific reservoir development is recommended as a specific water management strategy or in an alternative long-term scenario in an adopted regional water plan; or
- location; hydrology; geology; topography; water availability; water quality; environmental, cultural, and current development characteristics; or other pertinent factors make the site uniquely suited for: (a) reservoir development to provide water supply for the current planning period; or (b) to meet needs beyond the 50-year planning period.

Planning groups may also recommend the designation of all or parts of river and stream segments of unique ecological value located within their planning areas. A planning group may recommend a river or stream segment as being of unique ecological value based upon several criteria:

- biological function
- hydrologic function
- riparian conservation areas
- high water quality
- exceptional aquatic life
- high aesthetic value
- threatened or endangered species/unique communities

The recommendations include physical description of the stream segments, maps, and other supporting documentation. The planning groups coordinate each recommendation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and include, when available, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's evaluation of the river or stream segment in their final plans.

Based on planning groups' recommendations and other policy considerations, TWDB makes the following recommendations that are needed to facilitate the implementation of the 2012 State Water Plan:

## **ISSUE 1: RESERVOIR SITE AND STREAM SEGMENT DESIGNATION**

*The legislature should designate the three additional sites of unique value for the construction of reservoirs recommended in the 2011 regional water plans (Turkey Peak Reservoir, Millers Creek Reservoir Augmentation, and Coryell County Reservoir) for protection under Texas Water Code, Section 16.051(g) (Figure 11.1).*

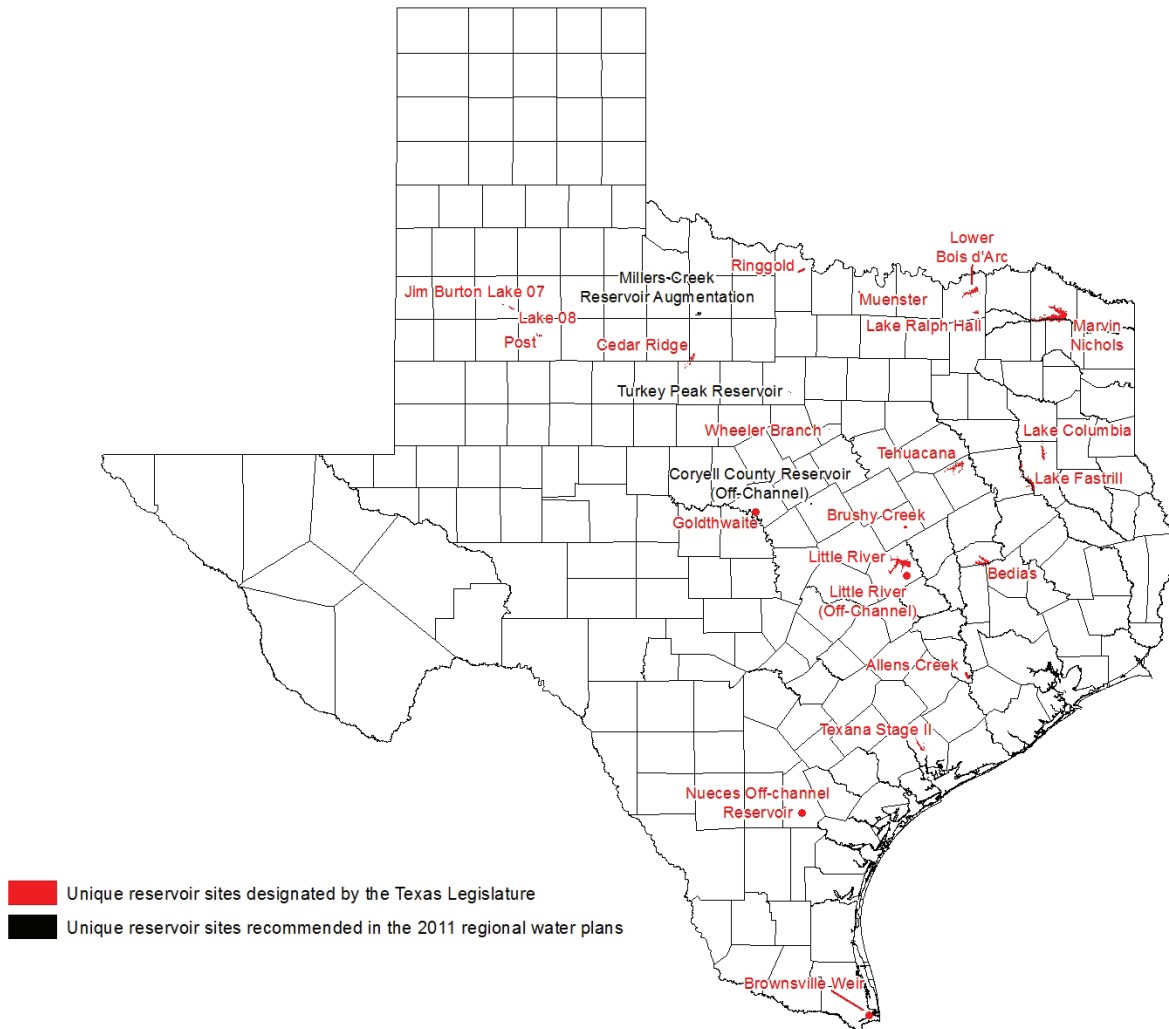
*The legislature should designate the nine river stream segments of unique ecological value recommended in the 2011 regional water plans (Pecan Bayou, Black Cypress Creek, Black Cypress Bayou, Alamito Creek, Nueces River, Frio River, Sabinal River, Comal River, and San Marcos River) for protection under Texas Water Code, Section 16.051(f) (Figure 11.2).*

### **SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATION**

Recent regional water plans reflect the recognition that major reservoir projects absolutely must remain a strong and viable tool in our water supply development toolbox if the state is to meet its future water supply needs. The 2011 regional water plans include recommendations to develop 26 major reservoirs, which by 2060 would provide nearly 1.5 million acre-feet of water annually (16.7 percent of the total water management strategy volume).

In response to the drought of record of the 1950s, Texas embarked on a significant program of reservoir construction. In 1950, Texas had about 60 major reservoirs, with conservation storage amounting to less than one-half acre-foot per resident of the state. By 1980, the state had 179 major reservoirs, and conservation storage per capita (Chapter 1, Introduction) had increased to nearly 2.5 acre-feet. However, reservoir construction and storage capacity have slowed considerably. Texas currently has 188 major water supply reservoirs, storing just over 1.5 acre-feet per capita. If nothing is done to implement the strategies in the regional water plans, population growth will result in per capita storage declining to less than 1 acre-foot per resident, the lowest since immediately following the drought of record.

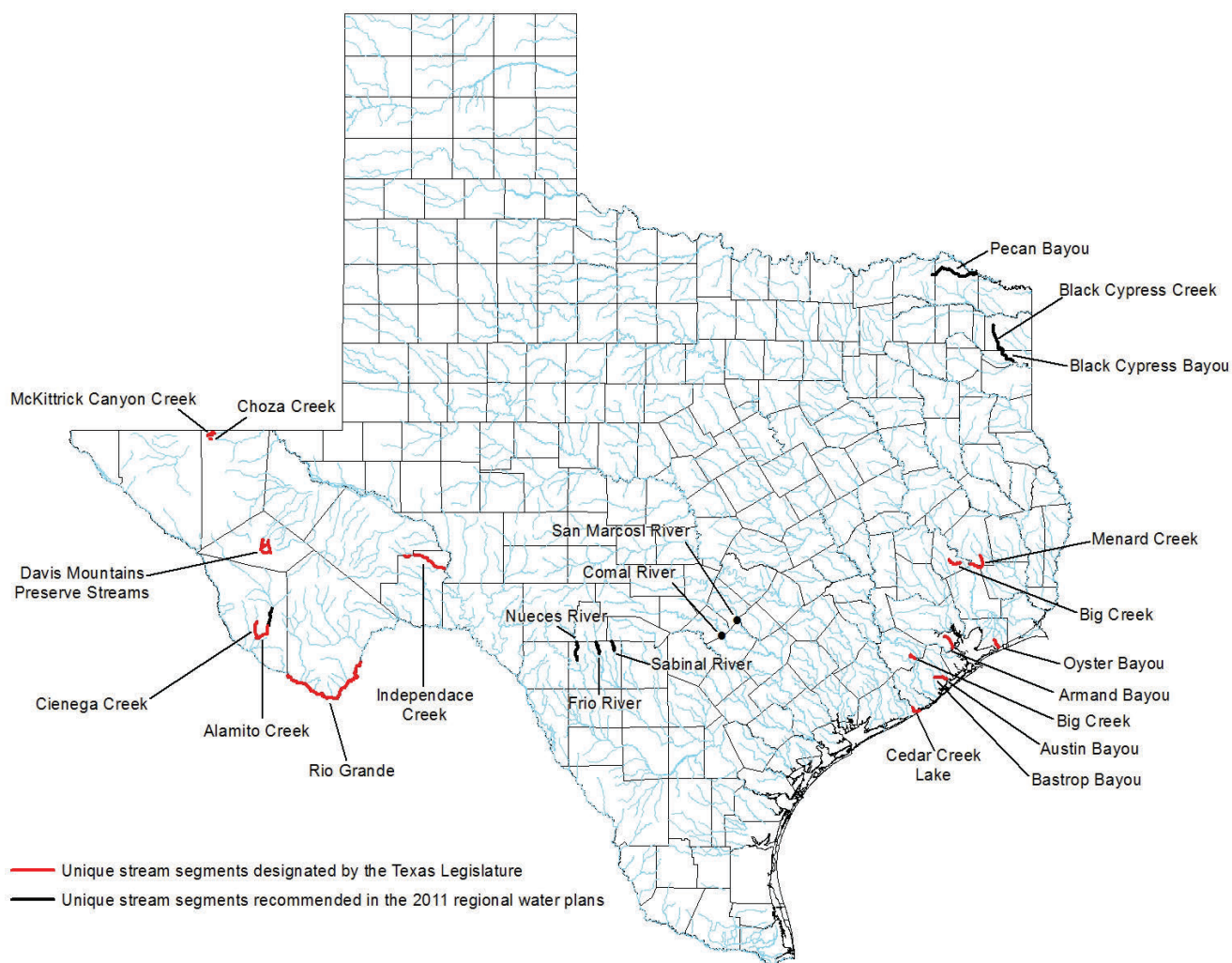
**FIGURE 11.1. DESIGNATED AND RECOMMENDED UNIQUE RESERVOIR SITES.**



A number of factors have contributed to the slowdown in reservoir development. The earlier period of construction captured many of the most logical and prolific sites for reservoirs. However, increased costs and more stringent requirements for obtaining state and federal permits for reservoir construction have also been major factors. A significant factor in whether or not the major reservoirs recommended in the 2011 regional water plans can actually be developed involves the reservoir site itself and the manner in which the state addresses issues associated with preserving the viability of the reservoir site for future reservoir construction purposes.

Actions by federal, state, or local governments to protect natural ecosystems located within the reservoir footprint can significantly impact the viability of a site for future construction of a proposed reservoir. Development of Waters Bluff Reservoir on the main stem of the Sabine River was prevented in 1986 by the establishment of a private conservation easement. In addition, the proposed Lake Fastrill, which was included in the 2007 State Water Plan as a recommended water management strategy to meet the future water supply needs of the City of Dallas, was effectively precluded from development by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's designation of the

**FIGURE 11.2. DESIGNATED AND RECOMMENDED UNIQUE STREAM SEGMENTS.**



Neches River National Wildlife Refuge on the basis of a 1-acre conservation easement. Lack of action by the state legislature in protecting reservoir sites has been cited as a problem in precluding federal actions that could otherwise be considered to be in contravention of the state’s primacy over water of the state.

Texas Water Code, Sections 16.051(e) and 16.053(e) (6), provide that state and regional water plans shall identify any sites of unique value for the construction of reservoirs that the planning groups or TWDB recommend for protection. Texas Water Code, Section 16.051(g) provides for legislative designation of sites of unique value for the construction of a reservoir. By statute, this designation means that a state agency or

political subdivision of the state may not obtain a fee title or an easement that would significantly prevent the construction of a reservoir on a designated site.

Designation by the Texas Legislature provides a limited but important measure of protection of proposed reservoir sites for future development and provides a demonstration of the legislature’s support for protection of potential sites.

The 80th Texas Legislature in 2007 designated all reservoir sites recommended in the 2007 State Water Plan as sites of unique value for the construction of a reservoir (Senate Bill 3, Section 4.01, codified at Texas Water Code Section 16.051 [g-1]). Senate Bill 3 (Section

3.02, codified at Texas Water Code Section 16.143) also added provisions providing certain protections to owners of land within a designated reservoir site. A former owner of land used for agricultural purposes within a designated reservoir site whose property is acquired either voluntarily or through condemnation is entitled to lease back the property and continue to use it for agricultural purposes until such time that the use must be terminated to allow for physical construction of the reservoir. In addition, a sunset provision was included which terminates the unique reservoir site designation on September 1, 2015, unless there is an affirmative vote by a project sponsor to make expenditures necessary to construct or file applications for permits required in connection with construction of the reservoir under federal or state law.

Texas Water Code, Sections 16.051(e) and 16.053(e) (6) also provide that state and regional water plans shall identify river and stream segments of unique ecological value that the planning groups or TWDB recommend for protection. Texas Water Code Section 16.051(f) also provides for legislative designation of river or stream segments of unique ecological value. By statute, this designation means that a state agency or political subdivision of the state may not finance the actual construction of a reservoir in a specific river or stream segment that the legislature has designated as having unique ecological value. Senate Bill 3, passed by the 80th Texas Legislature, also provided that all river or stream segment sites recommended in the 2007 State Water Plan were designated as being of unique ecological value.

## **ISSUE 2: RESERVOIR SITE ACQUISITION**

*The legislature should provide a mechanism to acquire feasible reservoir sites so they are available for development of additional surface water supplies to meet the future water supply needs of Texas identified in the 2011 regional water plans and also water supply needs that will occur beyond the 50-year regional and state water planning horizon.*

## **SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATION**

If the major reservoir sites recommended for construction in the 2011 regional water plans are not developed, the state will be short 1.46 million acre-feet of water in 2060, about 16.2 percent of the total water supply needed. Without additional water supplies, the state is facing a total water deficit of 8.3 million acre-feet in 2060. Failure to meet the state's water supply needs in drought conditions could cost Texas businesses and workers up to \$115.7 billion in 2060.

The cost of acquiring the remaining sites recommended as water management strategies is estimated to be \$558.2 million, based on 2011 regional water planning data. The advantages of acquiring these reservoir sites include the following:

- Provides for more efficient and economical long-term infrastructure planning
- Provides certainty to project sponsors that recommended reservoirs could be constructed on designated sites for future water supplies
- Provides some protection from actions by federal agencies that could prohibit the development of reservoirs
- Ensures these sites would be available to meet future water supply needs
- Demonstrates the state's commitment to provide sufficient water supply for Texas citizens to ensure public health, safety and welfare and to further economic development
- Allows the state to lease sites, prior to reservoir construction, to existing landowners or others for land use activities, such as crops and livestock, wildlife, or recreation, thereby also generating income for the state through lease revenue

Although prior legislative designation helps with preserving reservoir sites, purchasing future sites would provide significant additional protection, including much better protection from unilateral actions by federal agencies that could preempt major water supply projects. If the state owned the sites, it would be highly unlikely that a federal agency could



take an action related to those sites, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service action establishing the Neches Wildlife Refuge at the location of the proposed Fastrill Reservoir.

### **ISSUE 3: INTERBASIN TRANSFERS OF SURFACE WATER**

*The legislature should enact statutory provisions that eliminate unreasonable restrictions on the voluntary transfer of surface water from one basin to another.*

#### **SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATION**

Interbasin transfers of surface water have been an important, efficient, and effective means of meeting the diverse water supply needs of an ever-increasing population in Texas. Interbasin transfers that have already been permitted are or will be used to meet a wide variety of water demands, including municipal, manufacturing, steam-electric power generation, and irrigated agriculture demands.

Prior to the passage of Senate Bill 1, 75th Legislative Session (1997), Texas Water Code, Section 11.085, was entitled Interwatershed Transfers and contained the following provisions:

- Prohibited transfers of water from one watershed to another to the prejudice of any person or property within the watershed from which the water is taken.
- Required a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to move water from one watershed to another.
- Required the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to hold hearings to determine any rights that might be affected by a proposed interwatershed transfer.
- Prescribed civil penalties for violations of these statutory requirements.

In Senate Bill 1, 75th Texas Legislative Session, Texas Water Code, Section 11.085, was amended to replace the above provisions with significantly expanded administrative and technical requirements for obtaining an interbasin transfer authorization.

Since the amendments to the Texas Water Code requirements for interbasin transfers in 1997, there has been a significant drop in the amount of interbasin transfer authorizations issued and a significant amount of public discussion about whether the 1997 amendments to Texas Water Code, Section 11.085, have had a negative effect on issuing interbasin transfer authorizations.

Any impediments to obtaining interbasin transfer permits will severely impact the implementation of the projects included in the 2011 regional water plans. There are 15 recommended water management strategies which would rely on an interbasin transfer and will still require a permit to be granted.

### **ISSUE 4: THE PETITION PROCESS ON THE REASONABLENESS OF DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS**

*The legislature should remove TWDB from the petition process concerning the reasonableness of a desired future condition except for technical review and comment.*

#### **SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATION**

Prior to the passage of House Bill 1763 in 2005, regional water planning groups decided how much groundwater was available for use in the water planning process after considering groundwater conservation districts' management plans and rules. Groundwater conservation districts also decided how much groundwater was available for use for purposes of their management plans and permitting rules but with the requirement that their number not be inconsistent with the implementation of the state water plan. The passage of House Bill 1763 granted groundwater conservation districts the sole role of deciding how much groundwater was available for use for both regional water planning and groundwater conservation districts' purposes. Regional water planning groups are now required to use numbers called managed available groundwater, which will be called modeled available groundwater due to statutory changes effective September 1, 2011 (Chapter 5,

Supplies). These availability numbers are determined by TWDB on the basis of the specific desired future conditions adopted by the groundwater districts.

Current statute allows a petition to be filed with TWDB challenging the reasonableness of a desired future condition. A person with a legally defined interest in a groundwater management area, a groundwater conservation district in or adjacent to a groundwater management area, or regional water planning group with territory in a groundwater management area can file the petition.

If TWDB finds that a desired future condition is not reasonable, it recommends changes to the desired future condition. The groundwater conservation districts then must prepare a revised plan in accordance with the recommendations and hold another public hearing, but at the conclusion of the hearing the districts may adopt whatever desired future condition they deem appropriate. The final decision by the districts is not reviewable by TWDB, and at the conclusion of the process districts are free to retain the same desired future condition that existed before a petition was filed.

TWDB's Legislative Priorities Report for the 82nd Texas Legislative Session (TWDB, 2011) recommended that the legislature repeal the petition process concerning the reasonableness of desired future conditions or modify the process to provide a judicial remedy exclusive of TWDB, except for the agency's technical review and comment. This recommendation was made because the process, as is, allows districts to make the final decision on their desired future condition regardless of TWDB's determination of reasonableness. TWDB recommended a judicial remedy exclusive of TWDB because the agency is not regulatory and is therefore ill-suited for a regulatory process.

The Sunset Advisory Commission (2010) recommended that the petition process with TWDB

be repealed and that district adoption of a desired future condition be appealed to district court in the same manner as any challenge to a district rule under substantial evidence review. Although the petition process was discussed and debated during the 82nd Texas Legislative Session, the legislature ultimately did not pass legislation to change the process. Because the same concerns remain on the petition process, TWDB continues to recommend that the legislature should remove TWDB from the petition process except for technical review and comment.

### **ISSUE 5: WATER LOSS**

*The legislature should require all retail public utilities to conduct water loss audits on an annual basis, rather than every five years.*

### **SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATION**

System water loss refers to the difference between how much water is put into a water distribution system and how much water is verified to be used for consumption. Water loss includes theft, under-registering meters, billing adjustments and waivers, main breaks and leaks, storage tank overflows, and customer service line breaks and leaks. High values of water loss impact utility revenues and unnecessarily increase the use of water resources, especially during drought. During reviews of loan applications, TWDB has seen water losses as high as 50 percent for some water systems. Smaller municipal water systems tend to have higher percentage water losses than larger systems. Based on information collected in 2005, statewide water losses were estimated at 250,000 to 460,000 acre-feet per year (Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. and Water Prospecting and Resource Consulting, LLC, 2009).

The first step toward addressing high water losses is measuring where the water is going in a system with a water loss audit. An audit shows a utility how much of its water is lost and where they may need to focus efforts to reduce those losses. Water loss audits done over time help a utility identify progress with

minimizing water losses as well as identifying any new water loss issues.

Currently, the Texas Water Code requires all retail public utilities (about 3,600 in all) to submit a water loss audit to TWDB every five years. During the 82nd Legislative Session, based, in part, on TWDB's Legislative Priorities report for the 81st Legislative Session, the legislature required annual reporting for retail public utilities that receive financial assistance from TWDB (about 200). While this is a step in the right direction, TWDB believes that all retail public utilities would benefit from annual water loss surveys. Municipal water conservation is expected to account for about 7 percent of new water supplies (about 650,000 acre-feet per year) by 2060 in the state water plan. Measuring—and ultimately addressing—water loss will help achieve those conservation goals.

#### **ISSUE 6: FINANCING THE STATE WATER PLAN**

*The legislature should develop a long-term, affordable, and sustainable method to provide financing assistance for the implementation of the state water plan.*

#### **SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATION**

Following publication of the 2007 State Water Plan, TWDB conducted an Infrastructure Finance Survey to evaluate the amount of funding needed from state financial assistance programs to support local and regional water providers in implementing water management strategies recommended in the 2007 State Water Plan. The survey reported an anticipated need of \$17.1 billion in funds from TWDB financial assistance programs. Steps toward meeting these needs were made in the form of subsidized funding for state water plan projects provided during each of the previous two biennia to provide incentives for state water plan projects to be implemented. The 80th Legislature appropriated funds to subsidize the debt service

for \$762.8 million in bonds, and the 81st Legislature appropriated funds to subsidize the debt service for \$707.8 million in bonds. The 82nd Legislature approved the issuance of up to \$200 million in Water Infrastructure Funds bonds for state water plan projects; however, the funds appropriated to subsidize the debt service will provide for approximately \$100 million to be issued.

