



Texas Legislative Update – 85<sup>th</sup> Regular Session Austin Water and Wastewater Commission February 8, 2017





## Committees

- Senate committees announced
- House committees pending









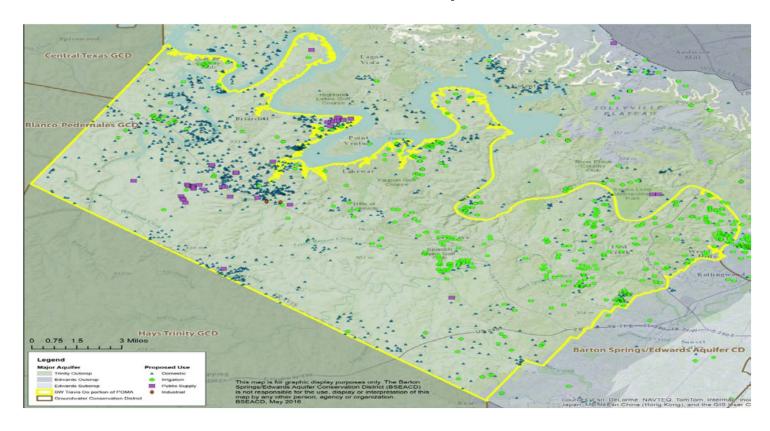
### **Annexation & Eminent Domain**

- SB 715 (Campbell) Annexation overhaul with voter approval requirements – similar to HB 299 (Larson)
- SB 740 & SB 742(Kolkhorst) Condemnations for pipeline and electric transmission right-of-way



### **New Water Districts**

- HB 922 (Workman) New groundwater conservation district in SW Travis County
- HB 1523 (Workman) New special utility district in SW Travis County





#### Conservation

- HB 965 (Springer) Water use restrictions for correctional facilities
- HB 1334 (Isaac) Local option property tax exemptions for rainwater harvesting



- HB 1536 (Farrar) Green stormwater infrastructure study and reporting by TCEQ
- SB 538 (Hinojosa) Drought Contingency Plans, Water Conservation Advisory Council







## Drinking Water & Wildlands

- SB 546 (Kolkhorst) Drinking water safeguards for state supported living centers
- HB 1009 (Alonzo) Prescribed burning only by sworn firefighters

HB 1575 (Workman) – Tree removal by land owners

for perceived fire risk







### Biosolids

- SB 746 (Kolkhorst) Prohibition on land application of grease and grit trap waste
- HB 1250 (Wray) Prohibition on land application of biosolids for certain counties







#### Resources

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