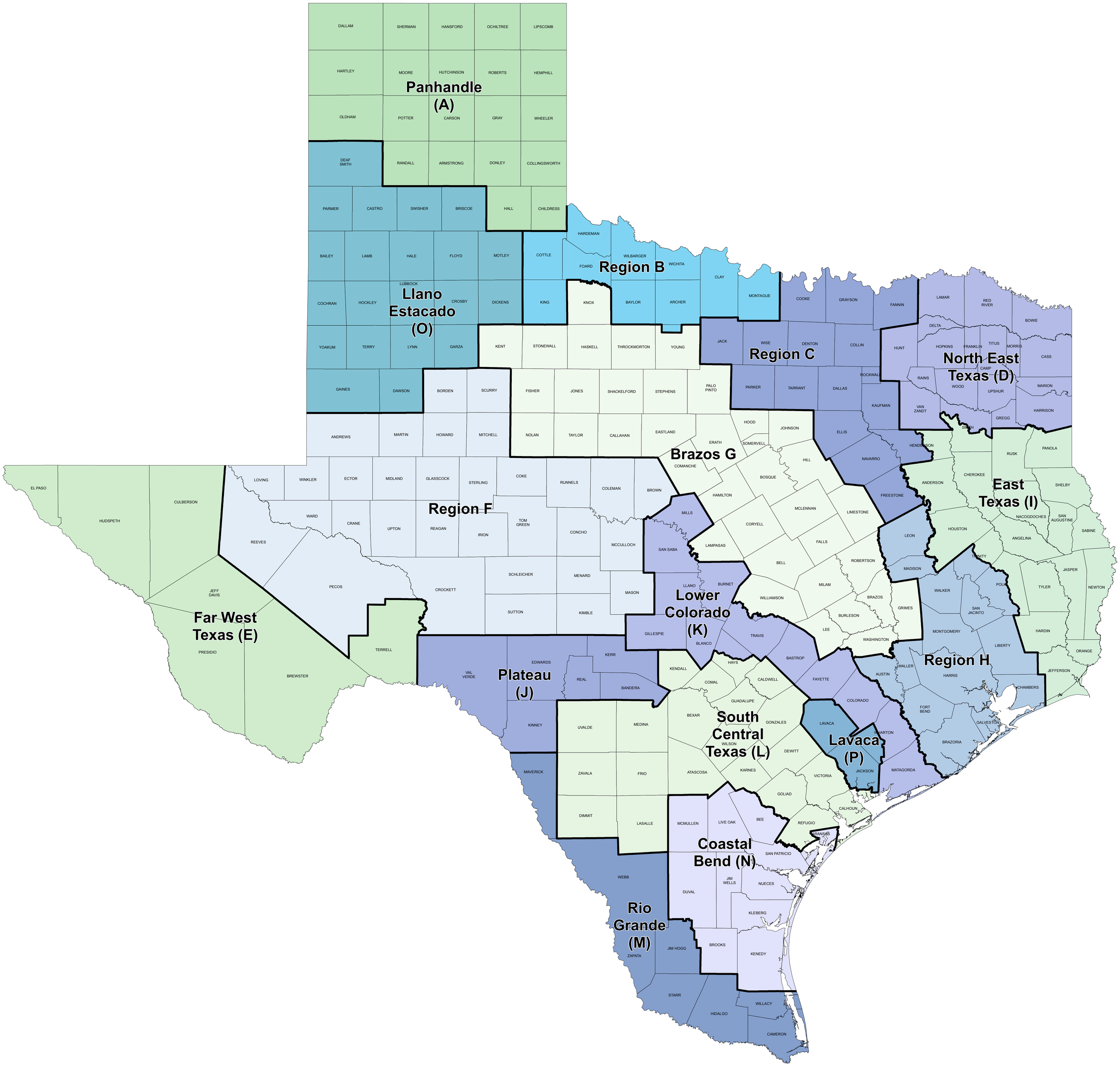

Regional Water Planning Areas of Texas

- County Boundaries
- A - Panhandle
- B - Region B
- C - Region C
- D - North East Texas
- E - Far West Texas
- F - Region F
- G - Brazos G
- H - Region H
- I - East Texas
- J - Plateau
- K - Lower Colorado
- L - South Central Texas
- M - Rio Grande
- N - Coastal Bend
- O - Llano Estacado
- P - Lavaca

MISSION
The Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) mission is to provide leadership, planning, financial assistance, information, and education for the conservation and responsible development of water for Texas.

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In response to the drought of the 1950s and in recognition of the need to plan for the future, the legislature created the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to develop water supplies and prepare plans to meet the state's future water needs. In 1997, the legislature established a new water planning process, based on a "bottom-up," consensus-driven approach. Coordinating this water planning process are 16 planning groups, one for each regional water planning area (see map). 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.

Each planning group approved bylaws to govern its methods of conducting business and designated a political subdivision, such as a river authority, groundwater conservation district, or council of governments, to administer the planning process and manage any contracts related to developing regional water plans.The planning groups conduct all functions at open meetings in an open and participatory manner. They hold special public meetings when they develop their scopes of work and hold hearings before adopting their regional water plans. This public involvement helps direct the planning and determine which water management strategies to recommend. Consensus building within the planning groups is crucial to ensure sufficient support for adopting the plan. Planning group members adopt plans by vote at open meetings in accordance with each group's respective bylaws. Once the planning group adopts its regional water plan, the plan is sent to the TWDB for approval. The TWDB then compiles information from the approved regional water plans and other sources to develop the state water plan.

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