To date, incentives for state water plan projects have included reduced interest rates and deferral of payments and some grants, depending on the program. While these incentives have proven successful, they are a steady draw on general revenues of the state as long as there is debt outstanding.

During the 82nd Legislative session a new model of funding state water plan projects was discussed. This model would involve a deposit of funding, either from general revenue, a fee, or another appropriate source designated by the legislature. This funding, one-time or ongoing over a period of time, could be utilized to make loans to entities for state water plan projects. As the loan payments are received by TWDB, these funds would be available to be lent out again. In this way, the original funding would provide “capital” for the fund. Once established, this model could be expanded to include bond funding and reduced interest rates without being a draw on general revenue.

The latest estimate of funding needed to implement the 2012 State Water Plan is \$53 billion, with financial assistance needed from the state estimated to be \$26.9 billion, based on the planning groups' financing survey. With a need of this size identified, it is imperative that the state determine a sustainable, long-term methodology to provide funding necessary to implement state water plan projects.

## DROUGHT AND PUBLIC POLICY

Droughts and other natural disasters have often served as the impetus behind significant changes in public policy. A severe drought in the mid-1880s resulted in the state's first disaster relief bill and set off a public policy debate on how the federal government should respond to disasters.

Many of the settlers that arrived in Texas in the mid-1800s had little knowledge of the variability of the state's climate. As a result, they were often ill-prepared to respond to droughts. While struggling to survive the effects of a drought that began in 1885, local leaders in Albany, Texas, selected John Brown, a local minister, to solicit donations of wheat for farmers in nearby counties. Believing it was just as appropriate to ask for drought relief as it was to seek aid following hurricanes, Brown appealed to financial institutions and churches throughout the eastern United States. He persisted despite attacks from Texas newspaper editors and land promoters, who feared that the negative publicity would harm the state's economic development (Caldwell, 2002).

In response to Brown's efforts and those of Clara Barton, founder and first president of the American Red Cross, Congress passed the Texas Seed Bill of 1887. The bill appropriated \$10,000 for the purchase of seed grain for distribution to farmers in Texas counties that had suffered from the drought. The legislation was quickly vetoed by President Grover Cleveland, citing his belief that the government should not provide assistance, "to individual suffering which is in no manner properly related to the public service or benefit" (Bill of Rights Institute, 2011). It is still widely known as the most famous of President Cleveland's many vetoes.

Despite the defeat of federal aid, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$100,000 for drought relief, providing a little over 3 dollars to each needy person. The Red Cross and other donors also sent clothing, household goods, tools, and seed to drought-stricken areas. This type of response to disasters—government aid, combined with private charitable donations—is a template that is still in use today (Caldwell, 2002).

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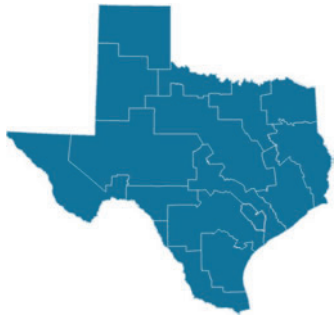
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# Glossary

## **ACRE-FOOT**

Volume of water needed to cover 1 acre to a depth of 1 foot. It equals 325,851 gallons.

## **AQUIFER**

Geologic formation that contains sufficient saturated permeable material to yield significant quantities of water to wells and springs. The formation could be sand, gravel, limestone, sandstone, or fractured igneous rocks.

## **AVAILABILITY**

Maximum amount of water available during the drought of record, regardless of whether the supply is physically or legally available.

## **BRACKISH WATER**

Water with total dissolved solids between 1,000 and 10,000 milligrams per liter.

## **CAPITAL COST**

Portion of the estimated cost of a water management strategy that includes both the direct costs of constructing facilities, such as materials, labor, and equipment, and the indirect expenses associated with construction activities, such as costs for engineering studies, legal counsel, land acquisition, contingencies, environmental mitigation, interest during construction, and permitting costs.

## **CONJUNCTIVE USE**

The combined use of groundwater and surface water sources that optimizes the beneficial characteristics of each source.

## **COUNTY-OTHER**

An aggregation of residential, commercial, and institutional water users in cities with less than 500 people or utilities that provide less than an average of 250,000 gallons per day, as well as unincorporated rural areas in a given county.

## **DESALINATION**

Process of removing salt from seawater or brackish water.

## **DROUGHT**

Term is generally applied to periods of less than average precipitation over a certain period of time. Associated definitions include *meteorological drought* (abnormally dry weather), *agricultural drought* (adverse impact on crop or range production), and *hydrologic drought* (below average water content in aquifers and/or reservoirs).

## **DROUGHT OF RECORD**

Period of time during recorded history when natural hydrological conditions provided the least amount of water supply. For Texas as a whole, the drought of record is generally considered to be from about 1950 to 1957.

## **ESTUARY**

Bay or inlet, often at the mouth of a river, in which large quantities of freshwater and seawater mix together.

## **EXISTING WATER SUPPLY**

Maximum amount of water available from existing sources for use during drought of record conditions that is physically and legally available for use.

## **FIRM YIELD**

Maximum water volume a reservoir can provide each year under a repeat of the drought of record.

## **FLOOD CONTROL STORAGE**

Storage in a lake or reservoir, between two designated water surface elevations, that is dedicated to storing floodwater so that flood damages downstream are eliminated or reduced.

## **FRESHWATER INFLOW NEEDS**

Freshwater flows required to maintain the natural salinity and nutrient and sediment delivery in a bay or estuary that supports their unique biological communities and ensures a healthy ecosystem.

## **GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY MODEL**

Numerical groundwater flow models used by TWDB to determine groundwater availability of the major and minor aquifers in Texas.

## **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

Area designated and delineated by TWDB as an area suitable for management of groundwater resources.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Physical means for meeting water and wastewater needs, such as dams, wells, conveyance systems, and water treatment plants.

## **INSTREAM FLOW**

Water flow and water quality regime adequate to maintain an ecologically sound environment in streams and rivers.

## **INTERBASIN TRANSFER**

Physical conveyance of surface water from one river basin to another.

## **MAJOR RESERVOIR**

Reservoir having a storage capacity of 5,000 acre-feet or more.

## **MODELED AVAILABLE GROUNDWATER**

The total amount of groundwater, including both permitted and exempt uses, that can be produced from the aquifer in an average year, that achieves the desired future condition for the aquifer.

## **NEEDS**

Projected water demands in excess of existing water supplies for a water user group or a wholesale water provider.

## **PLANNING GROUP**

Team of regional and local leaders of different backgrounds and various social, environmental, and economic interests responsible for developing and adopting a regional water plan for their planning area at five-year intervals.

**RECHARGE**

Amount of water that infiltrates to the water table of an aquifer.

**RECOMMENDED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Specific project or action to increase water supply or maximize existing supply to meet a specific need.

**REUSE**

Use of surface water that has already been beneficially used once under a water right or the use of groundwater which has already been used.

**RUN-OF-RIVER DIVERSION**

Water right permit that allows the permit holder to divert water directly out of a stream or river.

**SAFE YIELD**

The annual amount of water that can be withdrawn from a reservoir for a period of time longer than the drought of record.

**SEDIMENTATION**

Action or process of depositing sediment in a reservoir, usually silts, sands, or gravel.

**STORAGE**

Natural or artificial impoundment and accumulation of water in surface or underground reservoirs, usually for later withdrawal or release.

**SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT**

Contracts between junior and senior water right holders where the senior water right holder agrees not to assert its priority right against the junior.

**UNMET NEEDS**

Portion of the demand for water that exceeds water supply after inclusion of all recommended water management strategies in a regional water plan.

**WATER AVAILABILITY MODEL**

Numerical surface water flow models to determine the availability of surface water for permitting in the state.

**WATER DEMAND**

Quantity of water projected to meet the overall necessities of a water user group in a specific future year.

**WATER USER GROUP**

Identified user or group of users for which water demands and water supplies have been identified and analyzed and plans developed to meet water needs. Water user groups are defined at the county level for the manufacturing, irrigation, livestock, steam-electric power generation, and mining water use categories. Municipal water user groups include (a) incorporated cities and selected Census Designated Places with a population of 500 or more; (b) individual or groups of selected water utilities serving smaller municipalities or unincorporated areas; and (c) rural areas not included in a listed city or utility, aggregated for each county.

**WHOLESALE WATER PROVIDER**

Person or entity, including river authorities and irrigation districts, that had contracts to sell more than 1,000 acre-feet of water wholesale in any one year during the five years immediately preceding the adoption of the last regional water plan.





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# Appendices

## APPENDIX A.1. ACRONYMS

Region	Acronym	Key
A	CRMWA	Canadian River Municipal Water Authority
B	None	None
C	DWU	Dallas Water Utilities
C	GTUA	Greater Texoma Utility Authority
C	NTMWD	North Texas Municipal Water District
C	TRA	Trinity River Authority
C	TRWD	Tarrant Regional Water District
C	UTRWD	Upper Trinity Regional Water District
D	None	None
E	EPWU	El Paso Water Utility
E	LVWD	Lower Valley Water District
F	None	None
G	BRA	Brazos River Authority
H	BRA	Brazos River Authority
H	CHCRWA	Central Harris County Regional Water Authority
H	CLCND	Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District
H	GCWA	Gulf Coast Water Authority
H	LNVA	Lower Neches Valley Authority
H	MUD	Municipal Utility District
H	NCWA	North Channel Water Authority
H	NFBWA	North Fort Bend Water Authority
H	NHCRWA	North Harris County Regional Water Authority
H	SJRA	San Jacinto River Authority
H	TRA	Trinity River Authority
H	WCID	Water Control and Improvement District
H	WHCRWA	West Harris County Regional Water Authority
I	None	None
J	UGRA	Upper Guadalupe River Authority
K	LCRA	Lower Colorado River Authority
K	SAWS	San Antonio Water System
L	CRWA	Canyon Regional Water Authority
L	GBRA	Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
L	LCRA	Lower Colorado River Authority
L	LNRA	Lavaca Navidad River Authority
L	LGWSP	Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project
L	SAWS	San Antonio Water System
L	SSLGC	Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation
L	TWA	Texas Water Alliance
M	None	None
N	None	None
O	CRMWA	Canadian River Municipal Water Authority
O	WRMWD	White River Municipal Water District
P	None	None

## APPENDIX A.2. RECOMMENDED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND COST ESTIMATES

Recommended Water Management Strategy	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)					Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	
<b>Region A</b>						
CRMWA acquisition of water rights	na	-	-	-	-	na
CRMWA Roberts County well field	\$239	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	\$112
Drill additional groundwater well	\$288 - \$2,911	2,718	8,718	16,472	20,519	23,000 up to \$1,311
Irrigation conservation	\$0	\$19 - \$25	297,114	485,080	549,383	552,385 \$18 - \$27
Municipal conservation	\$0	\$490	1,963	3,641	4,278	4,529 \$490
Palo Duro reservoir	\$114,730,000	\$2,976	-	3,875	3,833	3,792 3,750 \$408
Potter County well field	\$128,511,300	\$1,518	9,467	10,292	11,182	11,141 10,831 \$293
Precipitation enhancement	\$0	\$6	15,206	15,206	15,206	15,206 \$6
Roberts County well field - Amarillo	\$287,377,200	\$1,447	-	11,210	11,210	22,420 \$889
Voluntary transfer from other users	\$0	na	-	100	100	1,100 na
Voluntary transfer from other users <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	200	800	2,468	3,579 5,311 6,563 na
<b>Region A Subtotal</b>	<b>\$739,043,420</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>332,468</b>	<b>545,207</b>	<b>617,843</b>	<b>631,629 648,221</b>
<b>Region B</b>						
Construct Lake Ringgold	\$1,408	-	-	-	27,000	27,000 \$1,408
Develop other aquifer supplies	\$957,975	245	245	245	245	245 \$274
Develop Trinity Aquifer supplies	\$1,059,638	271	271	271	271	271 \$274
Develop Trinity Aquifer supplies (includes overdrafting)	\$265,887	68	68	68	68	68 \$274
Enclose canal laterals in pipe	\$7,658,469	\$52	13,034	13,034	13,034	13,034 \$1
Increase water conservation pool at Lake Kemp	\$130,000	na	24,834	24,776	24,718	24,660 24,600 na
Municipal conservation	\$0	\$0 - \$1,667	197	764	799	841 857 1,668 \$0 - \$556
Nitrate removal plant	\$647,000	\$1,363 - \$2,550	50	50	50	50 \$388 - \$800
Purchase water from local provider	\$2,798,700	\$1,059 - \$2,266	1,508	1,046	1,046	1,046 \$936 - \$1642
Wastewater reuse	\$1,206,500	\$950	-	-	171	171 \$950
Wichita River diversion	\$5,380,000	\$73	-	-	8,850	8,850 \$20
Emergency interconnect Millers Creek Reservoir <sup>1</sup>	\$714,000	\$1,252	250	250	250	250 \$1,000
Purchase water from local provider <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$1,059	-	462	462	462 \$1,059
Wichita Basin chloride control project <sup>1</sup>	\$95,450,000	\$286	26,500	26,500	26,500	26,500 \$47
<b>Region B Subtotal</b>	<b>\$499,168,169</b>	<b>15,373</b>	<b>40,312</b>	<b>40,289</b>	<b>49,294</b>	<b>76,252 77,003</b>
<b>Region C</b>						
Additional dry year supply	\$1,750,000	na	25,000	-	-	- na
Additional pipeline from Lake Tawakoni (more Lake Fork supply)	\$496,243,000	\$558	-	77,994	73,563	71,346 69,128 \$108
Collin-Grayson Municipal Alliance System	\$77,366,000	\$3,045	-	3,255	8,614	14,192 20,604 27,412 \$982
Cooke County project	\$50,280,000	\$1,658	-	2,240	3,360	4,480 4,480 \$394
Dallas Water Utilities reuse	\$82,920,000	\$233	-	34,902	39,907	47,001 50,382 \$42

**APPENDIX A.2. RECOMMENDED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND COST ESTIMATES - CONTINUED**

Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	First Decade Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)		Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060		
Direct reuse	\$284,783,000	\$691	1,552	14,327	29,283	38,649	43,184	46,250	\$139		
Direct reuse - Frisco	\$31,448,606	\$1,359	-	2,240	3,359	5,650	5,649	5,650	\$134		
Ennis reuse	\$31,779,000	\$14,739	-	-	-	333	2,199	3,696	\$1,328		
Facility improvements	\$2,314,568,600	na	-	-	-	-	-	-	na		
Facility improvements - reuse sources	\$590,686,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	-	na		
Fannin County project	\$38,471,000	\$3,838	-	1,254	2,400	3,862	4,439	5,113	\$395		
Fastrill replacement (Region C component) <sup>2</sup>	\$1,980,278,000	\$1,724	-	-	-	-	-	112,100	\$1,724		
Golf course conservation	\$0	\$279	56	942	1,808	2,261	2,690	3,121	\$278		
Grayson County project	\$136,016,000	na	200	7,560	10,920	13,440	19,040	24,640	\$141		
Indirect reuse	\$0	na	-	4,368	4,368	4,368	4,368	4,368	na		
Indirect reuse - Jacksboro for Jack County mining	\$200,000	na	385	385	385	385	385	385	na		
Lake Palestine connection (integrated pipeline with TRWD)	\$887,954,000	\$773	-	111,776	110,670	109,563	108,455	107,347	\$204		
Lake Ralph Hall	\$286,401,000	\$727	-	34,050	34,050	34,050	34,050	34,050	\$116		
Lake Ralph Hall - indirect reuse	\$0	na	0	6,129	12,258	18,387	18,387	18,387	na		
Lake Texoma - authorized (blend)	\$336,356,000	\$496	-	-	69,200	68,500	113,000	113,000	\$87		
Lake Texoma - interim purchase from GTUA	\$0	na	-	21,900	21,900	21,899	-	-	na		
Lake Wright Patman - reallocation of flood pool	\$896,478,000	\$762	-	-	-	112,100	112,100	112,100	\$762		
Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir	\$615,498,000	\$972	-	54,796	117,800	114,138	111,361	108,487	\$79		
Main stem pump station (additional East Fork) NTMWD	\$0	na	-	34,900	15,100	-	-	-	na		
Main Stem Trinity pump station (Lake Ray Hubbard indirect reuse - DWU)	\$142,567,000	\$730	-	17,168	15,004	20,010	13,700	11,105	\$196		
Manufacturing conservation	\$0	na	1	131	1,530	2,259	2,457	2,618	\$211		
Marvin Nichols Reservoir	\$3,345,052,000	\$364	-	-	227,400	227,400	472,300	472,300	\$83		
Municipal conservation - basic	\$1,151,575	\$200	41,967	97,040	137,705	175,858	216,941	264,429	\$85		
Municipal conservation - expanded	\$480,774	\$169	4,756	9,862	13,907	16,910	18,824	20,541	\$396		
New wells - Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer	\$1,853,000	\$345	154	181	183	465	466	467	\$446		
New wells - Trinity Aquifer	\$7,778,150	\$410	1,882	2,042	2,306	2,306	2,306	2,306	\$229		
New wells - Woodbine Aquifer	\$14,543,000	\$663	763	1,932	1,932	1,932	1,932	1,932	\$339		
New wells - Irving	\$194,825,000	\$810	-	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	\$244		
Oklahoma water to NTMWD, TRWD, UTRWD	\$756,044,500	\$290	-	-	-	-	-	115,000	\$290		
Overdraft Trinity Aquifer - existing wells	\$0	\$105	2,168	-	-	-	-	-	na		
Overdraft Trinity Aquifer - new wells	\$269,000	\$493	75	-	-	-	-	-	na		
Purchase from water provider (1)	\$0	na	46	-	-	-	-	-	na		
Redistribution of supplies	\$0	na	530	13,979	18,526	24,028	33,981	58,031	na		
Subordination agreement - future-only sources	\$6,217,000	\$2,561	-	280	220	219	217	215	\$556		
Supplemental wells	\$485,381,934	na	-	-	-	-	-	-	na		

## APPENDIX A.2. RECOMMENDED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND COST ESTIMATES - CONTINUED

Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	First Decade Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
			2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060		
<b>Recommended Water Management Strategy</b>			2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060		
Toledo Bend project (Region I entities responsible for 20 percent of cost)	\$2,406,236,000	na	363	329	272	232	400,229	400,217	\$1,072	
TRA 10-Mile Creek reuse project	\$14,895,000	\$259	-	-	6,760	6,760	6,760	6,760	\$99	
TRA Denton Creek wastewater treatment plant reuse	\$9,506,000	na	-	3750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	\$229	
TRA Ellis County reuse	\$10,384,000	\$505	-	-	-	-	-	2,200	\$505	
TRA Freestone County reuse	\$17,266,000	\$323	-	-	-	-	6,760	6,760	\$323	
TRA Kaufman County reuse	\$9,761,000	\$901	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	\$192	
TRA Las Colinas reuse	\$14,530,000	\$284	-	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	\$134	
TRA Tarrant County project	\$59,008,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	-	na	
TRWD third pipeline and reuse	\$914,424,000	\$1,016	-	105,500	105,500	105,500	105,500	105,500	\$324	
Water treatment plant - expansion	\$19,970,000	na	-	1,260	1,081	3,180	2,766	2,268	\$1,090	
Water treatment plant - new	\$308,309,400	na	-	192	523	587	613	807	\$19,346	
Conveyance project (1) <sup>1</sup>	\$413,884,000	\$11,561	194	10,417	17,255	19,490	23,046	25,178	\$679	
Conveyance project (2) <sup>1</sup>	\$69,299,100	na	-	1,672	1,299	1,234	1,226	1,237	\$3,154	
Conveyance project (3) <sup>1</sup>	\$6,465,400	\$6,531	-	213	1,009	1,717	1,957	2,016	\$1,027	
Grayson County project <sup>1</sup>	\$146,071,000	\$3,693	-	5,600	8,400	8,400	14,000	19,600	\$514	
Purchase from water provider (1) <sup>1</sup>	\$164,114,900	na	402	27,039	32,425	31,243	30,709	30,103	\$1,067	
Purchase from water provider (2) <sup>1</sup>	\$3,538,000	\$5,950	-	52	50	50	50	86	\$609	
Purchase from water provider (3) <sup>1</sup>	\$65,481,250	\$2,384	-	4,004	4,493	6,083	5,626	6,417	\$1,706	
Water treatment plant - expansion - reuse sources <sup>1</sup>	\$32,750,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	-	na	
Water treatment plant - expansion <sup>1</sup>	\$2,708,430,000	na	-	484	828	2,279	2,545	2,618	\$106,249	
<b>Region C Subtotal</b>	<b>\$21,481,952,189</b>		<b>79,898</b>	<b>674,664</b>	<b>1,131,057</b>	<b>1,303,003</b>	<b>2,045,260</b>	<b>2,360,302</b>		
<b>Region D</b>										
Drill new well	\$32,260,219	\$2,342	1,094	1,636	1,969	3,100	4,888	6,757	\$336	
Increase existing contract	\$0	\$591	1,576	2,001	3,345	13,199	34,692	59,478	\$476	
New surface water contract	\$6,247,886	\$311	8,660	12,523	14,866	17,678	22,512	32,231	\$144	
Increase existing contract <sup>3</sup>	\$0	na	-	340	558	711	1,280	1,471	na	
<b>Region D Subtotal</b>	<b>\$38,508,104</b>		<b>11,330</b>	<b>16,160</b>	<b>20,180</b>	<b>33,977</b>	<b>62,092</b>	<b>98,466</b>		
<b>Region E</b>										
Additional one well	\$702,770	\$10	-	500	500	500	500	500	\$10	
Additional wells	\$1,006,762	\$29	-	175	175	350	350	350	\$29	
Additional wells and desalination plant expansions	\$34,344,000	\$1,114	-	1,607	3,304	4,764	6,245	7,726	\$564	
Arsenic treatment facility	\$1,996,232	\$34	-	276	276	276	276	276	\$34	
Integrated water management strategy - conjunctive use with additional surface water	\$0	\$525	-	-	-	3,600	3,600	3,600	\$525	

