

What is the State Water Plan?

In response to the drought of the 1950s and in recognition of the need to plan for the future, the Texas Legislature created the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to develop water supplies and prepare plans to meet the state's future water needs.

TWDB published *State Water Plans* in 1968, 1984, 1990, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017, and 2022. In 1997 with the passage of Senate Bill 1, the Texas Legislature established a new water planning process, based on a "bottom-up," consensus-driven approach.

Coordinating this water planning process are 16 Regional Water Planning Groups (RWPGs), one for each regional water planning area. The planning groups, each made up of about 20 members, represent a variety of interests, including agriculture, industry, environment, public, municipalities, business, water districts, river authorities, water utilities, counties, and power generation.

The *State Water Plan* is a dynamic document that anticipates the changing water conditions and needs in Texas 50 years into the future. The *Plan* incorporates information provided by the RWPGs. TWDB is required to review and update the planning area boundaries at least once every five years.

The *2022 State Water Plan* includes information about:

- Water planning in Texas
- Policy recommendations
- Drought and drought response in Texas
- Future population and water demand projections
- Water availability and existing supplies
- Water supply needs
- Water management strategies and projects
- Conservation
- Financing need
- Implementation and funding of the previous plan

Resources and Helpful Links

- Additional information about the *2022 State Water Plan* and previous Texas State Water Plans can be found at the State Water Planning webpage, <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/swp/index.asp>

- Regional Water Planning Area Maps, <https://tnris.org/maps.html>
- TWDB Regional Water Planning webpage, <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/index.asp>
- *What is a Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG)?* Frequently Asked Question (FAQ), <https://tgpc.texas.gov/frequently-asked-questions-faqs/#administrative>
- *What Planning Activities are Conducted by Regional Water Planning Groups (RWPGs)?* FAQ, <https://tgpc.texas.gov/frequently-asked-questions-faqs/#administrative>

Other Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

To find additional FAQs visit the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee's FAQ webpage at <https://tgpc.texas.gov/frequently-asked-questions-faqs/>.