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# Unified Costing Model User's Guide

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## *Executive Summary*

Regional water planning requires the evaluation and comparison of Water Management Strategies, including estimating costs to construct the required infrastructure. Additionally, cost estimating procedures are needed for non-infrastructure related water supply projects, such as conservation and drought management.

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) compiles cost estimates from all 16 planning regions and uses the information to develop the State Water Plan. Without a standardized costing method (including cost curves for infrastructure elements and assumptions), cost estimates varied across the state, region by region. The Unified Costing Model (UCM) project seeks to gain a level of consistency between cost estimates developed for the 16 Regional Water Planning Groups and their consultants.

The UCM, along with this user's guide, is intended to assist regional water planning groups and their consultants in developing consistent cost estimates across the State of Texas, so when these 16 regional plans come together to form the State Water Plan, TWDB can be assured that each water management strategy is evaluated on an even playing field with respect to cost estimates. The UCM is designed to be relatively intuitive, with individual component modules, some of which are optional, that feed information to a line item costing form, automatically when possible. Within the model, there are 11 costing modules along with some supporting data. Those modules include:

- 1. Quick Reference Guide
- 2. Project Information and Assumptions
- 3. Simplified Hydraulics
- 4. Advanced Hydraulics
- 5. Well Field
- 6. Embankment Calculations
- 7. Land Acquisition
- 8. Costing Form
- 9. Cost Summary
- 10. Conservation
- 11. Drought Management Risk Factor

The modules, described herein, assist the user in developing cost estimates for the most common types of water management strategies in regional water planning. Certainly, there are projects or components of projects with unique characteristics beyond the scope of what these modules are designed to evaluate, and in such cases, the user should perform an external cost estimate that may be incorporated into the UCM, where applicable. Using these procedures and methods will provide reliable and consistent preliminary configurations and cost estimates; however, results should always be reviewed and refined with application of professional judgment and experience.

## **0.0 Introduction and General Overview**

A large volume of regional planning work consists of studying alternatives for delivering water from new water sources to demand locations and evaluating ways to optimize management of existing water supplies. Investigating these types of scenarios typically includes performing a preliminary engineering analysis of needed facilities and estimating costs to construct the required infrastructure. Other tasks may involve updating construction cost estimates of alternatives that have previously been examined. Additionally, cost estimating procedures are needed for non-infrastructure related water supply projects, such as conservation and drought management.

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The purpose of this user's guide is to present the UCM for Regional Water Planning, which is to be used for planning-level cost estimates. Using these procedures and methods will provide reliable and consistent preliminary configurations and cost estimates; however, results should always be reviewed and refined with application of professional judgment and experience. The UCM is to be used only for strategies that do not have a detailed cost estimate based on an engineering study. Additionally, unique situations and facilities not addressed in the procedures should be evaluated on an individual basis.

The UCM contains a series of modules to aid the user in developing a cost estimate for a water management strategy under consideration in regional water plan development. Those modules, discussed in the following sections, include:

- 1. Quick Reference Guide
- 2. Project Information and Assumptions
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Each module has been designed to accommodate the most common types of water management strategies in regional water planning. Certainly, there are projects or components of projects with unique characteristics beyond the scope of what these modules are designed to evaluate, and in such cases, the user should perform an external cost estimate that may be incorporated into the UCM, where applicable.

## **1.0 Quick Reference Guide**

The Quick Reference Guide module ("Quick Reference Guide" tab) of the UCM shows a flow chart to walk the user through the tool.

For a typical Water Management Strategy (WMS) that requires the construction of infrastructure, the user begins with the Project Info and Assumptions to enter details about the project. Next, the user enters data regarding the transmission of water via pipelines in one or more of the hydraulic calculations modules. If the project includes a well field or a dam, there are optional modules to assist the user in defining them. The user then enters information regarding land acquisition. The main hub of the UCM is the costing form, where data from all infrastructure-related components are either accumulated automatically or defined. This is where the cost estimate is pulled together line-item by line-item. Finally, the user can view a summary of the cost estimate in the Costing Summary, which has been designed to be easily copied and pasted into the Regional Water Plan report.

For non-infrastructure based WMSs, the UCM contains modules to assist the user in determining potential water savings and costs. The UCM includes one module for water conservation and two modules to determine drought management.



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### **2.0 Project Information and Assumptions**

The Project Information and Assumptions module ("Project Info & Assumptions" tab) of the UCM is where basic project data and the general assumptions used throughout the costing model are entered. There are three sections in the Project Information and Assumptions module.