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	Total Capital Costs	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)						Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	
Recommended Water Management Strategy - conservation	\$0	\$333	3,000	7,000	11,000	16,000	22,000	\$45
Integrated water management strategy - desalination of agricultural drain water	\$16,675,000	\$930	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	\$476
Integrated water management strategy - direct reuse	\$25,257,000	\$538	2,000	4,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	\$334
Integrated water management strategy - import from Dell Valley	\$214,113,000	\$1,529	-	-	-	10,000	20,000	\$1,309
Integrated water management strategy - import from Diablo Farns	\$245,506,000	\$2,353	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	\$2,353
Integrated water management strategy - recharge of groundwater with treated surface water	\$14,625,000	\$542	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	\$330
Irrigation scheduling	\$0	\$70	5,275	5,275	5,275	5,275	5,275	\$70
Purchase water from EPWU	\$0	varies	16,939	21,512	18,156	14,074	13,569	varies
Purchase water from LVWD	\$0	\$451	1,441	2,812	3,883	5,050	6,218	\$1,470
Tailwater reuse	\$0	\$478	2,312	2,312	2,312	2,312	2,312	\$478
Water district delivery systems	\$147,635,869	\$8	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	\$8
Integrated water management strategy - conjunctive use with additional surface water <sup>1</sup>	\$140,238,000	\$1,671	5,000	15,000	16,400	16,400	16,400	\$525
Purchase water from EPWU <sup>1</sup>	\$0	varies	605	1,161	9,193	18,231	24,706	varies
<b>Region E Subtotal</b>	<b>\$842,099,633</b>	<b>3,376</b>	<b>66,225</b>	<b>79,866</b>	<b>98,816</b>	<b>112,382</b>	<b>130,526</b>	
<b>Region F</b>								
Advanced treatment	\$2,582,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	na
Bottled water program	\$3,000	\$1,400 - \$28,400	1	1	1	1	1	\$1,400 - \$28,400
Brush control	\$23,020,000	na	8,362	8,362	8,362	8,362	8,362	na
Desalination	\$213,760,990	\$1,163	950	950	16,050	16,050	16,050	\$346
Develop Cenozoic Aquifer supplies	\$244,775,000	\$251 - \$342	-	19,600	19,600	19,600	19,600	\$251 - \$342
Develop Dockum Aquifer supplies	\$17,855,000	\$445	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	\$445
Develop Ellenburger Aquifer supplies	\$5,148,000	\$370	200	200	200	200	200	\$370
Develop Hickory Aquifer supplies	\$174,991,000	\$610 - \$1670	160	6,860	10,160	12,160	12,160	\$610 - \$1670
Irrigation conservation	\$68,650,668	\$69	36,125	72,244	72,244	72,244	72,244	\$69
Municipal conservation	\$0	\$498	3,197	6,988	8,307	8,897	9,525	\$154
New water treatment plant and storage facilities	\$2,436,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	na
New/renew water supply	\$8,964,000	\$477	392	5,622	16,180	17,073	16,866	\$477
Rehabilitation of pipeline	\$7,521,900	\$315	-	2,281	2,267	2,254	2,240	\$448
Replacement well	\$13,941,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	na
Reuse	\$130,906,000	\$1,072	12,380	12,380	12,490	12,490	12,490	\$383
Subordination	\$0	na	78,832	77,555	66,391	63,241	62,606	na
<b>Region F Subtotal</b>	<b>\$914,554,558</b>	<b>90,944</b>	<b>157,243</b>	<b>218,705</b>	<b>236,087</b>	<b>235,400</b>	<b>235,198</b>	

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Recommended Water Management Strategy Region G	Total Capital Costs	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060		
Additional Carrizo Aquifer development (includes overdrafting)	\$23,676,071	\$585	1,481	1,884	2,184	5,084	6,963	6,963	\$182
Additional Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer development (includes overdrafting)	\$679,000	\$588	114	114	114	114	114	114	\$70
Additional Gulf Coast Aquifer development	\$31,630,000	\$638	-	-	-	5,600	5,600	5,600	\$146
Additional Trinity Aquifer development (includes overdrafting)	\$19,278,000	\$264	723	322	522	1,357	1,708	2,025	\$553
Aquifer storage and recovery (Brazos River to Seymour Aquifer)	\$38,625,000	\$701	6,208	6,208	6,208	6,208	6,208	6,208	\$159
Belton to Stillhouse pipeline	\$36,038,000	\$133	-	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	\$45
Bosque County regional project	\$5,150,000	\$2,895	-	-	190	190	190	190	\$532
BRA supply through the East Williamson County Regional Water Treatment System	\$44,706,000	\$1,680	4,601	6,260	6,260	6,958	6,958	6,958	\$430
BRA surface water and treatment system expansion	\$39,971,000	\$2,933	375	3,545	3,545	3,545	3,545	3,545	\$573
BRA system operations permit	\$204,281,000	\$2,808	750	77,020	82,242	84,742	84,742	84,899	\$314
Brushy Creek Reservoir	\$18,553,000	\$484	2,090	2,090	2,090	2,090	2,090	2,090	\$67
Cedar Ridge Reservoir	\$285,214,000	\$1,168	-	23,380	23,380	23,380	23,380	23,380	\$241
City of Groesbeck off-channel reservoir	\$10,412,000	\$565	-	-	-	-	1,755	1,755	\$565
Conjunctive management of Champion well field and Oak Creek Reservoir with subordination agreement	\$0	na	688	755	878	948	953	963	na
Coryell County Reservoir (BRA System)	\$37,489,000	\$1,007	-	3,365	3,365	3,365	3,365	3,365	\$193
Expansion of Champion well field	\$15,015,000	\$1,643	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	\$334
Future phases of Lake Whitney water supply project	\$110,843,000	\$926	-	7,572	7,572	7,572	7,572	7,572	\$926
Groundwater/ surface water conjunctive use (Lake Granger Augmentation)	\$643,928,000	\$838	26,505	26,001	25,496	47,435	70,751	70,246	\$1,154
Increase treatment capacity	\$195,654,000	\$546	15,176	28,176	36,016	40,047	51,330	58,435	\$294
Interconnection of City of Waco system with neighboring communities	\$14,652,000	\$3,387	837	837	837	1,564	1,684	1,814	\$1,136
Irrigation water conservation	\$0	\$235	3,390	5,519	7,550	7,376	7,206	7,041	\$228
Limestone County Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer development	\$18,458,000	\$562	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,600	3,600	3,600	\$115
Manufacturing water conservation	\$0	na	140	275	440	494	545	594	na
Midway pipeline project (West Central Brazos distribution system)	\$13,524,731	\$2,046	843	843	843	843	843	843	\$648
Millers Creek augmentation	\$46,948,000	\$217	17,582	17,582	17,582	17,582	17,582	17,582	\$217
Mining water conservation	\$0	na	340	611	885	913	941	973	na
Municipal water conservation	\$0	\$475	4,873	13,572	14,379	15,865	18,497	21,347	\$475
New water treatment plant	\$3,522,000	\$2,179	224	224	224	224	224	224	\$808

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Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	First Decade Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)		Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)	
		2010	2010	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2060		
New West Loop reuse line	\$5,495,500	\$591	na	680	680	680	680	680	680	680	680	\$120
Oak Creek Reservoir with subordination agreement	\$0	na	na	1,679	1,671	1,557	1,435	1,301	1,154	na	na	na
Phase I Lake Whitney water supply project	\$41,453,000	\$2,852	\$2,852	2,128	2,128	2,128	2,128	2,128	2,128	2,128	2,128	\$1,153
Purchase water from City of Bryan	\$1,201,000	\$262	\$262	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$192
Raise level of Gibbons Creek Reservoir	\$12,140,600	\$237	\$237	-	3,870	3,870	3,870	3,870	3,870	3,870	3,870	\$29
Reallocation of source	\$0	na	na	9,081	35,928	35,928	40,028	45,728	52,628	na	na	na
Regional surface water supply to Williamson County from												
Lake Travis	\$391,533,000	\$1,308	\$1,308	600	34,148	41,187	41,187	44,459	44,459	44,459	44,459	\$938
Rehabilitate existing wells	\$350,000	\$30	\$30	-	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	\$30
Restructure contract	\$0	na	na	502	470	437	406	373	341	na	na	na
Somervell County water supply project (phases 1-4)	\$29,923,000	\$2,841	\$2,841	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	840	\$508
Somervell County water supply project (phases 5-13)	\$74,228,000	\$1,147	\$1,147	-	-	960	960	960	960	960	960	\$174
Steam-electric conservation	\$0	na	na	2,114	4,896	8,219	9,109	10,822	11,803	na	na	na
Stonewall, Kent, and Garza chloride control project	\$163,226,000	na	na	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	na
Storage reallocation of federal reservoirs - Lake Aquilla	\$11,447,000	\$406	\$406	-	-	-	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050	\$406
Turkey Peak Reservoir	\$50,227,000	\$924	\$924	-	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	\$441
Voluntary redistribution	\$6,391,000	\$312	\$312	11,251	11,942	13,564	14,425	15,236	16,558	na	na	\$469
Wastewater reuse	\$115,432,500	\$340	\$340	17,043	38,653	40,523	51,114	64,830	70,087	na	na	\$317
Coryell County Reservoir (BRA system) <sup>1</sup>	\$14,399,000	\$2,867	\$2,867	-	-	3,365	3,365	3,365	3,365	3,365	3,365	\$1,522
Groundwater/surface water conjunctive use (Lake												
Granger augmentation) <sup>1</sup>	\$229,822,000	\$865	\$865	-	-	-	33,814	37,839	39,710	na	na	\$864
Increase current contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$401	\$401	43	43	543	1,043	1,543	2,143	na	na	\$831
Increase treatment capacity <sup>1</sup>	\$13,951,000	\$648	\$648	-	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	\$213
Limestone County Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer development <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$562	\$562	148	146	144	142	141	141	141	141	\$115
New water treatment plant <sup>1</sup>	\$35,822,000	\$627	\$627	-	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	\$255
Storage reallocation of federal reservoirs - Lake Aquilla <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	na	-	-	-	375	745	999	na	na	na
Turkey Peak Reservoir <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$924	\$924	-	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	\$441
Voluntary redistribution <sup>1</sup>	\$91,940,000	\$860	\$860	3,529	19,162	28,296	29,099	29,903	30,757	na	na	\$472
Wastewater reuse <sup>1</sup>	\$39,128,901	\$436	\$436	9,232	10,831	11,760	11,760	11,760	11,760	11,760	11,760	\$107
<b>Region G Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,186,357,303</b>	<b>137,858</b>	<b>405,581</b>	<b>436,895</b>	<b>496,528</b>	<b>562,803</b>	<b>587,084</b>	<b>628,000</b>	<b>668,000</b>	<b>718,000</b>	<b>768,000</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>Region H</b>												
Allens Creek reservoir	\$222,752,400	\$326	\$326	-	57,393	55,096	87,781	99,650	99,650	99,650	99,650	\$39
BRA system operations permit	\$0	na	na	-	6,621	18,870	25,350	25,350	25,350	25,350	25,350	na
Brazoria County interruptible supplies for irrigation	\$0	na	na	104,977	86,759	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	na
Brazoria off-channel reservoir	\$173,898,602	\$1,206	\$1,206	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,206
Brazos saltwater barrier	\$44,470,739	na	na	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	na



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Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060		
Cities of Richmond-Rosenberg Groundwater Reduction Plan - West Fort Bend surface water treatment plant	\$117,220,150	\$887	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	\$2,325
City of Houston bayous permit	\$20,956,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	-	na
City of Houston Groundwater Reduction Plan participation	\$58,235,873	\$378	11,417	16,809	19,870	22,399	24,990	24,990	\$214
City of Houston indirect reuse	\$721,822,850	\$725	-	-	66,420	114,679	128,801	128,801	\$799
City of Missouri City Groundwater Reduction Plan - aquifer storage and recovery	\$58,987,437	na	4,147	4,147	4,147	4,147	4,147	4,147	na
City of Missouri City Groundwater Reduction Plan - reuse participation	\$9,100,352	na	640	640	640	640	640	640	na
City of Missouri City Groundwater Reduction Plan participation	\$6,618,706	\$378	1,004	1,860	1,896	1,896	1,896	1,896	\$248
City of Sugar Land Groundwater Reduction Plan - reuse participation	\$78,783,825	na	560	5,040	5,040	5,040	5,040	5,040	na
City of Sugar Land Groundwater Reduction Plan participation	\$6,360,101	\$379	480	1,763	2,380	2,381	2,155	2,155	\$223
CLOND West Chambers System	\$20,380,000	\$1,171	1,691	1,978	2,235	2,511	2,804	2,804	\$73
Contract with Brazosport Water Authority	\$22,363,694	\$193	7,750	7,750	7,750	7,750	7,750	7,750	\$94
Contract with CHCRWA	\$2,048,820	\$196	977	862	720	631	546	546	\$50
Contract with City of Galveston	\$10,542,328	\$172	7,262	7,262	7,262	7,262	7,262	7,262	\$46
Contract with City of Houston	\$63,420,357	\$596	6,128	4,816	4,742	5,400	6,027	6,027	\$428
Contract with Fort Bend County WCID #1	\$1,815,739	\$259	148	824	940	1,016	1,016	1,016	\$60
Contract with Galveston County WCID #1	\$1,807,960	\$207	766	909	940	975	1,014	1,014	\$60
Contract with GCWA	\$132,634,164	\$406	29,718	30,708	31,618	32,719	34,057	34,057	\$223
Contract with LNVA	\$405,835	\$1,392	16	23	29	33	37	37	\$642
Contract with NHCRA	\$42,207,965	\$68	56,453	83,041	64,491	34,726	27,478	27,478	\$50
Contract with SJRA	\$264,926,229	\$829	23,008	27,754	37,090	54,777	54,805	54,849	\$206
Contract with TRA	\$249,479,472	\$1,044	13,823	17,083	19,972	22,888	25,732	28,672	\$620
Dow off-channel reservoir	\$124,468,000	\$481	21,800	21,800	21,800	21,800	21,800	21,800	\$389
Expanded use of groundwater	\$165,928,999	\$238	40,159	62,297	68,916	80,337	90,617	90,617	\$175
Fort Bend County MUD #25 Groundwater Reduction Plan - reuse	\$776,145	\$568	589	589	589	589	589	589	\$453
Fort Bend off-channel reservoir	\$202,514,788	\$484,074	-	-	-	90	45,943	45,943	\$948
Freeport desalination plant	\$265,699,000	\$854	-	-	-	33,600	33,600	33,600	\$854
Fulshear reuse	\$566,625	\$568	287	430	430	430	430	430	\$453
GCWA off-channel reservoir	\$197,448,012	\$827	-	39,500	39,500	39,500	39,500	39,500	\$827
Industrial conservation	\$0	na	558	558	558	558	558	558	na
Interim strategies	\$1,155,965	\$369	503	-	-	-	-	-	na
Interim strategies - temporary overdraft	\$85,545,570	\$303	45,009	-	-	-	-	-	na
Irrigation conservation	\$757,436	\$100	71,275	71,275	71,275	77,881	77,881	77,881	\$100

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Recommended Water Management Strategy	First Decade Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)					Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)					Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)			
	Total Capital Costs	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2010	2020	2030		2040	2050	2060
Montgomery MUD #8/9 indirect reuse	\$12,245,687	\$1,387	-	657	816	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120	\$436
Municipal conservation	\$0	\$213	1,680	3,635	3,954	4,269	4,716	5,232	54,484	50,073	54,484	54,484	54,484	\$213
Municipal conservation - large water user group	\$0	\$213	31,612	38,940	42,664	46,276	50,073	54,484	54,484	50,073	54,484	54,484	54,484	\$213
Municipal conservation - medium water user group	\$0	\$311	2,658	4,377	5,062	5,684	6,384	7,189	38,589	33,219	38,589	38,589	38,589	\$311
Municipal conservation - small water user group	\$0	\$202	9,655	18,366	24,016	28,274	33,219	38,589	38,589	33,219	38,589	38,589	38,589	\$202
New groundwater wells for livestock	\$18,635	\$61	-	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	\$21
NFBWA Groundwater Reduction Plan participation	\$1,638,063	\$380	-	106	258	295	466	687	8,088	6,664	8,088	8,088	8,088	\$241
NHCRWA Groundwater Reduction Plan participation	\$17,814,585	\$377	761	2,933	4,243	5,573	6,664	8,088	8,088	6,664	8,088	8,088	8,088	\$206
NHCRWA indirect reuse	\$66,778,694	\$822	-	-	-	7,300	16,300	16,300	16,300	16,300	16,300	16,300	16,300	\$589
Reallocation of existing supplies	\$275,269,912	\$351	59,614	56,931	54,011	66,006	76,391	152,895	152,895	76,391	152,895	152,895	152,895	\$148
River Plantation Groundwater Reduction Plan - reuse	\$484,926	\$568	168	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	\$453
SJRA Water Resources Assessment Plan participation	\$89,604,231	\$235	-	21,441	27,020	30,247	28,720	26,896	26,896	28,720	26,896	26,896	26,896	\$282
TRA to City of Houston contract	\$0	na	-	-	116,738	123,524	123,524	123,524	123,524	123,524	123,524	123,524	123,524	na
TRA to S.JRA contract	\$302,781,597	\$4,676	-	-	-	7,935	39,096	76,476	76,476	39,096	76,476	76,476	76,476	\$140
Wastewater reclamation for municipal irrigation	\$48,043,249	\$568	-	-	7,272	15,425	25,561	36,388	36,388	25,561	36,388	36,388	36,388	\$520
Wastewater reuse for industry	\$332,051,761	\$893	-	-	-	-	-	67,200	67,200	-	-	-	67,200	\$893
WHCRWA Groundwater Reduction Plan participation	\$35,268,970	\$378	2,488	7,689	10,105	11,683	13,340	15,104	15,104	13,340	15,104	15,104	15,104	\$219
BRA to Brazosport Water Authority contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	232	248	3,114	6,366	10,870	10,870	6,366	10,870	10,870	10,870	na
BRA to Cities of Richmond-Rosenberg contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	-	2,182	6,120	11,290	11,290	6,120	11,290	11,290	11,290	na
BRA to City of Sugar Land contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	2,054	5,894	7,232	7,750	9,512	9,512	7,750	9,512	9,512	9,512	na
BRA to GCWA contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	35,558	80,016	100,410	112,400	131,128	131,128	112,400	131,128	131,128	131,128	na
BRA to NRG Energy contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	-	-	-	17,000	17,000	-	-	-	17,000	na
CHCRWA Groundwater Reduction Plan <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	2,375	4,146	4,789	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	na
CHCRWA internal distribution <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	2,375	4,146	4,789	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	na
CHCRWA transmission line <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	2,375	4,146	4,789	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	4,806	na
City of Houston distribution expansion <sup>1</sup>	\$261,040,000	\$80	-	280,000	128,000	64,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	\$54
City of Houston to Baytown Area Water Authority contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	26	262	398	535	692	692	398	535	692	692	na
City of Houston to BRA contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	54,996	50,402	115,772	139,510	139,510	139,510	115,772	139,510	139,510	139,510	na
City of Houston to CHCRWA contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	1,771	2,414	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,431	na
City of Houston to City of Pasadena contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	1,865	2,278	2,665	3,153	3,579	4,066	4,066	3,153	3,579	4,066	4,066	na
City of Houston to NCWA contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	1,954	2,392	2,869	3,511	4,157	4,912	4,912	3,511	4,157	4,912	4,912	na
City of Houston to NFBWA contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	888	35,942	62,322	82,344	100,884	100,884	62,322	82,344	100,884	100,884	na
City of Houston to NHCRWA contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	56,453	83,041	83,041	78,041	83,041	83,041	83,041	78,041	83,041	83,041	na
City of Houston to S.JRA contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	36,377	55,538	54,582	53,581	52,534	52,534	55,538	54,582	53,581	52,534	na
City of Houston to WHCRWA contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	1,241	31,837	46,324	52,759	55,549	58,402	58,402	52,759	55,549	58,402	58,402	na

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Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)								Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2060		
City of Houston treatment expansion <sup>1</sup>	\$2,045,672,161	\$479	16,000	280,000	128,000	64,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	\$1,867
City of Huntsville water treatment plant <sup>1</sup>	\$61,023,906	\$904	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,200	11,200	\$429
City of Missouri City Groundwater Reduction Plan <sup>1</sup>	\$24,003,201	\$1,110	-	395	4,644	8,362	8,362	12,775	12,775	\$131
City of Peatland surface water treatment plant <sup>1</sup>	\$265,000,000	\$1,656	6,720	6,720	6,720	13,420	13,420	13,420	13,420	\$544
City of Sealy groundwater treatment expansion <sup>1</sup>	\$6,450,000	\$2,176	-	360	360	360	360	360	360	\$269
City of Sugar Land Groundwater Reduction Plan <sup>1</sup>	\$82,576,224	\$11,066	-	1,027	2,947	3,616	3,875	4,756	4,756	\$357
Contract with Baytown Area Water Authority	\$900,444	\$180	-	-	191	349	496	496	496	\$122
Contract with BRA <sup>1</sup>	\$652,480,634	\$704	-	49,416	35,211	62,308	100,156	145,264	145,264	\$514
Contract with Brazosport Water Authority	\$2,102,169	na	-	116	124	1,557	3,183	5,435	5,435	na
Contract with CHCWA <sup>1</sup>	\$1,867,449	\$196	-	794	1,129	1,500	1,668	1,668	1,668	na
Contract with Cities of Richmond-Rosenberg <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	-	1,091	3,060	5,645	5,645	na
Contract with City of Houston <sup>1</sup>	\$183,896,349	na	-	14,981	31,413	30,449	34,995	34,995	34,995	\$361
Contract with City of Missouri City <sup>1</sup>	\$4,807,747	\$100	-	713	6,330	10,661	10,911	15,435	15,435	\$12
Contract with City of Pasadena <sup>1</sup>	\$2,918,547	\$65	-	967	1,941	2,765	3,317	3,317	3,317	\$72
Contract with City of Sugar Land <sup>1</sup>	\$4,982,927	na	-	1,027	2,947	3,616	3,875	4,756	4,756	na
Contract with CLCND <sup>1</sup>	\$30,827,919	\$1,383	-	1,691	1,978	2,235	2,511	2,804	2,804	\$635
Contract with Dow <sup>1</sup>	\$155,206,615	\$745	-	21,800	21,800	21,800	21,800	21,800	21,800	\$646
Contract with Fort Bend County WCID #2 <sup>1</sup>	\$2,049,847	\$233	-	491	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092	\$49
Contract with GCWA <sup>1</sup>	\$144,117,128	na	-	135	54,513	58,116	60,587	65,213	65,213	na
Contract with NCWA <sup>1</sup>	\$3,632,614	\$55	-	-	2,088	3,078	3,852	3,852	3,852	\$84
Contract with NFBWA <sup>1</sup>	\$44,964,481	\$176	-	444	13,085	27,315	38,155	38,155	38,155	\$85
Contract with NRG Energy <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	-	-	-	8,500	8,500	na
Contract with SJRA <sup>1</sup>	\$43,842,177	na	-	-	-	7,935	39,096	76,476	76,476	na
Contract with WHCWA <sup>1</sup>	\$44,753,636	\$90	-	31,837	46,324	40,241	43,031	38,961	38,961	\$55
Fort Bend County WCID #2 Groundwater Reduction Plan <sup>1</sup>	\$24,828,857	\$571	-	2,296	5,753	5,753	5,753	5,753	5,753	\$200
GCWA to City of Galveston contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	7,262	7,262	7,262	7,262	7,262	7,262	na
GCWA to City of Missouri City contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	713	6,330	10,661	10,911	15,435	15,435	na
GCWA to Fort Bend County WCID #2 contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	491	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092	na
GCWA to Galveston County WCID #1 contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	766	909	940	975	1,014	1,014	na
Harris County MUD #50 water treatment plant <sup>1</sup>	\$6,131,600	\$1,382	560	560	560	560	588	632	632	\$427
Lake Livingston Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation surface water project <sup>1</sup>	\$3,087,974	\$561	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	\$279
Luce Bayou transfer <sup>1</sup>	\$253,916,914	\$248	-	128,259	206,276	207,629	205,171	270,742	270,742	\$36
NFBWA Groundwater Reduction Plan <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	35,009	61,021	70,363	84,943	96,103	106,402	106,402	na

