



89th Texas Legislative Session

Austin Water Outcomes

Key Dates 89th Sessions

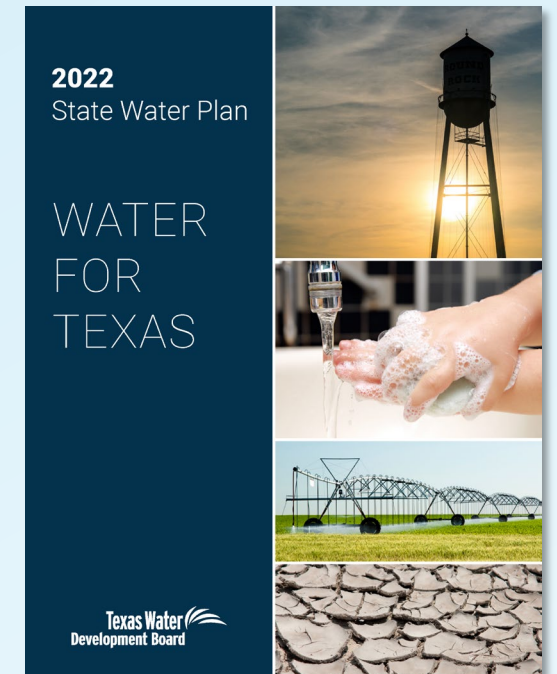


- 💧 Regular Session (140 Days): 1/14/25 - 6/2/25
- 💧 1st Special Session: 7/21/25 – 8/15/25
- 💧 2nd Special Session: 8/15/25 - 9/4/2025
- 💧 Additional Special Sessions – TBD by Governor

Historic Recurring Funding Pending Voter Approval

HJR 7 (Harris/Perry)

- 💧 Dedicated \$1 billion from sales tax
- 💧 Recurs annually 2027 – 2047
- 💧 Can be suspended during disaster, restored when practicable



Texas Water Development Board

Duties & Financing



TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD

SB 7 (Perry/Harris)

Texas Water Development Board to facilitate water conveyance project planning across the state

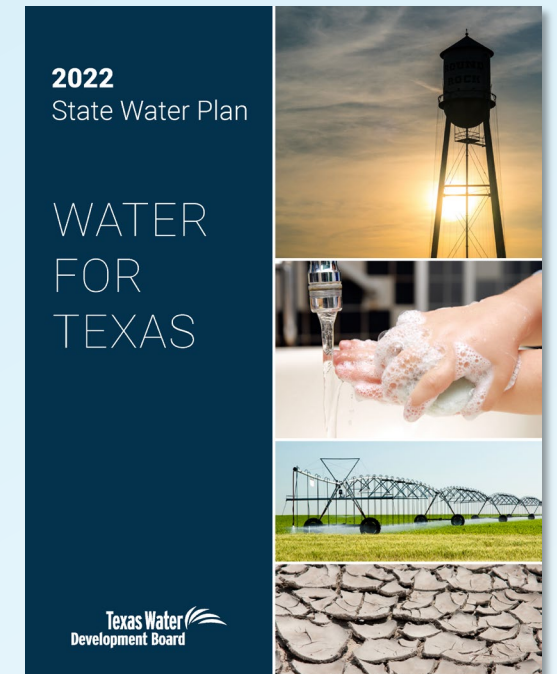
Study adding wastewater to state water planning process

New Water Supply Fund added projects:

- Water and wastewater reuse
- Out of state water purchases

SB 1261 (Gerdes/Perry)

Extends SWIFT loans to 40 years for State Water Plan projects costing over \$750 million



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Other Financing



TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD

SB 1967 (Hinojosa, J./Martinez)

Expands projects eligible for Flood Infrastructure Fund funding to promote new water sources

HB 500 (Bonnen/Huffman)

\$1.75 billion one-time new funding for Texas Water Development Board



Impact Fees



SB 840 (Hughes) & SB 2477 (Bettencourt)

Limits impact fees and oversized infrastructure cost sharing for conversion of commercial properties for residential use

SB 1883 (Bettencourt/Buckley)

Requires 2/3 approval of a governing body to increase impact fees

Prohibits increases more often than every 3 years

Independent financial audits required before impact fee increases

SB 14 [89(2)] (Perry/Bell)

Requires impact fee credits for conservation or reuse

Water Loss

HB 29 (Gerdes/Perry)

Water loss audit validation within 180 days of annual audit submittal

Water loss mitigation plans due in 1 year

Only applies to 6 municipal water utilities (over 150,000 connections)



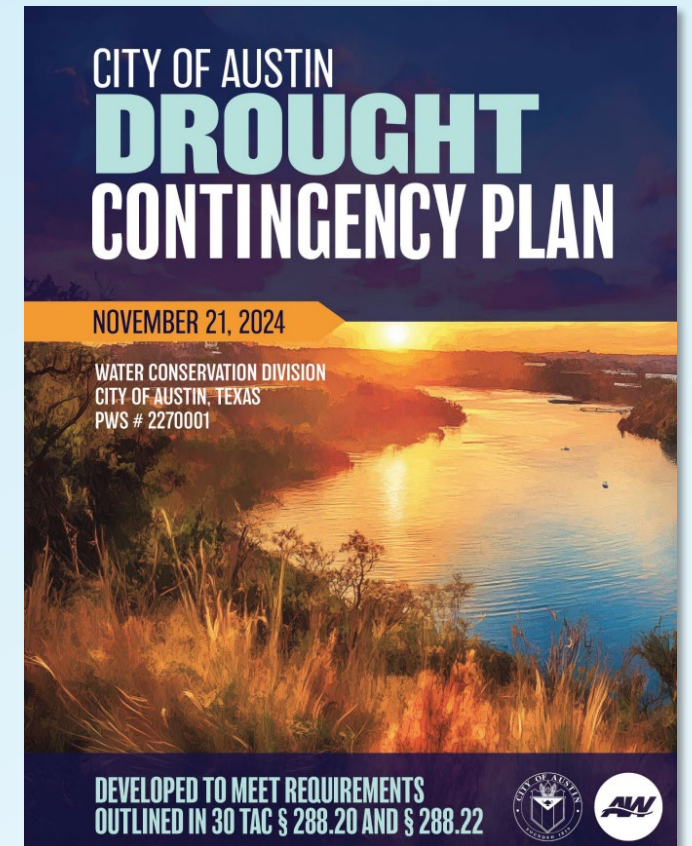
Conservation & Drought

HB 517 (Harris Davila, Button)

Limits on property owner association fines for brown turf during temporary watering restrictions

SB 2662 (Perry/Harris)

Drought Contingency Plan model program updates



Safety & Operator Licensing



SB 482 (Alvarado/Blanco)

Increased penalties for harassment of utility workers during emergencies

HB 1237 (Guillen/Zaffirini)

Extends renewal period for TCEQ water & wastewater operator licenses

Next Steps

Interim charges for committee hearings and reports:

- House Natural Resources
- Senate Water, Agriculture, Rural Affairs
- House Environmental Regulation

November 9, 2026: Bill Prefiling

January 12, 2027: 90th Regular Session begins

Questions