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Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	First Decade Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)					Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)					Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	2100	
NFBWA internal distribution <sup>1</sup>	\$225,000,000	\$184	35,009	61,021	70,363	84,943	96,103	106,402	\$16			
NFBWA shared transmission line <sup>1</sup>	\$213,000,000	\$56	-	21,878	39,405	52,595	62,606	71,876	na			
NHCRWA Groundwater Reduction Plan <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	34,714	91,167	117,755	99,625	81,126	117,755	na			
NHCRWA internal 2010 distribution <sup>1</sup>	\$153,149,640	\$429	34,714	34,714	34,714	34,714	34,714	34,714	\$44			
NHCRWA internal 2020 distribution <sup>1</sup>	\$345,292,192	\$368	-	91,167	91,167	91,167	91,167	91,167	\$38			
NHCRWA internal 2030 distribution <sup>1</sup>	\$37,439,584	\$31	-	-	117,755	117,755	117,755	117,755	\$3			
NHCRWA transmission 2010 <sup>1</sup>	\$80,690,624	\$226	34,714	34,714	34,714	34,714	34,714	34,714	\$23			
NHCRWA transmission 2020 <sup>1</sup>	\$172,558,512	\$184	-	91,167	91,167	91,167	91,167	91,167	\$19			
NHCRWA transmission 2030 <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	117,755	117,755	117,755	117,755	na			
Pecan Grove Groundwater Reduction Plan <sup>1</sup>	\$15,960,000	\$2,150	866	866	1,731	1,731	1,731	1,731	\$544			
S.JRA to City of Houston contract <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	1,356	5,300	3,875	2,428	na			
S.JRA Water Resources Assessment Plan participation <sup>1</sup>	\$128,252,622	\$136	-	36,377	55,538	54,582	53,581	52,534	\$125			
S.JRA Water Resources Assessment Plan <sup>1</sup>	\$900,000,000	\$1,172	-	36,377	55,538	62,517	92,677	129,010	\$269			
WHCRWA Groundwater Reduction Plan <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	21,678	52,274	66,761	73,196	75,985	78,839	na			
WHCRWA internal distribution <sup>1</sup>	\$552,472,000	\$607	21,678	52,274	66,761	73,196	75,985	78,839	\$70			
WHCRWA transmission line <sup>1</sup>	\$290,084,193	\$202	21,678	52,274	66,761	73,196	75,985	78,839	\$37			
<b>Region H Subtotal</b>	<b>\$12,019,061,335</b>	<b>378,759</b>	<b>622,426</b>	<b>863,980</b>	<b>1,040,504</b>	<b>1,202,010</b>	<b>1,501,180</b>					
<b>Region I</b>												
Angelina County Regional Project	\$53,164,000	\$1,577	-	-	-	11,210	11,210	11,210	\$1,164			
Expand local surface water supplies	\$1,983,800	\$164	50	150	707	990	1,000	1,190	\$78			
Fastrill replacement (Region I component) <sup>2</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	-	-	-	22,400	na			
Forest Grove Reservoir project	\$26,619,000	\$1,173	-	-	-	2,240	2,240	2,240	\$310			
Indirect reuse*	\$0	\$33	-	2,872	2,872	2,872	2,872	2,872	\$33			
Infrastructure improvements	\$1,000,000	\$97	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	\$97			
Lake Kurth Regional System	\$56,488,600	\$1,233	6,800	18,400	18,400	18,400	18,400	18,400	\$314			
Lake Noconiche Regional Supply System	\$24,890,050	\$1,686	-	800	1,200	1,200	1,700	1,700	\$796			
Lake Palestine Infrastructure	\$79,389,250	\$830	-	-	16,815	16,815	16,815	16,815	\$418			
Municipal conservation	\$0	\$579	111	480	811	1,085	1,381	1,701	\$81			
New source - Lake Columbia	\$231,865,000	\$215	-	75,700	75,700	75,700	75,700	75,700	\$12			
New wells - Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer	\$39,623,385	\$332	11,787	13,493	15,656	17,006	20,433	21,403	\$175			
New wells - Gulf Coast Aquifer	\$6,818,213	\$515	804	1,992	2,199	3,033	3,038	3,043	\$159			
New wells - Queen City Aquifer	\$5,646,042	\$761	137	231	318	455	650	1,097	\$3,313			
New wells - Yegua Jackson Aquifer	\$2,581,793	\$253	710	730	971	1,110	1,302	1,376	\$216			
Overdraft Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer	\$4,209,789	\$49	100	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,540	\$176			
Overdraft Gulf Coast Aquifer	\$2,359,067	\$426	844	996	996	996	1,149	1,149	\$236			

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Recommended Water Management Strategy	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
	Total Capital Costs	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	
Permit amendment - Houston County Lake	\$0	na	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	na
Permit amendment for Sam Rayburn Reservoir	\$0	\$154	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	\$154
Purchase water from provider (1)	\$17,495,246	\$186	5,396	42,367	46,133	51,148	51,167	\$90
Purchase water from provider (2)	\$109,419,358	\$769	2,152	29,995	38,839	42,939	86,040	\$188
Purchase water from provider (3)	\$0	\$978	27	-	-	-	5,175	na
Reallocation of flood storage (Rayburn)	\$0	\$25	-	-	-	-	122,000	\$25
Saltwater barrier conjunctive operation with Rayburn/Steinhagen	\$2,000,000	\$5	111,000	111,000	111,000	111,000	111,000	\$5
Wholesale customer conservation	\$1,400,000	\$2	20,000	30,000	33,000	35,000	40,000	\$1
Angelina-Neches River Authority Treatment and Distribution System <sup>1</sup>	\$35,127,250	na	-	-	-	-	-	na
Indirect reuse <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$35	-	1,377	1,589	1,784	1,993	\$41
New water treatment plant <sup>1</sup>	\$12,387,000	\$560	-	-	-	-	2,240	\$560
Purchase water from provider (1) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$651	1,080	2,508	2,633	2,908	3,308	\$642
Purchase water from provider (2) <sup>1</sup>	\$113,947,150	\$586	13,350	45,201	33,051	34,351	45,751	\$371
Purchase water from provider (3) <sup>1</sup>	\$56,415,750	\$955	-	10,251	10,251	10,251	10,251	\$475
<b>Region I Subtotal</b>	<b>\$884,829,743</b>		<b>53,418</b>	<b>363,106</b>	<b>399,517</b>	<b>427,199</b>	<b>607,272</b>	<b>638,076</b>
<b>Region J</b>								
Additional groundwater wells	\$240,350	\$7	222	222	222	222	222	\$7
Conservation: brush management <sup>4</sup>	\$3,937,790	\$14	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	\$14
Conservation: public information	\$0	\$234	65	69	71	71	76	\$251
Conservation: system water audit and water loss audit	\$0	\$43	514	553	570	572	593	\$36
Groundwater wells	\$247,250	\$7	172	172	172	172	172	\$7
Increased water treatment and aquifer storage and recovery capacity	\$6,650,000	\$364	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	\$150
Purchase water from UGRA	\$0	\$1,000	-	-	3,840	3,840	3,840	\$1,000
Replace pressure tank	\$7,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	na
Surface water acquisition, treatment and aquifer storage and recovery	\$36,660,000	\$1,620	-	1,624	1,624	2,124	2,124	\$518
Surface water storage	\$7,050,000	\$581	-	1,121	1,121	1,121	1,121	\$581
<b>Region J Subtotal</b>	<b>\$54,792,390</b>		<b>13,713</b>	<b>16,501</b>	<b>20,360</b>	<b>20,862</b>	<b>20,888</b>	<b>23,010</b>
<b>Region K</b>								
Additional municipal conservation	\$0	\$548	-	-	522	1,027	1,844	\$243
Amend LCRA contract	\$0	\$98	3,708	5,265	6,165	6,503	10,955	\$125
Aquifer storage and recovery	\$168,711,000	\$3,802	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	\$3,802

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Recommended Water Management Strategy	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)						Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)	
	Total Capital Costs	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050		2060
Blend brackish surface water in South Texas Project	\$0	na	17,505	17,505	17,505	17,505	17,625	na
Nuclear Operating Company Reservoir	\$0	215	18,795	24,036	25,385	30,401	36,370	\$47
City of Austin conservation	\$302,250,510	11,030	5,143	13,620	22,077	30,268	40,468	\$851
City of Austin direct reuse (municipal and manufacturing)	\$302,250,510	2,315	3,315	7,315	8,315	12,315	13,315	\$851
City of Austin direct reuse (steam-electric)	\$0	na	46,853	45,641	49,862	62,330	64,645	na
City of Austin return flows	\$0	na	62,000	62,000	62,000	62,000	62,000	na
Conjunctive use of groundwater - includes overdraft	\$12,242,071	771	1,687	1,687	1,687	2,662	2,933	\$748
Development of Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer	\$5,601,523	478	478	478	478	519	542	\$1,869
Development of Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer	\$164,000	-	-	-	-	-	82	\$376
Development of Gulf Coast Aquifer	\$4,697,200	512	488	406	331	261	196	\$3,815
Development of Hickory Aquifer	\$0	na	40,800	40,800	40,800	40,800	40,800	na
Development of new rice varieties	\$3,104,788	223	4,291	4,370	4,582	4,839	5,180	\$104
Development of other aquifer	\$4,190,135	1,082	-	-	-	-	580	\$1,082
Development of Queen City Aquifer	\$19,753,964	979	250	2,750	2,850	5,500	7,100	\$979
Development of saline zone of Edwards-Balcones Fault Zone Aquifer	\$4,084,198	na	-	75	200	301	400	\$1,657
Development of Trinity Aquifer	\$0	na	-	460	1,836	3,443	4,590	na
Downstream return flows	\$0	na	461	461	461	461	1,912	\$38
Drought management	\$0	400	-	2,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	\$400
Enhanced municipal and industrial conservation	\$0	na	193	-	-	-	-	na
Expand supply from South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company Reservoir	\$16,872,960	4,350	5,815	8,476	9,779	12,950	12,920	\$484
Expansion of Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer	\$14,482,800	681	756	788	1,229	1,633	2,076	\$1,827
Expansion of Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer	\$1,475,140	85	4,486	4,261	3,659	1,185	1,409	\$350
Expansion of Gulf Coast Aquifer	\$611,320	62	62	62	62	62	62	\$4,943
Expansion of Hickory Aquifer	\$1,721,920	626	416	777	1,366	2,017	2,814	\$118
Expansion of other aquifer	\$0	98	40	40	31	24	17	\$20
Expansion of Queen City Aquifer	\$0	188	208	129	129	129	129	\$37
Expansion of Sparta Aquifer	\$3,609,180	428	431	988	937	1,147	1,124	\$745
Expansion of Trinity Aquifer	\$0	37	-	-	-	-	9	\$37
Expansion of Yegua-Jackson Aquifer	\$0	na	-	-	-	-	-	na
Firm-up run-of-river with off-channel reservoir - LCRA/SAWS project (Region K Component)	\$1,841,800	300	300	300	300	300	300	\$1,383
Goldthwaite Channel Dam	\$3,817,897	13	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	14,800	\$13
House Bill 1437 on-farm conservation	\$0	na	-	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	na
Irrigation district conveyance improvements	\$0	na	255,493	196,568	137,643	78,718	19,793	na
LCRA Water Management Plan interruptible water supply	\$0	na	-	-	-	-	-	na

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Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	First Decade Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)		Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060		
Municipal conservation	\$0	\$567	3,468	6,462	9,644	12,684	15,444	18,360			\$90
New LCRA contracts	\$17,556,000	\$138	-	35,564	36,782	59,422	60,177	69,910			\$181
On-farm conservation	\$0	na	-	34,150	34,150	34,150	34,150	34,150			na
Purchase water from City of Austin	\$2,280,200	\$963	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100			\$963
Purchase water from West Travis County Regional Water Supply	\$0	\$138	846	925	989	1,015	990	958			\$138
Reuse by Highland Lakes communities	\$15,920,000	\$550	-	500	2,000	5,000	5,000	5,000			\$550
Temporary drought period use of Gulf Coast Aquifer	\$0	\$37	-	-	-	-	-	-			\$37
Temporary drought period use of Queen City Aquifer	\$0	\$20	21	10	-	-	-	-			na
Water allocation	\$0	na	67	110	-	-	-	-			na
Water right permit amendment	\$0	na	-	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500			na
Water transfer	\$0	na	11	21	30	37	43	48			na
House Bill 1437 for Williamson County <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$173	126	246	349	426	536	645			\$173
New LCRA contracts <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$138	300	300	300	300	300	300			\$138
<b>Region K Subtotal</b>	<b>\$907,239,116</b>		<b>350,583</b>	<b>576,795</b>	<b>554,504</b>	<b>571,085</b>	<b>565,296</b>	<b>646,167</b>			
<b>Region L</b>											
Aquifer storage and recovery project and phased expansion	\$0	na	3,800	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000			na
Brackish groundwater desalination (Wilcox Aquifer)	\$378,330,000	\$1,245 - \$1,823	-	12,000	28,600	35,120	40,720	42,220			\$465 - \$766
Construction of Lavaca River off-channel reservoir diversion project (Region L component)	\$85,429,083	\$701	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000			\$100
CRWA Siesta project	\$53,481,000	\$1,421	-	-	1,000	5,042	5,042	5,042			\$497
CRWA Wells Ranch project Phase I	\$0	na	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200			na
CRWA Wells Ranch project Phase II (including Gonzales County)	\$34,910,000	\$725	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800			\$200
Drought management	\$0	na	41,240	-	-	-	-	-			na
Edwards Aquifer recharge - Type 2 projects	\$527,643,000	\$2,005	-	13,451	13,451	13,451	13,451	21,577			\$340
Edwards transfers	\$0	\$454	45,896	47,479	48,931	49,870	50,855	51,875			na
Facilities expansion	\$142,282,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	-			na
Firm-up - run-of-river with off-channel reservoir - LCRA/SAWS project (Region L component)	\$1,966,684,000	\$2,394	-	-	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000			\$829
GBRA Exelon project	\$280,598,000	\$646	-	49,126	49,126	49,126	49,126	49,126			\$224
GBRA lower basin storage	\$33,800,000	\$104	-	28,369	28,369	28,369	28,369	28,369			\$60
GBRA mid basin (surface water)	\$546,941,000	\$1,879	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000			\$370
GBRA new appropriation (lower basin)	\$246,849,000	\$1,910	-	-	11,300	11,300	11,300	11,300			\$223
GBRA Simsboro project (overdraft)	\$330,782,000	\$982	-	30,000	30,000	30,000	49,777	49,777			\$386

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Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)						Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	
Hays/Caldwell Public Utility Authority Project (including Gonzales County)	\$307,717,752	\$1,245	7,289	14,597	19,418	25,868	33,314	\$439
Industrial, steam-electric power generation, and mining water conservation	\$0	na	726	1,771	1,992	2,293	2,493	na
Irrigation water conservation	\$0	\$143	20,087	17,561	14,429	11,421	8,543	\$136
Livestock water conservation	\$0	na	3	1	-	-	-	na
Local groundwater (Gulf Coast Aquifer)	\$2,194,000	\$1,823	-	-	161	161	161	\$637
Local groundwater (Trinity Aquifer)	\$30,224,000	\$644	2,016	3,145	3,629	3,952	4,436	\$440
Local groundwater Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (includes overdrafts)	\$166,718,000	\$577	6,773	11,610	17,256	23,946	33,874	\$464
Medina Lake firm-up (aquifer storage and recovery)	\$146,237,000	\$1,696	9,933	9,933	9,933	9,933	9,933	\$450
Municipal water conservation	\$0	\$648	13,232	22,744	31,618	40,531	53,925	\$572
Purchase from New Braunfels Utilities/redistribution of supplies	\$0	varies	1,443	552	552	552	552	varies
Purchase from wholesale water provider (GBRA)	\$0	varies	8,940	4,805	-	-	-	na
Purchase from wholesale water provider (LNRA)/redistribution of supplies	\$0	varies	46	145	322	499	489	varies
Purchase from wholesale water provider (SSLGC)/redistribution of supplies	\$0	varies	581	719	876	1,034	1,197	varies
Recycled water programs	\$465,339,000	varies	21,666	26,046	30,151	34,178	37,706	varies
Regional Carrizo for SAMS (including Gonzales County)	\$136,550,000	\$1,343	-	11,687	11,687	11,687	11,687	\$324
Regional Carrizo for SSLGC project expansion (including Gonzales County)	\$28,189,000	\$568	-	10,364	10,364	10,364	10,364	\$331
Seawater desalination	\$1,293,827,000	\$2,284	-	-	-	-	84,012	\$2,284
Storage above Canyon Reservoir (aquifer storage and recovery)	\$37,326,000	\$1,772	-	3,140	3,140	3,140	3,140	\$587
TWA Regional Carrizo (including Gonzales County)	\$313,060,000	\$1,523	-	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	\$512
Western Canyon water treatment plant expansion	\$11,727,436	\$315	-	-	-	5,600	5,600	\$315
Wimberley and Woodcreek water supply project	\$33,771,000	\$2,429	1,120	4,480	4,480	4,480	4,480	\$4,480
Brackish groundwater desalination (Wilcox Aquifer) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	3,596	3,596	9,196	na
CRWA Siesta Project <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	1,000	5,042	3,711	na
CRWA Wells Ranch Project Phase I <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$725	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200	\$200
CRWA Wells Ranch Project Phase II (including Gonzales County) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$725	1,296	4,626	5,800	5,800	5,800	\$200
Edwards transfers <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	5,259	6,220	8,297	12,483	20,823	na
Facilities expansion <sup>1</sup>	\$2,277,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	na
GBRA lower basin storage <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	7,786	10,755	13,416	na



## APPENDIX A.2. RECOMMENDED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND COST ESTIMATES - CONTINUED

Recommended Water Management Strategy	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)					Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)		
	Total Capital Costs	2010	2020	2030	2040		2050	2060
GBRA mid-basin (surface water) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	12,855	13,554	13,988	14,424	14,794	na
GBRA new appropriation (lower basin) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	-	81	193	310	na
GBRA Simsboro project (overdraft) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	9,268	14,174	20,954	28,024	35,786	na
Hays/Caldwell Public Utility Authority project (including Gonzales County) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	1,370	7,521	5,344	5,986	7,502	na
Local groundwater (Trinity Aquifer) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	296	283	403	705	963	1,216
Local groundwater Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (includes overdrafts) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	120	120	120	120	120	120
Medina Lake firm-up (aquifer storage and recovery) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	500	500	500	500	500	na
Recycled water programs <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	4,240	7,367	15,127	15,127	15,127	na
Regional Carrizo for SSLGC project expansion (including Gonzales County) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$568	-	616	2,302	4,082	5,764	7,573
Storage above Canyon Reservoir (aquifer storage and recovery) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	3,140	3,140	3,140	3,140	na
TWA Regional Carrizo (including Gonzales County) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	-	6,828	13,717	17,591	21,556	25,575
Western Canyon water treatment plant expansion <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$315	-	-	-	-	-	650
Wimberley and Woodcreek water supply project <sup>1</sup>	\$0	na	1,120	4,480	4,480	4,480	4,480	\$1,772
<b>Region L Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,622,886,271</b>	<b>188,297</b>	<b>376,003</b>	<b>542,606</b>	<b>571,553</b>	<b>631,476</b>	<b>765,738</b>	
<b>Region M</b>								
Acquisition of water rights through contract	\$16,263,877	\$430	312	738	1,665	2,352	3,198	4,671
Acquisition of water rights through purchase	\$631,081,709	\$294	9,611	19,461	41,602	70,944	110,913	151,237
Acquisition of water rights through urbanization	\$56,167,089	\$430	299	3,433	6,467	9,496	12,868	16,406
Advanced water conservation	\$22,583,710	varies	2,917	6,339	11,986	16,512	24,867	32,793
Banco Morales Reservoir	\$25,790,900	\$2,542	-	238	238	238	238	\$2,542
Brackish water desalination	\$267,290,631	\$465	56,553	63,239	67,221	73,984	86,708	92,212
Brownsville weir and reservoir	\$98,411,077	\$183	-	20,643	20,643	20,643	20,643	\$183
Expand existing groundwater wells	\$27,474,302	\$215	3,772	8,572	17,139	20,492	22,284	\$254
Irrigation conveyance system conservation	\$131,899,803	\$3	11,204	37,711	63,762	89,347	114,465	\$15
Laredo low water weir	\$294,400,000	na	-	-	-	-	-	na
Non-potable reuse	\$174,944,916	\$101	2,417	9,891	16,425	28,087	42,938	\$130
On-farm water conservation	\$194,569,720	\$128	1,622	10,419	26,299	49,073	78,550	\$29
Potable reuse	\$7,519,850	\$150	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,150	\$180
Proposed elevated storage tank and infrastructure improvements for City of Elsa	\$6,325,386	\$102	105	105	105	105	105	\$102
Resaca restoration	\$52,000,000	\$2,542	877	877	877	877	877	\$2,542

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Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	First Decade Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)		Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2010	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2060	
Seawater desalination	\$185,940,937	\$1,051	125	125	125	143	6,049	6,421	7,902	7,902	\$1,051
<b>Region M Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,194,663,908</b>	<b>90,934</b>	<b>182,911</b>	<b>275,692</b>	<b>389,319</b>	<b>526,225</b>	<b>673,846</b>				
<b>Region N</b>											
Construction of Lavaca River off-channel reservoir diversion project (Region N component)	\$138,753,917	\$1,027	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,242		\$1,027
Garwood Pipeline	\$112,798,000	\$685	-	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	\$402
Gulf Coast Aquifer Supplies	\$13,413,000	\$100 - \$144	1,975	2,535	11,535	11,535	13,551	13,551	13,551	13,551	\$24 - \$100
Gulf Coast Aquifer Supplies (regional)	\$59,245,000	\$853	-	-	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	18,000	18,000	\$566
Irrigation water conservation	\$0	\$228	17	52	103	169	248	342	342	342	\$228
Manufacturing water conservation	\$0	na	1,260	1,418	1,576	1,734	1,892	2,050	2,050	2,050	na
Mining water conservation	\$0	na	281	626	998	1,410	1,863	2,343	2,343	2,343	na
Municipal water conservation	\$0	\$423 - \$448	106	353	721	1,153	1,763	2,415	2,415	2,415	\$423 - \$448
O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant improvements	\$31,324,000	\$178	42,329	40,048	38,102	36,366	34,817	32,996	32,996	32,996	\$146
Off-channel reservoir near Lake Corpus Christi	\$300,577,000	\$715	-	-	30,340	30,340	30,340	30,340	30,340	30,340	\$578
Reclaimed wastewater supplies	\$0	\$826	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	\$826
Voluntary redistribution	\$0	\$685 - \$798	736	738	914	1,060	2,706	2,797	2,797	2,797	\$685 - \$798
<b>Region N Subtotal</b>	<b>\$656,110,917</b>	<b>46,954</b>	<b>81,020</b>	<b>130,539</b>	<b>130,017</b>	<b>133,430</b>	<b>156,326</b>				
<b>Region O</b>											
CRMWA Region O local groundwater development	\$56,574,000	\$358	-	-	15,500	14,130	12,717	11,445	11,445	11,445	\$412
Irrigation water conservation	\$345,824,000	\$63	479,466	431,517	388,366	349,528	314,577	283,118	283,118	283,118	\$106
Lake Alan Henry Pipeline for the City of Lubbock	\$294,329,000	\$1,310	21,880	21,880	21,880	21,880	21,880	21,880	21,880	21,880	\$1,310
Lake Alan Henry Supply for Lake Alan Henry Water Supply Corporation	\$7,334,502	\$3,349	270	270	270	270	270	270	270	270	\$3,349
Local groundwater development	\$21,438,369	na	10,034	12,711	15,253	15,871	16,841	16,175	16,175	16,175	na
Lubbock brackish groundwater desalination	\$13,167,000	\$663	-	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	\$663
Lubbock Jim Bertram Lake 7	\$68,288,400	\$451	-	17,650	17,650	17,650	17,650	17,650	17,650	17,650	\$451
Lubbock North Fork diversion operation (A)	\$153,040,000	\$6,340	-	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	\$6,340
Municipal water conservation	\$0	\$668	5,809	10,583	10,729	10,264	10,206	10,424	10,424	10,424	\$550
Post Reservoir - Delivered to Lake Alan Henry Pipeline	\$110,307,000	\$695	-	-	25,720	25,720	25,720	25,720	25,720	25,720	\$695
Reclaimed water - White River Municipal Water District	\$38,089,684	\$1,593	-	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	\$1,593
<b>Region O Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,108,391,955</b>	<b>517,459</b>	<b>503,686</b>	<b>504,643</b>	<b>464,588</b>	<b>429,136</b>	<b>395,957</b>				

**APPENDIX A.2. RECOMMENDED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND COST ESTIMATES - CONTINUED**

Recommended Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	First Decade Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
			2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060		
<b>Region P</b>										
Conjunctive use of groundwater (temporary overdraft) - Jackson County	\$0	\$42	5,053	5,053	5,053	5,054	5,053	5,053	5,053	\$42
Conjunctive use of groundwater (temporary overdraft) - Wharton County	\$0	\$42	62,686	62,686	62,686	62,686	62,686	62,686	62,686	\$42
<b>Region P Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>67,739</b>	<b>67,739</b>	<b>67,739</b>	<b>67,740</b>	<b>67,739</b>	<b>67,739</b>	<b>67,739</b>	

- 1 - Denotes strategies with supply volumes included in other strategies
- 2 - Estimated planning costs and water supply associated with this strategy are based on the Neches River Run-of-River strategy. This project, however, is only one of several water management strategies being considered to meet these 2060 needs, and through action by the Region C Water Planning Group, any of those other strategies may be substituted into the plan to represent the 'Fastrill Reservoir Replacement' strategy. Those other strategies include: additional water conservation, Lake Texoma, Toledo Bend Reservoir, Lake O' the Pines, Lake Livingston, Ogallala groundwater in Roberts County (Region A), Marvin Nichols Reservoir, Lake Columbia, George Parkhouse Reservoir (North), George Parkhouse Reservoir (South), and Oklahoma Water.
- 3 - Denotes strategies with supply volumes included in Region C Strategies (including supply from Bois D'Arc reservoir)
- 4 - Supply would not be available during drought of record conditions

"na" = not available/applicable

### APPENDIX A.3.: ALTERNATIVE WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND COST ESTIMATES

Alternative Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)								Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2060		
<b>Region A</b>										
Palo Duro Reservoir Transmission System	\$107,839,700	\$2,891	0	3,758	3,758	3,758	3,758	3,750	\$390	
Precipitation enhancement	\$0	\$6	87,558	87,558	87,558	87,558	87,558	87,558	\$6	
Voluntary transfers from other users	\$3,116,400	\$1,870	0	300	500	800	1,000	1,000	\$871	
<b>Region B</b>										
Develop Trinity Aquifer supplies	\$1,650,000	\$1,200	171	171	171	171	171	171	\$357	
Develop Trinity Aquifer supplies (including overdrafting)	\$654,000	\$446	177	177	177	177	177	177	\$125	
Purchase water from local provider (alternative 1)	\$364,500	\$1,200	584	584	584	584	584	584	\$1,145	
Purchase water from local provider (alternative 2)	\$239,671	\$1,200	384	384	384	384	384	384	\$1,145	
Purchase water from local provider (alternative 3)	\$848,000	\$3,050	40	40	40	40	40	40	\$1,200	
Wastewater reuse	\$57,100,000	\$770	0	0	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	\$317	
<b>Region C</b>										
Brazos groundwater project to DWU	\$801,451,000	\$1,222	0	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$1,222	
Brazos groundwater project to NTMWD	\$913,344,000	\$1,416	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$752	
Cooke County project	\$3,254,000	\$2,110	0	200	200	200	200	200	\$930	
Indirect reuse	\$195,183,000	na	0	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	\$380	
Lake Columbia to DWU	\$179,945,000	\$536	0	0	35,800	35,800	35,800	35,800	\$536	
Lake George Parkhouse North for DWU	\$521,281,000	\$4,650	0	0	112,100	112,100	112,100	112,100	\$4,650	
Lake George Parkhouse North for NTMWD	\$1,029,185,000	\$580	0	203,960	203,960	203,960	203,960	203,960	\$156	
Lake George Parkhouse South for DWU	\$692,921,000	\$568	0	0	115,260	115,260	115,260	115,260	\$568	
Lake George Parkhouse South for NTMWD	\$1,282,503,000	\$758	0	193,480	193,480	193,480	193,480	193,480	\$177	
Lake Livingston to DWU	\$1,855,538,000	\$982	0	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	\$982	
Lake Livingston to NTMWD	\$2,115,111,000	\$1,103	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	\$334	
Lake Livingston to TRWD	\$2,084,210,000	\$1,120	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	\$363	
Lake O' the Pines to DWU	\$541,534,000	\$705	0	0	89,600	89,600	89,600	89,600	\$705	
Lake O' the Pines to NTMWD	\$402,431,000	\$576	0	87,900	87,900	87,900	87,900	87,900	\$244	
Lake Ralph Hall	\$143,201,000	\$847	0	29,219	29,219	29,219	29,219	29,219	\$135	
Lake Tehuacana	\$746,345,000	\$1,118	0	56,800	56,800	56,800	56,800	56,800	\$163	
Lake Texoma - authorized (desalinate)	\$796,532,000	\$994	0	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	\$443	
Lake Texoma - not authorized (blend)	\$673,749,300	\$463	0	8,400	146,400	146,400	146,400	146,400	\$112	
Lake Texoma - not authorized (desalinate)	\$925,918,000	\$1,099	0	0	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	\$459	
Lake Texoma to DWU (blend)	\$56,334,000	\$306	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	\$101	
Marvin Nichols Reservoir with DWU	\$322,326,000	\$455	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	\$127	
New wells - other aquifer	\$7,000,000	\$219	0	4,480	4,480	4,480	4,480	4,480	\$106	

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Alternative Water Management Strategy NTMWD interim purchase from DWU (alternative strategies)	Total Capital Costs	First Decade Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)							Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
			2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060		
Oklahoma water to DWU	\$1,777,000	\$464	0	11,200	11,200	0	0	0	0	na
Purchase water from local provider (alternative 1)	\$343,934,000	\$702	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	\$702
Roberts County project to DWU	\$20,133,000	\$1,084	0	0	6,726	6,726	6,726	6,726	6,726	\$866
Roberts County project to NTMWD	\$2,435,534,000	\$1,109	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	\$1,109
Toledo Bend Project	\$2,434,529,000	\$1,127	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	\$243
Water treatment plant - expansion	\$1,433,774,000	\$813	0	0	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	\$813
Water treatment plant - new	\$14,548,000	na	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	na
Water treatment plant - new (alternative strategies)	\$17,000,000	\$259	0	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960	8,960	\$121
Wright Patman - reallocation of flood pool NTMWD	\$48,972,000	\$1,204	0	0	6,726	6,726	6,726	6,726	6,726	\$675
Wright Patman - reallocation of flood pool NTMWD	\$1,433,524,000	\$797	0	0	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000	\$227
Wright Patman - reallocation of flood pool TRWD (180K)	\$1,694,140,000	\$954	0	0	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000	\$270
Wright Patman - Texarkana sale to NTMWD	\$1,192,489,000	\$1,090	0	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	\$390
Wright Patman - Texarkana sale to TRWD	\$1,081,475,000	\$1,167	0	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$382
Wright Patman system operation	\$2,954,940,000	\$1,057	0	0	298,000	298,000	298,000	298,000	298,000	\$337
Marvin Nichols Reservoir with DWU <sup>1</sup>	\$634,154,000	\$661	0	0	95,931	95,931	95,931	95,931	95,931	\$181
Wright Patman system operation <sup>1</sup>	\$403,387,000	\$2,023	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	\$582
<b>Region D</b>										
Alternative Grand Saline Reservoir	\$54,613,652	\$225,204	0	0	29	57	104	161	161	\$11,402
Alternative reuse City of Canton	\$3,761,806	\$18,397	0	0	29	57	104	161	161	\$1,617
<b>Region F</b>										
Advanced treatment	\$78,000	\$664	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	\$566
Steam-electric alternative generation technology	\$626,502,088	\$1,032 - \$1,660	4,077	5,524	8,533	12,210	17,468	24,306	24,306	\$1,962
Aquifer storage recovery	\$1,752,000	\$1,271	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	\$633
Bottled water program	\$176,000	\$24,522	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$24,522
Desalination	\$14,494,000	\$1,740 - \$1,879	500	850	850	850	850	850	850	\$314 - \$349
Develop Edwards Trinity Aquifer supplies	\$57,062,000	\$660 - \$1,080	1,000	1,000	1,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	\$288 - \$311
Develop other aquifer supplies	\$287,925,000	\$2,060 - \$2,643	150	650	650	12,650	12,650	12,650	12,650	\$173 - \$626
New/renew water supply - new infrastructure	\$6,795,000	\$3,361	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	\$670
Off-channel reservoir	\$25,273,000	\$4,430	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	\$758
Reuse	\$2,567,000	\$1,473	0	220	220	220	220	220	220	\$455

**APPENDIX A.3.: ALTERNATIVE WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND COST ESTIMATES - CONTINUED**

Alternative Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)								Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2060		
<b>Region G</b>										
Additional Carrizo Aquifer development (includes overdrafting)	\$212,042,000	\$842	0	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	\$314
BRA system operations permit	\$14,086,000	\$943	0	1,530	1,530	1,530	1,530	1,530	1,530	\$140
Interconnection from Abilene to Sweetwater	\$46,964,000	\$2,365	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	\$1,342
Lake Aquilla Augmentation	\$64,749,000	\$552	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	\$232
Lake Palo Pinto off-channel reservoir	\$25,399,000	\$804	0	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	\$92
Possum Kingdom supply <sup>1</sup>	\$189,947,000	\$2,077	0	12,400	12,400	12,400	12,400	12,400	12,400	\$741
<b>Region H</b>										
Little River Reservoir, off-channel	\$137,356,000	\$436	0	27,225	27,225	27,225	27,225	27,225	27,225	\$317
Montgomery MUD 8 and 9 brackish desalination	\$12,000,000	\$1,171	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	2,240	\$1,171
Sabine to Region H transfer	\$760,813,320	\$203	0	486,500	486,500	486,500	486,500	486,500	486,500	\$67
<b>Region I</b>										
New wells - Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer	\$299,452	\$285	0	0	212	212	212	212	212	\$162
Purchase water from provider (1)	\$1,021,000	\$1,482	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	\$592
Purchase water from provider (2)	\$1,389,500	\$285	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	\$112
Purchase water from provider (3)	\$114,418,981	\$2,049	0	0	0	0	5,175	5,175	5,175	\$2,049
Purchase water from provider (1) <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$1,140	0	688	688	688	688	688	688	\$1,140
<b>Region K</b>										
Alternative conjunctive use of groundwater - includes overdrafts	\$14,432,000	\$964	0	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	15,000	\$964
Alternative irrigation division delivery system improvements	\$4,944,000	\$39	0	20,000	25,000	40,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	\$39
Alternative on-farm conservation	\$5,425,000	\$51	0	20,000	20,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	\$51
Desalination of Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer	\$6,285,000	\$3,168		384	384	384	384	384	384	\$3,168
Desalination of Brackish Gulf Coast Aquifer	\$177,600,000	\$1,260	0	0	0	22,400	22,400	22,400	22,400	\$1,260
Enhanced recharge of groundwater (Gulf Coast Aquifer)	\$41,049,000	\$354	0	0	0	0	17,200	17,200	17,200	\$354
Expansion of Gulf Coast Aquifer	\$0	\$80	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	\$80
Groundwater importation	\$395,900,000	\$1,330	0	0	0	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	\$1,330
Off-channel storage in additional reservoirs	\$53,388,000	\$345	0	0	30,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	\$345

**APPENDIX A.3.: ALTERNATIVE WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND COST ESTIMATES - CONTINUED**

Alternative Water Management Strategy	Total Capital Costs	Water Supply Volume (acre-feet/year)								Year 2060 Estimated Annual Average Unit Cost (\$/acre-foot/year)
		2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2060		
<b>Region L</b>										
Calhoun County brackish groundwater project	\$24,887,000	0	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344	\$1,063
GBRA Lower Basin storage (500 acre site)	\$77,876,000	0	0	59,569	59,569	59,569	59,569	59,569	59,569	\$73
GBRA Mid-Basin project (conjunctive use)	\$282,072,000	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	\$425
LGWSP for upstream GBRA needs	\$1,003,219,000	0	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	\$476
LGWSP for upstream GBRA needs at reduced capacity	\$750,352,000	0	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	\$726
Local groundwater Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (includes overdrafts)										
Local groundwater supply (Barton Springs Edwards)	\$5,813,000	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	\$99
Medina Lake firm-up (off-channel reservoir)	\$4,321,000	0	0	0	1,358	1,358	1,358	1,358	1,358	\$84
Regional Carrizo for Guadalupe Basin (GBRA)	\$121,751,000	9,078	9,078	9,078	9,078	9,078	9,078	9,078	9,078	\$199
	\$239,245,000	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	\$454
<b>Region N</b>										
Brackish groundwater desalination	\$108,331,000	0	0	0	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	\$977
Desalination	\$260,914,000	0	0	0	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	\$1,696
Pipeline from Choke Canyon Reservoir to Lake Corpus Christi	\$48,324,000	0	0	0	21,905	21,905	21,905	21,905	21,905	\$588
Stage II of Lake Texana/construction of Palmetto Bend										
Phase II on the Lavaca River	\$131,126,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,963	\$1,213

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County	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
ANDERSON	59,390	62,720	65,230	67,838	69,873	71,619
ANDREWS	14,131	15,078	15,737	16,358	16,645	16,968
ANGELINA	91,399	104,853	120,936	140,497	165,783	197,878
ARANSAS	26,863	30,604	32,560	32,201	30,422	28,791
ARCHER	9,689	10,542	11,237	11,449	11,054	10,649
ARMSTRONG	2,171	2,240	2,163	2,074	2,053	1,994
ATASCOSA	45,504	52,945	59,598	64,844	69,320	72,578
AUSTIN	27,173	30,574	32,946	34,355	35,031	35,958
BAILEY	7,060	7,558	7,875	8,207	8,238	8,086
BANDERA	26,373	37,265	48,577	54,829	56,642	60,346
BASTROP	84,449	120,740	151,364	199,548	239,588	288,683
BAYLOR	3,865	3,735	3,534	3,353	3,230	3,066
BEE	34,298	36,099	37,198	37,591	37,598	36,686
BELL	289,672	327,610	364,632	396,478	424,255	449,460
BEXAR	1,631,935	1,857,745	2,059,112	2,222,887	2,369,950	2,500,731
BLANCO	9,946	11,756	13,487	15,002	16,641	18,544
BORDEN	792	820	782	693	644	582
BOSQUE	19,831	22,646	24,622	25,364	25,667	26,032
BOWIE	96,953	103,397	108,397	113,397	113,397	113,397
BRAZORIA	305,649	354,708	401,684	444,981	490,875	538,795
BRAZOS	178,187	205,099	229,850	248,962	271,608	279,182
BREWSTER	9,468	9,944	10,155	10,297	10,684	10,770
BRISCOE	1,862	1,899	1,865	1,779	1,747	1,700
BROOKS	8,607	9,303	9,909	10,288	10,399	10,349
BROWN	39,324	40,602	40,959	40,959	40,959	40,959
BURLESON	18,477	20,663	22,249	23,465	24,358	25,146
BURNET	47,160	61,191	78,133	94,716	105,095	115,056
CALDWELL	45,958	59,722	71,459	83,250	95,103	106,575
CALHOUN	23,556	26,610	29,964	33,046	34,642	36,049
CALLAHAN	12,829	12,980	12,750	12,492	12,206	11,968
CAMERON	424,762	510,697	599,672	688,532	777,607	862,511
CAMP	12,586	13,735	14,798	15,639	16,291	17,006
CARSON	6,541	6,610	6,557	6,345	5,767	5,237
CASS	30,990	32,240	33,490	34,740	34,740	34,740
CASTRO	9,070	9,762	10,224	10,587	10,567	10,381
CHAMBERS	34,282	40,786	46,838	52,083	57,402	62,850
CHEROKEE	50,093	54,024	57,393	60,492	63,563	67,191
CHILDRESS	7,847	7,977	8,090	8,129	8,133	7,925
CLAY	11,376	11,699	11,628	11,147	10,462	9,778
COCHRAN	4,086	4,338	4,449	4,375	4,193	3,989
COKE	3,748	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750
COLEMAN	9,141	9,149	9,149	9,149	9,149	9,149
COLLIN	790,648	1,046,601	1,265,373	1,526,407	1,761,082	1,938,067
COLLINGSWORTH	3,134	3,139	3,029	2,880	2,767	2,578
COLORADO	21,239	22,591	23,311	23,424	23,900	24,324
COMAL	108,219	146,868	190,873	233,964	278,626	326,655
COMANCHE	14,273	14,721	14,860	14,816	14,503	14,045
CONCHO	4,467	4,628	4,628	4,628	4,628	4,628
COOKE	40,674	46,141	51,749	56,973	65,099	71,328
CORYELL	87,707	102,414	116,741	126,878	135,749	142,886



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County	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
COTTLE	1,857	1,853	1,769	1,674	1,590	1,543
CRANE	4,469	4,990	5,272	5,487	5,718	5,961
CROCKETT	4,482	4,840	4,966	5,022	5,139	5,244
CROSBY	7,678	8,174	8,514	8,856	8,873	8,731
CULBERSON	3,351	3,596	3,703	3,738	3,738	3,738
DALLAM	6,851	7,387	7,724	7,808	7,645	7,291
DALLAS	2,512,352	2,756,079	2,950,635	3,128,628	3,365,780	3,695,125
DAWSON	15,523	16,010	16,421	16,665	16,268	15,652
DEAF SMITH	20,533	22,685	24,568	26,152	26,716	26,911
DELTA	5,728	6,244	6,744	7,244	7,244	7,244
DENTON	674,322	889,705	1,118,010	1,347,185	1,573,994	1,839,507
DEWITT	20,460	20,964	21,251	21,341	21,021	20,648
DICKENS	2,712	2,661	2,547	2,375	2,304	2,221
DIMMIT	10,996	11,733	12,187	12,234	11,966	11,378
DONLEY	3,764	3,694	3,536	3,375	3,238	3,026
DUVAL	13,881	14,528	14,882	14,976	14,567	13,819
EASTLAND	18,336	18,382	18,061	17,566	16,989	16,226
ECTOR	132,759	144,073	154,160	163,141	170,307	177,026
EDWARDS	2,322	2,421	2,364	2,291	2,264	2,170
EL PASO	833,640	1,000,651	1,141,414	1,262,817	1,384,220	1,505,623
ELLIS	169,514	233,654	293,665	351,919	411,721	471,317
ERATH	36,666	40,609	44,160	47,734	57,200	63,155
FALLS	19,600	20,884	22,196	23,350	24,267	25,346
FANNIN	38,129	42,648	49,775	60,659	74,490	86,970
FAYETTE	24,826	28,808	32,363	35,259	38,933	44,120
FISHER	4,264	4,259	4,097	3,972	3,910	3,717
FLOYD	8,173	8,580	8,723	8,793	8,491	8,053
FOARD	1,614	1,630	1,584	1,507	1,457	1,384
FORT BEND	550,121	719,737	893,875	1,090,710	1,348,851	1,643,825
FRANKLIN	11,533	13,363	14,613	15,863	15,863	15,863
FREESTONE	19,701	21,826	23,704	25,504	27,148	28,593
FRIO	18,160	20,034	21,628	22,952	23,913	24,412
GAINES	16,130	17,663	18,774	19,560	19,434	19,169
GALVESTON	268,714	284,731	294,218	298,057	300,915	302,774
GARZA	5,072	5,265	5,158	4,961	4,733	4,416
GILLESPIE	25,258	29,117	30,861	30,861	30,861	30,861
GLASSCOCK	1,582	1,783	1,891	1,921	1,915	1,954
GOLIAD	8,087	9,508	10,648	11,395	11,964	12,324
GONZALES	19,872	21,227	22,260	23,003	23,219	23,151
GRAY	22,163	21,988	21,371	20,542	19,286	18,064
GRAYSON	126,099	152,028	179,725	203,822	227,563	253,568
GREGG	118,770	126,421	134,330	143,481	155,871	173,587
GRIMES	26,635	30,073	32,785	34,670	36,176	37,657
GUADALUPE	114,878	146,511	180,725	214,912	252,857	293,736
HALE	39,456	42,103	44,034	45,204	44,940	44,069
HALL	3,750	3,832	3,884	3,841	3,859	3,783
HAMILTON	7,790	7,681	7,596	7,624	7,512	7,504
HANSFORD	5,699	6,148	6,532	6,948	7,191	7,406
HARDEMAN	4,665	4,626	4,496	4,329	4,144	3,792
HARDIN	54,504	59,115	61,211	63,381	65,627	67,954
HARRIS	4,078,231	4,629,335	5,180,439	5,731,543	6,282,647	6,833,751

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County	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
HARRISON	67,547	72,930	76,824	79,759	83,191	88,241
HARTLEY	5,697	5,889	5,989	6,026	5,950	5,646
HASKELL	5,860	5,741	5,580	5,496	5,345	5,089
HAYS	166,342	242,051	302,795	363,678	436,388	493,320
HEMPHILL	3,496	3,511	3,394	3,269	3,181	3,024
HENDERSON	80,019	91,456	104,323	116,918	131,949	150,317
HIDALGO	775,857	987,920	1,225,227	1,481,812	1,761,810	2,048,911
HILL	33,416	34,947	36,679	38,407	40,252	42,300
HOCKLEY	24,432	25,495	26,114	26,141	25,129	23,896
HOOD	49,207	58,364	66,888	75,814	87,058	100,045
HOPKINS	35,934	39,882	42,951	45,528	45,528	45,528
HOUSTON	23,947	24,555	25,539	26,559	27,622	28,727
HOWARD	34,574	35,438	35,719	35,719	35,719	35,719
HUDSPETH	3,815	4,146	4,314	4,314	4,314	4,314
HUNT	82,948	94,401	110,672	137,371	196,757	289,645
HUTCHINSON	24,320	24,655	24,311	23,513	22,209	21,087
IRION	1,888	1,938	1,892	1,774	1,680	1,606
JACK	9,567	10,275	10,915	11,415	11,915	12,415
JACKSON	15,441	16,515	17,183	17,567	17,713	17,716
JASPER	38,445	40,897	42,344	42,712	42,712	42,712
JEFF DAVIS	2,935	3,249	3,449	3,649	3,849	4,049
JEFFERSON	259,700	270,686	280,590	288,225	295,924	310,478
JIM HOGG	5,593	5,985	6,286	6,538	6,468	6,225
JIM WELLS	42,434	45,303	47,149	47,955	47,615	46,596
JOHNSON	159,451	200,381	238,590	268,082	304,454	346,999
JONES	21,211	21,729	21,695	21,366	20,738	19,933
KARNES	17,001	18,830	20,759	22,305	23,256	23,774
KAUFMAN	103,249	162,664	208,009	254,609	297,391	349,385
KENDALL	35,720	50,283	65,752	78,690	89,312	99,698
KENEDY	467	495	523	527	529	537
KENT	840	821	733	602	535	472
KERR	49,250	54,886	57,565	58,662	61,204	62,252
KIMBLE	4,660	4,702	4,702	4,702	4,702	4,702
KING	385	424	424	389	369	332
KINNEY	3,403	3,462	3,529	3,601	3,653	3,662
KLEBERG	36,959	40,849	43,370	44,989	47,118	47,212
KNOX	4,197	4,305	4,310	4,321	4,316	4,272
LA SALLE	6,599	7,278	7,930	8,578	9,048	9,407
LAMAR	52,525	56,536	60,286	64,036	64,036	64,036
LAMB	15,515	16,500	17,355	17,995	17,900	17,668
LAMPASAS	20,114	22,596	24,396	25,731	26,606	27,160
LAVACA	18,750	18,731	18,219	17,314	16,264	15,061
LEE	17,789	20,362	22,483	24,194	25,685	26,946
LEON	18,231	21,137	22,863	22,971	22,809	23,028
LIBERTY	81,930	94,898	107,335	119,519	132,875	147,845
LIMESTONE	23,322	24,944	25,828	26,505	27,177	28,050
LIPSCOMB	3,084	3,149	3,054	2,966	2,925	2,784
LIVE OAK	13,735	14,929	15,386	15,018	13,808	12,424
LLANO	21,284	23,007	23,471	23,932	24,393	24,855
LOVING	67	67	67	67	67	67
LUBBOCK	265,547	280,449	289,694	294,476	299,218	303,857

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County	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
LYNN	6,969	7,280	7,243	7,216	6,891	6,413
MADISON	13,905	14,873	15,644	16,364	17,002	17,560
MARION	11,295	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420	11,420
MARTIN	5,203	5,696	5,935	6,082	5,934	5,633
MASON	3,817	3,856	3,876	3,886	3,891	3,896
MATAGORDA	40,506	43,295	44,991	45,925	45,925	45,925
MAVERICK	58,252	67,929	77,165	85,292	92,831	99,091
MCCULLOCH	8,235	8,377	8,377	8,377	8,377	8,377
MCLENNAN	231,882	250,398	266,002	282,177	292,449	307,378
MCMULLEN	920	957	918	866	837	793
MEDINA	46,675	54,815	62,416	68,987	75,370	81,104
MENARD	2,493	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528
MIDLAND	124,710	134,022	140,659	145,595	148,720	151,664
MILAM	26,053	28,086	29,396	30,201	30,405	30,496
MILLS	5,466	5,815	6,107	5,930	6,329	6,497
MITCHELL	9,736	9,714	9,545	9,332	9,069	8,521
MONTAGUE	19,863	20,596	20,892	21,009	21,040	21,119
MONTGOMERY	453,369	588,351	751,702	931,732	1,169,199	1,444,999
MOORE	23,049	26,241	29,057	31,293	32,655	33,474
MORRIS	13,039	13,039	13,039	13,039	13,039	13,039
MOTLEY	1,409	1,359	1,262	1,143	1,060	1,008
NACOGDOCHES	67,357	75,914	84,183	92,628	108,753	124,453
NAVARRO	52,752	58,919	65,331	72,374	80,168	89,638
NEWTON	16,008	16,731	16,825	17,329	17,849	18,385
NOLAN	16,550	17,177	17,464	17,412	16,747	15,954
NUECES	358,278	405,492	447,014	483,692	516,265	542,327
OCHILTREE	9,685	10,440	11,001	11,380	11,566	11,803
OLDHAM	2,322	2,373	2,204	1,942	1,689	1,364
ORANGE	90,503	94,274	95,818	96,473	97,843	98,836
PALO PINTO	28,895	31,147	33,048	34,897	37,074	39,589
PANOLA	23,903	24,402	24,800	25,141	25,419	25,600
PARKER	121,653	193,559	262,053	301,760	324,546	342,887
PARMER	10,641	11,302	11,585	11,666	11,301	10,674
PECOS	17,850	18,780	19,300	19,580	19,630	19,246
POLK	48,072	54,897	60,401	64,478	68,247	71,928
POTTER	127,580	142,703	156,846	172,950	190,526	204,933
PRESIDIO	8,825	10,184	11,508	12,421	12,872	13,130
RAINS	11,173	13,221	14,687	15,400	15,755	15,991
RANDALL	117,420	131,546	144,757	159,800	176,218	189,811
REAGAN	3,791	4,182	4,381	4,367	4,213	4,010
REAL	3,063	3,111	3,042	2,993	3,070	3,132
RED RIVER	14,251	14,251	14,251	14,251	14,251	14,251
REEVES	14,281	15,451	16,417	17,219	17,949	18,527
REFUGIO	8,217	8,505	8,609	8,799	8,915	8,877
ROBERTS	930	955	857	719	622	561
ROBERTSON	17,164	18,704	19,674	20,335	20,419	20,353
ROCKWALL	89,144	141,386	171,373	199,044	215,312	232,186
RUNNELS	11,610	12,025	12,339	12,686	12,956	13,298
RUSK	49,874	52,241	53,585	54,255	56,120	60,705
SABINE	11,280	11,743	12,095	12,457	12,832	13,216
SAN AUGUSTINE	9,715	9,911	10,164	10,470	10,785	10,999

## APPENDIX B. PROJECTED POPULATION OF TEXAS COUNTIES - CONTINUED

County	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
SAN JACINTO	27,443	32,541	36,617	39,159	40,630	41,299
SAN PATRICIO	80,701	95,381	109,518	122,547	134,806	146,131
SAN SABA	6,387	6,746	7,059	7,332	7,365	7,409
SCHLEICHER	3,159	3,387	3,491	3,533	3,594	3,658
SCURRY	16,998	17,602	17,923	18,092	18,203	18,203
SHACKELFORD	3,456	3,638	3,603	3,406	2,997	2,516
SHELBY	26,531	28,248	29,597	30,602	31,467	32,414
SHERMAN	3,469	3,770	3,886	4,005	4,110	4,164
SMITH	194,223	208,737	223,251	237,766	262,454	295,252
SOMERVELL	7,542	8,393	9,094	9,554	9,740	9,804
STARR	69,379	83,583	98,262	113,102	127,802	141,961
STEPHENS	9,873	10,030	10,102	10,005	9,624	9,321
STERLING	1,529	1,680	1,744	1,766	1,717	1,739
STONEWALL	1,687	1,634	1,555	1,455	1,365	1,279
SUTTON	4,479	4,737	4,780	4,762	4,773	4,725
SWISHER	8,772	9,103	9,329	9,423	9,250	8,849
TARRANT	1,800,069	2,061,887	2,337,390	2,646,559	2,964,622	3,353,509
TAYLOR	136,370	142,645	145,634	146,529	143,772	139,309
TERRELL	1,156	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
TERRY	13,804	14,778	15,704	16,608	16,700	16,607
THROCKMORTON	1,851	1,793	1,713	1,584	1,483	1,407
TITUS	31,158	34,430	37,593	40,462	43,064	45,497
TOM GREEN	112,138	118,851	123,109	125,466	127,333	127,752
TRAVIS	1,003,253	1,201,256	1,402,153	1,583,068	1,770,347	1,918,135
TRINITY	15,361	16,572	16,972	16,951	16,581	16,243
TYLER	24,744	28,513	30,937	31,866	31,866	31,866
UPSHUR	38,372	41,496	43,619	44,953	46,003	47,385
UPTON	3,757	4,068	4,185	4,278	4,400	4,518
UVALDE	28,616	31,443	33,802	35,650	36,876	37,810
VAL VERDE	51,312	57,500	63,265	68,175	71,761	74,348
VAN ZANDT	55,423	63,079	69,539	74,392	80,547	87,414
VICTORIA	93,073	102,487	110,221	116,368	121,416	125,865
WALKER	70,672	77,915	81,402	80,547	80,737	80,737
WALLER	41,137	51,175	62,352	74,789	89,598	106,608
WARD	11,416	11,710	11,846	11,846	11,846	11,846
WASHINGTON	32,559	35,253	36,973	37,908	38,747	39,426
WEBB	257,647	333,451	418,332	511,710	613,774	721,586
WHARTON	43,560	46,045	47,648	48,567	48,590	48,074
WHEELER	5,132	5,133	5,112	5,149	5,139	5,080
WICHITA	138,058	143,805	147,606	149,595	150,981	152,102
WILBARGER	15,279	15,928	15,993	15,672	14,908	14,027
WILLACY	22,763	25,212	27,455	29,276	30,542	31,205
WILLIAMSON	408,743	553,412	701,334	880,370	1,056,891	1,240,276
WILSON	44,078	58,621	74,641	90,187	106,373	123,135
WINKLER	7,603	7,956	8,023	8,041	7,890	7,638
WISE	66,366	89,347	108,711	127,068	148,020	170,071
WOOD	42,727	48,200	51,236	51,565	51,565	51,565
YOAKUM	8,183	8,966	9,470	10,006	9,738	9,408
YOUNG	18,116	18,513	18,541	18,328	18,059	17,889
ZAPATA	14,025	16,217	18,415	20,486	22,354	23,733
ZAVALA	12,796	14,130	15,227	16,086	16,774	17,133
Grand Total	25,388,403	29,650,388	33,712,020	37,734,422	41,924,167	46,323,725

## APPENDIX C. MAJOR RESERVOIRS OF TEXAS

Reservoir Name	River Basin	Year of Completion	Year 2010 Firm Yield (acre-feet) from 2011 Regional Water Plans	Original Conservation Pool Capacity (acre-feet)
Abilene, Lake	Brazos	1921	1,141	7,900
Alan Henry Reservoir	Brazos	1994	22,500	115,937
Alcoa Lake	Brazos	1952	14,000	15,650
Amistad Reservoir, International	Rio Grande	1969	1,011,976	3,505,400
Amon G Carter, Lake	Trinity	1956	2,107	20,050
Anahuac, Lake	Trinity	1954	17,700	29,500
Anzalduas Channel Dam	Rio Grande	1960	0	13,910
Aquilla Lake	Brazos	1983	13,746	52,400
Arlington, Lake	Trinity	1957	9,850	45,710
Arrowhead, Lake	Red	1966	26,000	262,100
Athens, Lake	Neches	1963	6,064	32,790
Austin, Lake	Colorado	1939	Sys. Op.	21,000
B. A. Steinhagen Lake	Neches	1951	Sys. Op.	100,595
Ballinger, Lake / Moonen, Lake	Colorado	1984	30	6,850
Balmorhea, Lake	Rio Grande	1917	21,844	7,707
Bardwell Lake	Trinity	1965	9,600	54,877
Bastrop, Lake	Colorado	1964	Sys. Op.	16,590
Baylor Lake	Red	1950	0	9,220
Belton Lake	Brazos	1954	112,257	456,884
Benbrook Lake	Trinity	1950	6,833	88,250
Bob Sandlin, Lake	Cypress	1978	60,430	213,350
Bonham, Lake	Red	1969	5,340	11,976
Brady Creek Reservoir	Colorado	1963	0	30,430
Brandy Branch Cooling Pond	Sabine	1983	0	29,513
Brazoria Reservoir	Brazos	1954	Pass-through	21,970
Bridgeport, Lake	Trinity	1931	Sys. Op.	386,420
Brownwood, Lake	Colorado	1933	47,200	149,925
Bryan Utilities Lake	Brazos	1974	85	15,227
Buchanan, Lake	Colorado	1938	402,172	992,000
Caddo Lake	Cypress	1968	10,000	129,000
Calaveras Lake	San Antonio	1969	36,900	63,200
Canyon Lake	Guadalupe	1964	87,629	386,200
Casa Blanca Lake	Rio Grande	1951	0	20,000
Cedar Bayou Generating Pond	Trinity-San Jacinto	1972	Cooling	19,250
Cedar Creek Reservoir Colorado	Colorado	1977	Sys. Op.	74,080
Cedar Creek Reservoir Trinity	Trinity	1966	175,000	679,200
Champion Creek Reservoir	Colorado	1959	10	42,500
Cherokee, Lake	Sabine	1948	28,885	49,295
Choke Canyon Reservoir	Nueces	1982	165,000	691,130
Cisco, Lake	Brazos	1923	1,138	26,000
Clyde, Lake	Colorado	1970	500	5,748
Coleman, Lake	Colorado	1966	5	40,000
Coletto Creek Reservoir	Guadalupe	1980	12,500	31,040
Colorado City, Lake	Colorado	1949	0	31,805
Conroe, Lake	San Jacinto	1973	79,800	430,260
Corpus Christi Reservoir, Lake	Nueces	1958	Sys. Op.	308,700
Cox Lake / Raw Water Lake / Recycle Lake	Colorado-Lavaca	1956	0	5,034
Creek Lake, Lake	Brazos	1952	10,000	8,400

## APPENDIX C. MAJOR RESERVOIRS OF TEXAS - CONTINUED

Reservoir Name	River Basin	Year of Completion	Year 2010 Firm Yield (acre-feet) from 2011 Regional Water Plans	Original Conservation Pool Capacity (acre-feet)
Crook, Lake	Red	1923	7,290	11,487
Cypress Springs, Lake	Cypress	1971	10,737	72,800
Daniel, Lake	Brazos	1948	230	9,515
Davis, Lake	Brazos	1959	220	5,454
Delta Lake	Nueces-Rio Grande	1939	0	25,000
Diversion, Lake	Red	1924	Sys. Op.	40,000
Dunlap, Lake	Guadalupe	1928	Hydro	5,900
E. V. Spence Reservoir	Colorado	1969	6,170	488,760
Eagle Lake	Colorado	1900	Sys. Op.	9,600
Eagle Mountain Lake	Trinity	1932	109,833	189,523
Eagle Nest Lake / Manor Lake	Brazos	1949	1,800	18,000
Electra, Lake	Red	1950	462	8,730
Ellison Creek Reservoir	Cypress	1943	13,857	24,700
Fairfield Lake	Trinity	1969	870	50,600
Falcon Reservoir, International	Rio Grande	1954	Sys. Op.	2,830,000
Farmers Creek Reservoir	Red	1960	1,260	26,000
Forest Grove Reservoir	Trinity	1980	8,767	20,038
Fork Reservoir, Lake	Sabine	1980	173,035	675,819
Fort Phantom Hill, Lake	Brazos	1938	11,816	74,310
Georgetown, Lake	Brazos	1982	11,803	37,080
Gibbons Creek Reservoir	Brazos	1981	9,740	28,363
Gilmer, Lake	Cypress	1999	6,180	12,720
Gladewater, Lake	Sabine	1952	2,125	6,950
Gonzales (H-4), Lake	Guadalupe	1931	Hydro	6,500
Graham, Lake	Brazos	1958	5,335	53,680
Granbury, Lake	Brazos	1969	64,712	155,000
Granger Lake	Brazos	1979	18,007	56,961
Grapevine Lake	Trinity	1952	19,067	188,553
Greenbelt Lake	Red	1968	8,297	60,400
Gulf Coast Water Authority Reservoir	San Jacinto-Brazos	1948	0	7,308
Halbert, Lake	Trinity	1921	0	7,420
Hords Creek Lake	Colorado	1948	0	8,640
Houston County Lake	Trinity	1966	3,500	19,500
Houston, Lake	San Jacinto	1954	187,000	146,769
Hubbard Creek Reservoir	Brazos	1962	27,708	317,750
Hubert H. Moss Lake	Red	1966	7,410	23,210
Imperial Reservoir	Rio Grande	1915	0	6,000
Inks Lake	Colorado	1938	Sys. Op.	17,545
J. B. Thomas, Lake	Colorado	1952	20	203,600
Jacksonville, Lake	Neches	1957	6,200	30,500
Jim Chapman Lake	Sulphur	1991	127,983	310,312
Joe Pool Lake	Trinity	1991	15,192	176,900
Johnson Creek Reservoir	Cypress	1961	0	10,100
Kemp, Lake	Red	1923	100,983	319,600
Kickapoo, Lake	Red	1945	19,800	106,000
Kirby, Lake	Brazos	1928	533	7,620
Kurth, Lake	Neches	1961	18,421	16,200
Lavon Lake	Trinity	1953	112,033	456,526

## APPENDIX C. MAJOR RESERVOIRS OF TEXAS - CONTINUED

Reservoir Name	River Basin	Year of Completion	Year 2010 Firm Yield (acre-feet) from 2011 Regional Water Plans	Original Conservation Pool Capacity (acre-feet)
Leon, Lake	Brazos	1954	5,938	27,290
Lewis Creek Reservoir	San Jacinto	1969	0	16,400
Lewisville Lake	Trinity	1955	7,918	640,986
Limestone, Lake	Brazos	1978	65,074	225,400
Livingston, Lake	Trinity	1969	1,344,000	1,750,000
Loma Alta Lake	Nueces-Rio Grande	1963	Storage	26,500
Lost Creek Reservoir	Trinity	1991	1,597	11,961
Lyndon B. Johnson, Lake	Colorado	1951	Sys. Op.	138,500
Mackenzie Reservoir	Red	1974	0	46,545
Marble Falls, Lake	Colorado	1951	Sys. Op.	8,760
Martin Lake	Sabine	1974	25,000	77,619
McQueeney, Lake	Guadalupe	1928	Hydro	5,000
Medina Lake	San Antonio	1913	0	254,000
Meredith, Lake	Canadian	1965	69,750	864,400
Mexia, Lake	Brazos	1961	1,320	10,000
Millers Creek Reservoir	Brazos	1974	50	33,000
Mineral Wells, Lake	Brazos	1920	2,508	6,760
Mitchell County Reservoir	Colorado	1991	Sys. Op.	27,266
Monticello Reservoir	Cypress	1973	2,439	40,100
Mountain Creek Lake	Trinity	1936	6,400	22,840
Mud Lake No. 4	Colorado-Lavaca	1974	0	11,048
Murvaul, Lake	Sabine	1958	21,792	45,815
Mustang Lake East/Mustang Lake West	San Jacinto-Brazos	1969	0	6,451
Nacogdoches, Lake	Neches	1977	17,067	41,140
Nasworthy, Lake	Colorado	1930	0	12,390
Navarro Mills Lake	Trinity	1963	19,342	63,000
New Terrell City Lake	Trinity	1955	2,283	8,712
North Fork Buffalo Creek Reservoir	Red	1964	840	15,400
North Lake	Trinity	1957	0	17,000
O. C. Fisher Lake	Colorado	1951	0	119,200
O. H. Ivie Reservoir	Colorado	1989	85,150	554,340
O' the Pines, Lake	Cypress	1958	174,960	274,443
Oak Creek Reservoir	Colorado	1952	5	39,360
Olney, Lake / Cooper, Lake	Red	1935	960	6,650
Palestine, Lake	Neches	1971	207,458	411,840
Palo Duro Reservoir	Canadian	1991	3,958	61,239
Palo Pinto, Lake	Brazos	1964	9,658	44,100
Pat Cleburne, Lake	Brazos	1964	5,075	25,560
Pat Mayse Lake	Red	1967	59,670	124,500
Pauline, Lake	Red	1905	1,200	7,000
Peacock Site 1A Tailings Reservoir	Cypress	1983	Sys. Op.	11,248
Pinkston Reservoir	Neches	1977	3,800	7,380
Possum Kingdom Lake	Brazos	1941	230,750	724,739
Proctor Lake	Brazos	1963	19,467	59,400
Randell Lake	Red	1909	1,400	5,400
Ray Hubbard, Lake	Trinity	1969	57,427	490,000
Ray Roberts, Lake	Trinity	1987	211,364	796,875
Red Bluff Reservoir	Rio Grande	1936	41,725	310,000

## APPENDIX C. MAJOR RESERVOIRS OF TEXAS - CONTINUED

Reservoir Name	River Basin	Year of Completion	Year 2010 Firm Yield (acre-feet) from 2011 Regional Water Plans	Original Conservation Pool Capacity (acre-feet)
Red Draw Reservoir	Colorado	1985	Sys. Op.	8,538
Richland-Chambers Reservoir	Trinity	1987	223,872	1,181,866
River Crest Lake	Sulphur	1953	8,624	7,000
Sam Rayburn Reservoir	Neches	1965	820,000	2,898,500
Santa Rosa Lake	Red	1929	3,075	11,570
Sheldon Reservoir	San Jacinto	1943	0	5,420
Smithers Lake	Brazos	1957	34,300	18,700
Somerville Lake	Brazos	1967	42,120	160,100
South Texas Project Reservoir	Colorado	1981	0	202,600
Squaw Creek Reservoir	Brazos	1977	9,238	151,008
Stamford, Lake	Brazos	1953	5,667	57,632
Stillhouse Hollow Lake	Brazos	1968	66,205	235,700
Striker, Lake	Neches	1957	20,183	29,000
Sulphur Springs Draw Storage Reservoir	Colorado	1993	0	7,997
Sulphur Springs, Lake	Sulphur	1973	9,800	14,160
Sweetwater, Lake	Brazos	1930	1,051	11,900
Tawakoni, Lake	Sabine	1960	229,807	936,200
Texana, Lake	Lavaca	1981	74,500	165,918
Texoma, Lake	Red	1944	314,850	3,132,000
Toledo Bend Reservoir	Sabine	1969	750,000	4,477,000
Tradinghouse Creek Reservoir	Brazos	1968	4,958	37,800
Travis, Lake	Colorado	1942	Sys. Op.	1,170,752
Trinidad Lake	Trinity	1925	3,050	7,450
Twin Buttes Reservoir	Colorado	1963	0	186,200
Twin Oak Reservoir	Brazos	1982	2,892	30,319
Tyler, Lake	Neches	1967	30,925	80,900
Upper Nueces Lake	Nueces	1948	0	7,590
Valley Acres Reservoir	Nueces-Rio Grande	1947	0	7,840
Valley Lake	Red	1961	0	16,400
Victor Braunig Lake	San Antonio	1962	12,000	26,500
Waco, Lake	Brazos	1965	79,098	152,500
Wallisville Lake	Trinity	1999	Sys. Op.	58,000
Walter E Long, Lake	Colorado	1967	0	33,940
Waxahachie, Lake	Trinity	1956	2,905	13,500
Weatherford, Lake	Trinity	1957	2,967	21,233
Welsh Reservoir	Cypress	1975	4,476	23,587
White River Lake	Brazos	1963	2,431	38,650
White Rock Lake	Trinity	1911	3,500	10,740
Whitney, Lake	Brazos	1951	18,336	627,100
Wichita, Lake	Red	1901	Sys. Op.	14,000
William Harris Reservoir	Brazos	1947	0	10,200
Winters, Lake / New Winters, Lake	Colorado	1983	0	8,374
Worth, Lake	Trinity	1914	Sys. Op.	37,066
Wright Patman Lake	Sulphur	1954	363,000	145,300



## APPENDIX C. MAJOR RESERVOIRS OF TEXAS - CONTINUED

Reservoir Name	River Basin	Year of Completion	Year 2010 Firm Yield (acre-feet) from 2011 Regional Water Plans	Original Conservation Pool Capacity (acre-feet)
<b>Major Reservoirs with no water supply function</b>				
Addicks Reservoir	San Jacinto	1948	No WS	200,840
Alders Reservoir	Trinity	1950s	No WS	7,064
Barker Reservoir	San Jacinto	1945	No WS	207,000
Barney M. Davis Reservoir	Nueces-Rio Grande	1973	No WS	6,600
Bivins Lake	Red	1927	No WS	5,122
Buffalo Lake	Red	1938	No WS	18,150
Camp Creek Lake	Brazos	1949	No WS	8,550
Coffee Mill Lake	Red	1938	No WS	8,000
Hawkins, Lake	Sabine	1962	No WS	11,890
Holbrook, Lake	Sabine	1962	No WS	7,990
J. D. Murphree Wildlife Impoundment	Neches-Trinity	1964	No WS	13,500
Kiowa, Lake	Trinity	1970	No WS	7,000
Lower Running Water Draw WS SCS Site 2 Dam	Brazos	1977	No WS	5,429
Lower Running Water Draw WS SCS Site 3 Dam	Brazos	1982	No WS	8,213
Nacogoches, Lake	Neches	2005	No WS	15,031
Natural Dam Lake	Colorado	1989	No WS	54,560
Quitman, Lake	Sabine	1962	No WS	7,440
Rita Blanca, Lake	Canadian	1939	No WS	12,100
San Esteban Lake	Rio Grande	1911	No WS	18,770
Tailing Ponds	San Antonio-Nueces	1971	No WS	6,400
Tailing Ponds No. 2	San Antonio-Nueces	1971	No WS	6,400
Truscott Brine Lake	Red	1983	No WS	111,147
Winnsboro, Lake	Sabine	1962	No WS	8,100
			9,367,813	42,900,519

Hydropower: Used to generate hydropower.

Cooling: Used as cooling pond for power plants.

Storage: Used as a water storage facility only.

Pass-through: Temporary storage facility only.

System Operation: Reservoir operated in system operation mode with several reservoirs contributing to one yield number.

(Note: When quantified separately, the sum of individual yields will not equal a system yield.)

Note: The capacity numbers for Amistad, Falcon, Toledo Bend, and Texoma are for total capacity, not Texas' share; yields are firm as reported by the regional water planning groups and are for the Texas share only.

## APPENDIX D: REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

### AGRICULTURE

#### (EIGHT REGIONS: A, B, E, H, J, K, L, AND P)

##### WATER DATA - FIVE REGIONS: A, B, E, J, AND L

- Develop irrigation demand numbers on a regional basis - A
- Provide funding for agricultural water use data collection - B
- Improve accuracy of TWDB historical irrigation pumpage reports - E
- Develop more accurate means of estimating actual irrigation use - J
- Continue supporting evaluations of exotic animal water use to improve demand estimates - J
- Improve accuracy of water use and demand information for irrigation and livestock - L

##### CONSERVATION - FIVE REGIONS: A, H, K, L, AND P

- Create a water conservation reserve program to convert irrigated acreage to dry land - A
- Encourage the federal government to continue to support Conservation Reserve Program participation - A
- Provide funding to expand the High Plains Potential Evapotranspiration network into a statewide network - A
- Fund grants or subsidies to stimulate irrigation conservation practices - H
- Increase funding for TWDB agricultural water conservation programs - H, L
- Collaborate with the Natural Resources Conservation Service state conservationist in identifying projects to fund - K
- Support adequate funding of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and its water conservation efforts - K
- Support funding of the Natural Resources Conservation Service - K, P
- Leverage federal agricultural conservation grants by providing local matching share - P

- Continue supporting state and federal programs that improve irrigation efficiency and agricultural water conservation - P
- Support adequate funding of State Soil and Water Conservation Board and local soil and conservation districts - P

##### OTHER - THREE REGIONS: K, L, AND P

- Develop water polices that enable agriculture and rural Texas to achieve parity with other users - K
- Provide additional funding to the Irrigation Technology Center at Texas A&M University - L
- Protect groundwater sources for agricultural production - P

### CONJUNCTIVE USE

#### FOUR REGIONS: F, G, L, AND N

- Expand definition of conjunctive use - F
- Encourage conceptual modeling for conjunctive use projects - G
- Include conjunctive use projects as management strategies - G
- Develop incentives for conjunctive use projects - L
- Develop policy to manage all water resources on conjunctive use basis - N

### CONSERVATION

#### FIFTEEN REGIONS: A, B, C, D, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, AND P

##### REUSE - NINE REGIONS: A, C, F, G, H, I, K, L, AND N

- Encourage Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to evaluate rules governing reuse of wastewater and quantify incentives for its use - A
- Recommend reducing legal obstacles to indirect reuse of treated wastewater - C
- Recommend Texas Commission on Environmental Quality clearly define permitting process for large-scale reuse projects - C

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- Encourage legislation for safe and economical water reuse - F
- Work with federal agencies/representatives to develop safe procedures for disposing of reject water - F
- Encourage municipalities to manage return flows through direct and indirect reuse - G
- Encourage river authorities to manage return flows not under others' jurisdictions - G
- Clarify Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System after Elimination rules for wastewater permitting to eliminate double-counting of waste loads - H
- Advocate statewide reuse - H
- Resolve permitting issues for indirect reuse, including clarifying Texas Water Code Sections 11.042 and 11.046 - H, I
- Encourage Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to continue thorough review of indirect reuse applications, including environmental and water rights concerns - K
- Fund reuse technologies - L
- Promote water reuse and return flows wherever practical, after evaluating environmental needs - N

### CONSERVATION FUNDING - FOUR REGIONS: F, H, K, AND O

- Fund grants or low-interest loans as incentives to use conservation technologies - F
- Leverage federal conservation grants by providing matching funds - H
- Continue and expand TWDB funding for retail utility water loss projects - K
- Fund conservation incentives for all user groups - O

### WATER CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL - FOUR REGIONS: A, C, K, AND L

- Adopt definitions and methodology for gallons per capita per day proposed by Water Conservation Advisory Council - A, K
- Maintain the functionality and viability of the Water Conservation Advisory Council - A

- Fund activities of the Water Conservation Advisory Council and a statewide awareness campaign - C, L

### WATER CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE - FOUR REGIONS: C, F, L, AND O

- Follow the Water Conservation Implementation Task Force recommendation to institute voluntary, rather than mandatory, per capita water use goals - C, F
- Fund and implement programs recommended by the Water Conservation Implementation Task Force - L
- Update the 2004 Best Management Practices Guide - O

### VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION - FOUR REGIONS: B, D, F, AND O

- Allow regions to establish voluntary water conservation goals - B, D
- Encourage conservation through technical assistance rather than mandatory goals - F
- Support landowner's voluntary protection of springs and seeps - O

### WATER PROVIDERS - FIVE REGIONS: D, F, G, K, AND M

- Train water utilities to reduce water losses and improve their accountability - D, M
- Encourage retail water providers to use inclining block rate structure - F, G
- Support required use of conservation coordinator by all public water suppliers - K
- Encourage Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to amend 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 288 to require designated water conservation coordinators - K

### CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT - FIVE REGIONS: J, K, L, M, AND N

- Develop conservation-oriented management plans for areas particularly susceptible to drought - J

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- Encourage legislation to allow water providers to have dedicated funding for longer term water conservation - K
- Encourage legislation to allow property owners' associations to adopt restrictive covenants consistent with their water providers drought and conservation recommendations - K
- Encourage water users to develop and implement conservation plans that meet or exceed legal requirements - L, M
- Encourage municipal providers to develop and implement drought contingency plans that meet or exceed legal requirements - L, M
- Encourage legislation to support conservation strategies that manage water supplies more efficiently - N

### OTHER - TEN REGIONS: A, B, D, F, H, J, K, L, M, AND O

- Evaluate policy barriers to using playa lakes for conservation purposes - A
- Base calculation of gallons per capita per day on residential water use only - B
- Recommend the legislature standardize the measurement of gallons per capita per day - D
- Systems with use greater than 140 gallons per capita per day should perform water audits - D
- Recommends legislature continue to address and improve water conservation in the state - H
- Require conservation on all state-owned lands - J
- Encourage conservation partnerships between water groups - K
- Recommend consideration of drought management as an interim strategy to meet near-term needs - L
- Recommend the state more actively monitor compliance with conservation and drought plans - M
- Recommend conservation and drought plans be consistent with the regional water plan - M
- Regional water planning groups should have a more active role in evaluating conservation and drought plans - M

- Develop a tiered recognition program for conservation achievements - O
- Control aquatic vegetation as water conservation practice - O

## DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH FOURTEEN REGIONS: A, B, D, E, F, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, AND P

### GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER AVAILABILITY MODELING - NINE REGIONS: A, D, E, F, H, J, K, M, AND N

- Fund updates of water availability models - A, M, N
- Continue funding ground-water availability models - D, E, H, J, K, M, N
- Continue water availability modeling for minor Panhandle aquifers - A
- Recommend agencies coordinate with one another and planning groups in developing water availability and groundwater availability models - A
- Fund improvements to groundwater modeling and research in West Texas - E
- Request data from water agencies in Mexico to extend the Presidio Bolson groundwater availability model - E
- Allow more flexibility in the use of water availability models in the planning process - F
- Revise Hill Country Trinity Aquifer ground-water availability model - J
- Fund feasibility study linking groundwater and surface water in next generation of groundwater and water availability models - J, K
- Encourage public and private sector technical review of groundwater and water availability models - K
- Update the Central Gulf Coast Aquifer groundwater availability model - N

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### GROUNDWATER STUDIES - EIGHT REGIONS: E, F, J, K, L, N, O, AND P

- Finish study of Presidio Bolson Aquifer - E
- Study and characterize limestone formation in southern Brewster County - E
- Collect groundwater data to carry out Senate Bill 1 and Joint Planning for Groundwater - F
- Continue funding monitoring studies - J
- Study and characterize the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer and associated aquifers - J
- Provide groundwater conservation districts with technical assistance in gathering aquifer data - J
- Study the Frio River alluvium - J
- Study surface water/groundwater interaction in the upper Guadalupe River for springflow analysis - J
- Complete study of Trinity Aquifer use in Hays County and use results in next regional water plan - K
- Encourage legislation requiring economic and environmental studies for any groundwater project - L
- Encourage Railroad Commission to provide better information for identifying aquifer characteristics - N
- Provide additional funds to expand groundwater data program - N
- Encourage TWDB, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and Railroad Commission to expand and intensify groundwater data gathering and disseminating - N
- Fund computer models that quantify groundwater resources in each aquifer and project future availability based on historical net changes - O
- Continue monitoring static water levels and groundwater pumpage - P

### ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES - FOUR REGIONS: D, F, H, AND L

- Study mitigation effects as early as possible in reservoir planning - D
- Fund studies to identify and quantify environmental values to be protected and stream flows necessary to maintain priority environmental values - F
- Involve local groups in studies that evaluate streamflow issues - F
- Increase funding for research to determine freshwater inflow needs - H
- Complete the Texas Instream Flow Program - L
- Fund and improve freshwater inflow studies for bays and estuaries - L
- Examine applicability of report by Study Commission on Water for Environmental Flows - L
- Perform studies to evaluate effects of water management strategies on basin ecosystems - L

### AQUIFER RECHARGE - FIVE REGIONS: A, B, J, L, AND O

- Consider the minimal recharge rate in assessments of the Ogallala Aquifer - A
- Study means to improve groundwater recharge - A
- Study the applicability of aquifer recharge programs and their impact to surface water rights - B
- Study quantity of increased groundwater from enhanced recharge structures - B
- Study aquifer recharge with harvested rainwater - J
- Fund research on Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer recharge and recirculation systems water management strategy - L
- Identify and quantify recharge mechanisms for Ogallala Aquifer - O
- Study and describe impact of playas on recharge - O

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### AGRICULTURE/RURAL - FIVE REGIONS: E, H, J, L, AND O

- Establish an integrated Rio Grande data management system to better manage irrigation releases and flood control - E
- Provide real time monitoring on the Rio Grande Project delivery system via information systems analysis and hydrologic operations modeling - E
- Fund research on more efficient irrigation practices - H
- Increase funding to research drought-resistant crop species - H, O
- Encourage riparian landowners to implement land stewardship practices - J
- Study impact of transient populations on rural water demand - J
- Undertake economic studies of water management strategies that meet irrigation needs - L

### CONSERVATION - FOUR REGIONS: F, H, K, AND O

- Continue participating in conservation research and demonstration projects - F
- Fund research for advanced conservation technologies - H
- Fund research on developing and implementing conservation goals and successful water management strategies to update the 2004 Best Management Practices Guide - K
- Update the 2004 Best Management Practices Guide - O

### BRUSH CONTROL - THREE REGIONS: D, J, AND K

- Monitor water pollution from Giant Salvinia and research and develop best management practices for its control - D
- Fund multidisciplinary research for defining watersheds with greatest potential for increasing water yields through brush management; quantify costs - J
- Fund voluntary brush control studies - K

### RIVERS - ONE REGION: E

- Study effects of possible rechannelization of Rio Grande below Fort Quitman - E

### GENERAL - ELEVEN REGIONS: A, B, E, F, I, J, K, L, M, N, AND O

- Improve monitoring and quantifying of small communities, manufacturers, livestock operators, and county-other categories - A
- Analyze economic effects of implementing water management strategies - A
- Remove provisions from Open Records Act restricting access to water data on private property - E
- Recommend TWDB meet with regions and consultants to discuss data collection and quality control - F
- Fund study on oral ingestion of radium before enforcing maximum containment load - F
- Fund improved data for next planning cycle - I
- Conduct studies on specific water resource issues - J
- Fund all levels of data collection and analysis - K, L, O
- Fund roles of TWDB and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in providing data for regional planning - L
- Review the Texas Water Code regarding transfers of water out of groundwater conservation districts and provide sufficient revenue for technical studies - L
- Evaluate the effect of groundwater withdrawals on surface water availability - M
- Evaluate true impact and treaty compliance factors of aqueduct construction from Falcon Reservoir to Matamoros, Mexico - M
- Fund and establish regional research centers at local universities to focus on Coastal Bend water issues - N
- Provide funds to establish and maintain a regional water resources information

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management system - N

- Recommend TWDB consider local projects when developing mining water demand projections, specifically the Eagle Ford shale - N
- Fund a basic data network that maintains current inventory of surface water and groundwater resources - O
- Develop standardized, comprehensive methodologies for characterizing and computing per capita water use - O

### EDUCATION

#### NINE REGIONS: D, F, G, J, K, L, M, N, AND O

#### CONSERVATION EDUCATION - EIGHT REGIONS: D, F, G, J, K, L, M, AND O

- Fund and implement conservation education programs for the public - D, F, J, M
- Create and fund a water conservation awareness program through TWDB - G, O
- Fund the Water IQ public education program - K, L
- Supports regional coordination and resource pooling for uniform conservation messaging - K
- Encourage TWDB to assist communities to coordinate on conservation education efforts - K

#### GENERAL EDUCATION - FOUR REGIONS: J, K, L, AND O

- Fund education on conservation and about water supplies programs for public sector - J, O
- Fund education on water management and rainwater harvesting programs for private sector - J
- Address sustainability through education - K
- Fund statewide education program and coordinate with Texas Cooperative Extension - L

#### AQUATIC WEED CONTROL - ONE REGION: D

- Develop awareness campaign and provide extension and education services to urban and industry stakeholders on giant salvinia threat and mitigation - D

#### REGIONAL GROUPS - ONE REGION: N

- Make funds available to planning groups and groundwater conservation districts to educate public on water issues - N

### ENVIRONMENT

#### TWELVE REGIONS: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, O, AND P

#### UNIQUE STREAM SEGMENTS - FIVE REGIONS: A, B, C, D, AND L

- Clarify intent and uncertainties of unique stream segment designation - A, B, C, D, L
- Examine ancillary issues regarding unique stream segments - C
- Establish a working group on unique stream segments to review legislative intent, agency rules, and impacts of designations - C

#### INSTREAM FLOWS - THREE REGIONS: F, G, AND K

- Protect existing water rights when considering instream flows - F
- Oppose adaptive management requirements concerning instream flows - F
- Evaluate return flows to determine impact on instream flows - G
- Provide direction to protect instream/freshwater inflows - K
- Monitor and provide adequate funding for environmental flows - K
- Encourage Colorado and Lavaca Stakeholder Group to develop recommendations protective of long-term ecological productivity - K
- Recommend state evaluate ways to convert existing water rights to environmental uses - K

#### RESERVOIRS - TWO REGIONS: D AND P

- Consider environmental and economic impacts of reservoir development - D
- Recommend entities proposing new reservoirs through the planning process include a map of proposed mitigation acreage - D

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- Support efforts to mitigate environmental impacts of Palmetto Bend Stage II - P

### OTHER - SEVEN REGIONS: E, F, G, H, K, L, AND O

- Establish policy to protect aquifers and springs to preserve “the rural way of life” - E
- Support recognition of the importance of springs and spring-fed stream - F
- Encourage responsible land management practices to protect water sources - G, L
- Clarify agency rules on quantitative environmental analysis - H
- Support planning process structure that evaluates environmental needs to determine available water supply - K
- Evaluate land use and ecosystem health in light of sustaining future quality of life - L
- Encourage collaboration of scientists, policy makers, and agricultural representatives in managing threatened species - O

## GROUNDWATER

### FIFTEEN REGIONS: A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, AND P

#### GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS - TWELVE REGIONS: A, C, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, O, AND P

- Manage groundwater resources through local groundwater conservation districts - A, F, G, H, J, K, M, P
- Create or expand groundwater conservation districts in areas not currently served - A, F, I, J, K, M
- Encourage cooperation between groundwater conservation districts - C, F
- Recommend TWDB or Texas Commission on Environmental Quality oversee groundwater districts to standardize regulations - C, F
- Support groundwater conservation districts as local authority on groundwater issues - G, K
- Respect property rights and right to capture when adopting rules and regulations - F

- Base groundwater supply availability on management goals and rules - F
- Restrict export from a district until there is a plan to ensure adequate supplies are available for the district or region - F
- Ensure all state lands are subject to groundwater district rules and limits - F
- Train groundwater conservation districts in use of groundwater availability modeling - J
- Form groundwater conservation districts to administer sound, scientifically based groundwater management objectives - J
- Advocate that groundwater conservation districts consider developing management rules for Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer to sustain spring flows of upper Guadalupe River - J
- Strengthen groundwater conservation districts’ abilities to protect groundwater supplies - K
- Encourage TWDB to continue assisting groundwater districts - K
- Support referral of any groundwater district reorganization to the local election process - K
- Recommends groundwater districts manage groundwater as necessary to meet desired future conditions rather than use the Managed Available Groundwater as a permitting cap - K
- Review Texas Water Code to ensure groundwater conservation districts are funded and equipped for comprehensive analysis tasks - L
- Create and operate groundwater conservation districts under Texas Water Code, Chapter 36 - O

#### GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREAS - SIX REGIONS: D, E, F, J, K, AND L

- Recommend voting representation for areas without groundwater districts be based upon the areas population, groundwater use, or number of aquifers - D
- Reschedule due dates in the Joint Planning



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process so Managed Available Groundwater data can be better integrated into the water plans - E, F

- Examine interaction of regional water planning and groundwater management areas processes to improve the resulting economic impacts - J
- Support use of groundwater management area-wide average desired future conditions to expedite establishment of managed available groundwater values - K
- Revise Texas Water Code Chapter 36 to allow groundwater districts to either manage groundwater to achieve the desired future condition or use TWDB-provided managed available groundwater to restrict permitting - K
- Support determinations of Managed Available Groundwater based on Desired Future Conditions Joint Planning process - L

### REGIONAL COLLABORATION - SIX REGIONS: E, F, G, J, K, AND L

- Encourage groundwater conservation districts to collaborate in planning process - E, F, G, K
- Recommend groundwater management councils coordinate efforts with planning groups - E
- Require state lands to abide by groundwater district regulations and submit water withdrawal plans to relevant planning group - F
- Notify planning groups when significant amounts of groundwater are being exported - F
- Assess groundwater availability for regional plans based on groundwater conservation district's goals and requirements - F
- Recommend planning groups J, K, and L collaborate on Trinity Aquifer evaluation - J
- Recommend TWDB-sponsored workshops for regions sharing aquifers - J
- Encourage collaboration between regions sharing aquifers - L

### RULE OF CAPTURE - FIVE REGIONS: F, H, K, O, AND P

- Support rule of capture - F, P
- Maintain rule of capture in areas not subject to defined subsidence or groundwater conservation districts - H, K
- Support rule of capture as modified by rules and regulations of existing groundwater conservation districts - K, O
- Oppose legal recognition of groundwater ownership in place as vested right of surface property owner - K

### OIL AND GAS - FOUR REGIONS: D, F, M, AND N

- Recommend Railroad Commission of Texas review and enforce regulations protecting aquifers from oil well contamination - D, F
- Levy fines for oil and gas producers who violate rules governing aquifer contamination - F
- Support the industry-funded program to plug abandoned wells - F
- Encourage adequate funding for the Railroad Commission of Texas to protect water supplies - F
- Encourage restoring funding to well-plugging account - F
- Appropriate sufficient funds to Railroad Commission of Texas for capping abandoned wells - M, N

### SUSTAINABILITY - THREE REGIONS: G, L, AND P

- Advocate adoption of water management strategies that do not substantially deplete aquifers - G
- Suggest the state continue developing policy that protects historical use and future sustainability - G
- Support management strategies that achieve groundwater sustainability - L
- Support sustainable yield of the Gulf Coast Aquifer as the limit for water development - P
- Recommend sustainable yield as upper limit for all groundwater conservation districts in region - P

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### STATE AGENCIES - TWO REGIONS: K AND N

- Encourage funding of TWDB groundwater programs - K
- Expand efforts of TWDB, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and Railroad Commission of Texas in managing groundwater - N

### OTHER - THREE REGIONS: F, J, AND L

- Encourage groundwater legislation that is fair to all users - F
- Oppose historical use limits in granting water rights permits - F
- Oppose groundwater fees for wells used exclusively for dewatering - F
- Encourage state to review groundwater resources on state-owned land and determine appropriate management - F
- Standardize groundwater evaluations statewide - J
- Advocate groundwater management based on science, equity, and rationality - L
- Determine water management strategies for Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer during drought of record - L

## INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES

### TWELVE REGIONS: A, B, C, D, E, F, J, K, L, M, N, AND O

#### BRUSH CONTROL - NINE REGIONS: A, B, D, F, J, K, L, M, AND O

- Provide funding to implement brush control and land stewardship - B, O
- Encourage funding for new technical resources to combat giant salvinia, saltcedar, and aquatic weeds - D, M
- Request TWDB guidance on including brush control projects as source of new surface water - A
- Support brush control as funding priority - F
- Recommend completing final phase of North Concho River brush control program - F

- Continue funding Twin Buttes brush control project until completed - F
- Fund brush control for region's reservoirs - F
- Give priority funding to land conservation and management practices, including brush and burn management and follow-up grazing - F
- Continue cooperating with federal agencies to secure brush control funds - F
- Fund programs to eradicate nuisance vegetation - J
- Fund a long-term, cost-sharing program for landowners participating in brush management similar to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Great Plains Conservation Program - J
- Encourage funding for saltcedar eradication and long-term brush management strategies in Rio Grande watershed - J, M
- Fund programs to eradicate saltcedar - J, O
- Provide pro rata funds to landowners for brush control assistance - K
- Fund brush management technologies - L

#### DESALINATION - SIX REGIONS: A, C, F, L, M, AND N

- Continue funding salinity control projects in Canadian and Red River basins - A
- Support research to advance desalination and reuse - C
- Provide funding to small communities for desalination projects - C
- Provide funds for desalination - F, L
- Continue funding brackish groundwater projects and seawater desalination demonstration projects - M
- Encourage Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, TWDB, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to investigate environmental impacts of seawater desalination discharge and allow it where no damage will occur - N
- Recommend changing regulations governing desalination brine to coincide with those governing petroleum brine - N

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### STORMWATER - ONE REGION: E

- Future planning should include stormwater, including aquifer recharge and optimization of surface water resources - E

### WEATHER MODIFICATION - TWO REGIONS: F AND L

- Support funding for researching, evaluating, creating, and operating weather modification programs - F
- Fund weather modification technologies - L

### AQUIFER RECHARGE - TWO REGIONS: J AND L

- Fund recharge structures and provide technical assistance - J
- Fund small aquifer recharge dams - L

### PLAYAS - ONE REGION: O

- Create and preserve native grass buffers to protect playa basins - O

### OTHER - THREE REGIONS: F, J, AND L

- Support state/federal funding for demineralization, reclamation, and aquifer storage and recovery - F
- Encourage and fund rainwater harvesting - J, L
- Increase funds for projects demonstrating alternative water supply strategies - L

## INTERBASIN TRANSFERS

### EIGHT REGIONS: C, D, F, G, H, I, K, AND N

#### JUNIOR RIGHTS - THREE REGIONS: F, I, AND N

- Oppose modifying the junior rights provision until basin of origin needs are ensured by reviewing water availability models to determine there are no detrimental impacts - F
- Support legislation to allow junior water rights exemptions from contracts reserving sufficient supply to meet 125 percent of demand in basin of origin - I

- Repeal junior rights provision and additional application requirements for interbasin transfers - N

#### BASIN OF ORIGIN - TWO REGIONS: D AND K

- Review the definition of “need” in basin of origin to ensure that needs are met before transfers are permitted - D
- Evaluate compensation to basin of origin - D
- Protect basins of origin in interbasin transfers - K

#### OTHER - FOUR REGIONS: C, F, H, AND K

- Recommend that unnecessary, counterproductive barriers to interbasin transfers be removed from Texas Water Code - C, H
- Support interbasin transfers as most efficient method for meeting state water needs - F
- Protect current water rights holders in interbasin transfers - F
- Verify that interbasin transfers are consistent with regional water plans - K
- Complete the Lower Colorado River Authority/San Antonio Water System study to verify that water transport meets regional water plan guidelines - K

## FUNDING FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

### NINE REGIONS: A, C, E, F, G, H, L, M, AND O

- Fund region-specific water supply strategies - A, E
- Change TWDB regulations to allow Water Infrastructure Funds to be used for acquisition of reservoir sites prior to permitting process - C
- Increase appropriations to the Water Infrastructure Fund - F
- Create statewide mechanism for funding state water plan projects - G, L
- Increase funding of State Participation Program to develop water supply projects meeting long-term demands - H

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- Establish financing mechanisms to develop new water supply projects in adopted regional plans - H
- Provide sufficient funding to TWDB and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for administering state water plan programs - L
- Fund water management strategies identified in regional water plans - M, O

### PROVIDING AND FINANCING WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS SEVEN REGIONS: A, F, H, K, L, M, AND O

#### FEDERAL MONIES - THREE REGIONS: E, H, AND L

- Continue federal and state financial programs for substandard water and wastewater systems (colonia areas) - E
- Investigate opportunities for increased U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding - H
- Encourage more active state solicitation of federal monies - L

#### STATE FUNDING PROGRAMS - FOUR REGIONS: C, H, I, AND K

- Establish more flexible deferred financing programs for large projects which allow repayment as portions of projects are brought online - C
- Increase funding of the State Loan Program for near-term infrastructure cost projections - H
- Continue state and federal support of Texas Community Development Program - H
- Increase funds for Small Towns Environment Program - H
- Increase funding of Regional Water Supply and Wastewater Facilities Planning Program; expand to include engineering design and cost estimates - H
- Increase future funding of State Revolving Fund to cover system capacity increases - H

- Make State Participation Program available to public/private partnerships and nonprofit water supply corporations - H
- Allow Water Infrastructure Funds to be used for replacement of water supply infrastructure - I
- Increase flexibility in determining categorical exclusions for Environmental Information Documents - I
- Revise Economically Disadvantaged Areas Program requirements to reduce difficult eligibility requirements, including model subdivision planning - I
- Provide low-interest loans and grants to reduce system water loss - K

#### OTHER - SEVEN REGIONS: A, F, H, I, K, M, AND N

- Develop or improve grant and loan programs to replace and repair aging infrastructure - A, I
- Provide grants to small and rural drinking water treatment systems to meet federal drinking water standards - F
- Increase funds for the Galveston Bay and Estuary program - H
- Provide funds for water treatment and radioactive waste disposal threatening rural water supplies - K
- Encourage regionalization of water and wastewater utility service - M
- Fund and support efforts of Groundwater Management Areas - N

### REGIONAL WATER PLANNING ALL SIXTEEN REGIONS

#### FUNDING/SUPPORT - ELEVEN REGIONS: B, E, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, AND P

- Continue adequate funding of regional water planning process - B, E, H, K, L, M, N, O
- Provide additional state funding for regional planning administrative costs - B, E, J, K,
- Fund technical studies necessary to support the work of the planning groups - H

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- Advocate that regions fund administrative costs of planning process - I
- Reimburse planning group members for reasonable expenses - J
- Consider factors other than population in funding the planning process - M
- Request public entities provide their share of funding for regional planning activities - N
- Establish funding for planning groups through TWDB - P

### STATE AGENCIES - SIX REGIONS: C, F, G, J, K, AND M

- Recommend that TWDB and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality collaborate on determining which water availability modeling data to use in regional planning - C, F
- Recommend all state agencies adhere to state water plan - G
- Recommend nonvoting state agencies attend regional planning meetings or relinquish authority to alter adopted plan - J
- Encourage Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide technical reviews and draft permits to planning groups to ensure consistency with regional plans - K
- Suggest Texas Commission on Environmental Quality assist Rio Grande area in converting water rights from one use to another - M

### ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES - FOUR REGIONS: A, D, F, AND I

- Allow small systems to develop alternative near-term scenarios - A
- Allow alternative scenarios in population growth and economic development in determining future water demands - D
- Allow alternative water management strategies in regional plan - F, I

### CONSISTENCY - SIX REGIONS: B, D, E, F, H, AND I

- Recommend waivers for surface water projects that will not significantly impact regional supplies

- and do not involve new water sources - B
- Recommend TWDB consider entire regional plan when determining consistency - D
- Apply consistent economic principles to water project and strategy evaluation - E
- Allow maximum flexibility in determining consistency with regional plans - F, I
- Recommend Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and TWDB collaborate on consistency determinations and waivers to allow for maximum flexibility - F, I
- Recommend TWDB publish clear criteria for consistency determinations before adopting regional water plans - F
- Recommend waivers for consistency issues for small projects - F
- Clarify rules to address consistency within regional plans - H
- Allow entities smaller than planning criteria that do not have specific needs identified in water plans to be eligible for state funds - I
- Remove willing buyer/seller transactions from consistency requirements - I
- Advocate removing consistency requirements from Senate Bill 1 - I

### WATER DEMAND FIGURES - FIVE REGIONS: D, E, H, J, AND L

- Revise procedure for water demand reductions to recognize areas with low per capita consumption - D
- Allow more time for final demand figures - E
- Recommend more real life analysis of demand figures during drought conditions - E
- Recommend State Demographer explore potential changes in population distribution due to information technology advancements - H
- Develop better methodologies for estimating population and water demand - J
- Modify planning process so that water demand projections allow for regional input - L

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- Modify regional planning process to allow for more flexibility in developing growth and water demand methodologies - L

### PLANNING GROUP AUTHORITY - ONE REGION: O

- Oppose legislature empowering planning groups with any regulatory authority - O

### TRAINING - ONE REGION: J

- Provide training for new planning group members - J

### OTHER - TEN REGIONS: A, C, E, F, H, K, L, M, O, AND P

- Clarify relationship between drought contingency planning and regional water supply planning - A
- Include project for future groundwater quality in the region - A
- Ensure eligibility for small cities and entities included as county-other - A
- Allow flexibility in applying water availability models for planning - C, F
- Avoid constraining planning process with technical requirements - E
- Set deadlines for regional plans that avoid legislative sessions - E
- Consider all water resources available to a region including those outside of the state - E
- Recommend rule simplification before next round of planning - F
- Allow planning groups to adopt an existing water plan if there are no significant changes to the recommended water management strategies - F
- Clarify rules on quantitative environmental analysis - H
- Review the administrative provisions of SB1 and subsequent policies to determine if appropriate organizational structure exists - H
- Coordinate regional planning process with Texas Clean Rivers Program - K

- Improve representation of women and minorities on planning groups - K
- Oppose development of new water management strategies to accommodate export of supplies to another county and planning region of state - K
- Oppose use of water availability model Run 3 in regional water planning as being unreasonably restrictive - K
- Include in plan water supplies over and above those required to meet the projected need - L
- Establish contract requirements before grant proposals are submitted - L
- Oppose changes to planning process except through formal rulemaking procedure - L
- Urge prompt and full implementation of these plans - L
- Include wildlife and environmental needs as a category of water use - M
- Recommend shifting to a utility-centric method of planning rather than city-centric - M
- State should consider impacts of climate change on regional water planning and future water supplies - M
- Allow for additional region-specific planning options and forecast scenarios - O
- Review the planning process with a group of stakeholders and identify any revisions to the planning process by the end of 2010 - O
- Support a greater role for inter-regional coordination in future planning - P

## RURAL WATER

### THREE REGIONS: G, H, AND L

- Encourage regionalization, education, and proactive planning of small water systems - G
- Support increased funding of federal Rural Utilities Service programs and funding of the state Rural Water Assistance Fund - H
- Study implications of water export, considering its implications on rural environment and economy - L

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### SURFACE WATER

#### TEN REGIONS: A, B, C, D, F, G, H, L, M, AND P

##### RESERVOIRS - SIX REGIONS: A, B, D, H, I, AND P

- Recommend TWDB submit reservoir feasibility study plans and results to Compact Commissions - A
- Change definition of water availability in reservoirs to match owner's operational criteria - A
- Include possible reservoir sites and flood control/aquifer recharge structures in future water plans - A
- Extend designations for unique reservoir sites beyond 2015 - B, I
- Designate Toledo Bend Reservoir as a supply strategy for upper Sabine Basin in Region D and supply option for Region C - D
- Consider potential economic and environmental impacts to reservoir development - D
- Consider raising the level for Lake Wright Patman prior to development of new reservoirs in Region D - D
- Consider development of reservoirs in the Sulphur Basin in Region D as violation of the quantitative evaluations of water management strategies under 31 Texas Administrative Code 357.7(a)(8)(A) and a conflict with the Region D plan - D
- Oppose development of reservoirs in the Sulphur Basin in Region D prior to development of environmental flow standards through Senate Bill 3 process - D
- Establish flood damage liability limits for reservoirs - H
- Develop Lake Texana Stage II as supply strategy - P

##### WATER PERMITS - FOUR REGIONS: C, F, L, AND N

- Encourage TWDB and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality work with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to revise Section 361(b) regulations on power plant cooling water - C

- Notify all basin water rights holders when a request to amend a water right increases quantity or changes purpose or place of use - F
- Fund Texas Commission on Environmental Quality adequately to ensure appropriate use of permitted surface water rights - L
- Urge Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to enforce existing rules and regulations regarding impoundments - N

##### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS - FOUR REGIONS: B, D, H, AND I

- Recommend U.S. Army Corps of Engineers transfer flood storage to conservation storage - B
- Recommend the Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation Rule of "avoid, minimize, and compensate" be closely followed - D
- Allow U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to increase water supply storage in new reservoirs - H
- Include TWDB and regional water planning agencies on mitigation bank review teams - I

##### SEDIMENT CONTROL - THREE REGIONS: B, C, AND D

- Support efforts, including land management, to rehabilitate existing sediment control structures and construct new ones - B
- Seek additional federal funding to improve and maintain Natural Resources Conservation Service sediment and flood control structures - C, D

##### UNCOMMITTED WATER - TWO REGIONS: C AND F

- Recommend changing Texas Water Code to exempt from cancellation nonuse associated with developing and managing reservoirs - C
- Oppose canceling uncommitted water contracts/rights - F

##### WATERMASTER PROGRAM - ONE REGION: M

- Authorize Watermaster Program to manage the Rio Grande water availability model - M
- Direct all appropriate Rio Grande water rights fees to Watermaster operations - M

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### OTHER - SIX REGIONS: B, C, F, G, K, AND M

- Recommend all surface water uses, regardless of size, be consistent with regional plan - B
- Continued and increased state support of efforts to develop water supplies in Oklahoma - C
- Review state surface water policy to ensure its appropriateness for next 50 years - F
- Amend state water law to incorporate river basin subordinations in regional water plans - F
- Support long-term contracts for future projects and droughts - F
- Support long-term contracts for reliable water supply planning and shorter-term “interruption” contracts to meet needs before long-term water rights are fully used - F
- Support coordinated operation of two or more water supply sources - G
- Give priority to water policies that increase surface water availability - K
- Encourage development of an operating plan for Mexican tributary reservoirs that ensures full compliance with 1944 Water Treaty while optimizing supply available to Mexico - M
- Continue considering allocation of Rio Grande Flows upstream of Ft. Quitman for treaty compliance - M

### WATER MARKETING

#### FOUR REGIONS: A, F, L, AND P

- Assess potential of transporting water into or out of the Panhandle - A
- Assess potential for transferring groundwater to counties within region - A
- Oppose additional regulations in willing buyer/willing seller water transactions - F
- Require all water export plans to be submitted to regional planning groups - F
- Recommend legislative review of Water Code to consider changes in light of increasing number of water export proposals - F

- Oppose export of surface water outside of region, except for existing contracts until a comprehensive plan is in place - F
- Allow property owners to capture and market water - F
- Fund development of a standard method for evaluating water export proposals - L
- Clarify that water planning regions are not intended to be barriers to water transport - L
- Consider export fee to offset negative impacts of transferring water out of basin - P
- Allow water transfer out of basin that does not interfere with exempt, existing, or previously permitted wells - P

### WATER QUALITY

#### SEVEN REGIONS: A, B, D, F, G, K, AND N

#### STANDARDS - THREE REGIONS: B, D, AND F

- Allow flexibility in drinking water standards for small systems, such as use of bottled water programs - B, F
- Recommend TWDB and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality standardize rules for minimum water supply requirements - D
- Recommend that Texas Commission on Environmental Quality revise its policy requiring use of secondary water standards, particularly total dissolved solids, when granting permits - F

#### WATER PLANNING - TWO REGIONS: A AND K

- Require Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to attend regional planning meetings and assist with water quality issues - A
- Support integrating water quality into water supply planning - K

#### RADIOACTIVE WASTES - TWO REGIONS: F AND K

- Recommend Texas Commission on Environmental Quality develop disposal



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procedures for the safe handling of radioactive wastes in water treatment process - F, K

- Develop disposal procedures for radioactive wastes threatening water supplies - K

### **MINING - ONE REGION: N**

- Amend rules to require routine, nonpartisan water quality monitoring of mining operations - N
- Oppose in-situ mining (a process that circulates acidic water through injection and recovery wells to remove minerals) where drinking water will be contaminated - N
- Monitor water quality from mining activities - N

### **OTHER - THREE REGIONS: B, D, AND G**

- Recognize chloride control project as regional priority - B
- Recommend Texas Commission on Environmental Quality expedite effort to replace methyl tertiary butyl ether in gasoline - D
- Encourage policies and business practices that give priority to water quality - G

## **OTHER**

### **SIX REGIONS: A, J, K, L, M, AND N**

- Establish guidelines differentiating between groundwater and surface rights - A
- Recommend basing drought management plans on peak use rather than annual production - J
- New electric generation facilities should utilize the most efficient technologies and conservation practices and assure water is available or can be obtained during the planning and permitting process - K
- Give counties additional authority for regulating land development to protect water resources - L
- Supports providers obtaining land for project through willing buyer-willing seller and using limited condemnation as a last resort - L
- Renew efforts to ensure Mexico's compliance with 1944 Treaty to eliminate water delivery deficits - M
- Amend state laws governing procurement of professional services to allow more flexibility in public works projects - N



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