The first portion (Basic Info) allows the user to enter the name of the project, the Water User Group (WUG) or Wholesale Water Provider (WWP) associated with the project, and the name of the persons performing and checking the cost estimate. Additionally, the user enters the Producer Price Index<sup>1</sup> (PPI - used for pipelines) and the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index<sup>2</sup> (CCI - used for all other facilities) values to establish the time basis for which the cost estimate is to be made. Historical cost indices are included in the UCM on the "Reference - Cost Indices" tab. Base cost data in the UCM are set to March 2012 dollars (a CCI of 9268 and a PPI of 184.4). At the appropriate time, the base cost data will be updated to September 2013 dollars, per the TWDB guidance for regional water planning for the 2016 Regional Water Plans. Finally, the user enters the project supply in acre-feet per year (acft/yr) and an associated peaking factor for upsizing of facilities (see Section 2.1).

The second section of the Project Information and Assumptions module allows users to enter the assumptions consistent with the TWDB guidance for regional water planning. These values have been pre-populated with the assumptions used in the 2016 regional planning cycle.

The third section of the Project Information and Assumptions module is where the user can enter assumptions pertaining to power connections and pipeline crossings. Standard values for power connections and pipeline crossings have been pre-populated.

It should be noted that cells that require user input are white in color with a blue-colored font, while default values are light green in color with blue-colored font. Default values are editable, and up to the user's discretion.

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<sup>1</sup> http://www.bls.gov/ppi/ 2 http://enr.construction.com/economics/



#### **2.1 Water Volume and Rate of Delivery**

The volume of water to be pumped and the rate at which it needs to be delivered are critical pieces of information because they are the driving components in determining pipe sizes and pump station requirements. The volume of water that will be delivered (i.e., the amount of water to be delivered over an entire year) will be determined in a separate analysis and will vary from one water management strategy to another. For example, in one strategy, the volume of water that can be delivered may depend on the yield of a reservoir, while another may depend on a predetermined amount of water to be purchased from a WWP.

After determining the volume of water for a strategy or alternative, the next piece of information needed is the desired rate of delivery. Water may be delivered at an average (uniform) rate over the entire year (i.e., the same volume of water would be pumped each day), or the rate may vary from month to month or day to day. A typical scheme where water will be delivered at varying rates is one in which more is pumped in the summer to meet "peak" demands, and then significantly lower during the winter to meet "off-peak" demands. An important point to remember is that **FACILITIES ARE TO BE SIZED BASED ON PEAK RATES OF DELIVERY**. If a variable rate is used, the transmission system will need to be examined using the low, average, and peak rates to determine system adequacy and pumping costs at each flow.

Another aspect to remember about the delivery rate is that it should be adjusted to reflect pump station downtime for maintenance activities.The UCM assumes a 5 percent pump station downtime with a uniform delivery of water. If facilities are sized for a peaking factor greater than 1.0, then maintenance downtime is assumed to be completed during the "off-peak" period.

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## **3.0 Simplified Hydraulics Calculations**

There are two methods of performing pipeline hydraulics calculations available in the UCM. These methods are used to determine pipeline diameter(s), pump and booster sizes, and pumping energy required. The first is a simplified method presented in this section, and the other is a detailed method in which the user defines a pipeline route and uses an elevation profile (presented in Section 4.0).

The simplified method in the Simplified Hydraulics module ("Simplified Hyd Calcs" tab) allows the user to quickly determine pipeline diameter(s), pump and booster sizes, and pumping energy given a few basic pieces of information. The user inputs the beginning and ending

elevations, pipeline length, water delivery amount and peaking factor, and other basic assumptions. The user chooses a pressure class for the pipe (ranging from 100 psi to 350 psi). Base pipeline costs are adjusted based on the pressure class chosen. The Simplified Hydraulics module aids the user in choosing a pipeline diameter and generates the number of pump stations required, along with their sizes and required pumping energy.



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## **4.0 Advanced Hydraulics Calculations**

The second method of performing pipeline hydraulics calculations available in the UCM, and used to determine pipeline diameter(s), pump and booster sizes, and pumping energy required, is through use of the Advanced Hydraulics module ("Pipe X - Adv Hyd Calcs" tab). The user supplies a pipeline profile (based on externally-selected route), including station, elevation, ground type (rock or soil), and level of development (rural or urban) along the pipeline route. The Advanced Hydraulic module allows the user to consider the pressure in the pipeline along the entire route to verify if maximum and minimum pressure parameters are met throughout the pipeline route. The user can also choose locations of booster stations and allocate a portion of the Total Dynamic Head (TDH) to each of the booster stations. Additionally, the user may specify delivery amounts and points along the pipeline route, thereby facilitating adjustment of pipe diameter for varying flowrates along the pipeline.

The user may choose up to five delivery locations along the pipeline route to deliver portions of the total water to be conveyed by the transmission system. Additionally, the user may specify up to five pump/booster stations to gain the necessary lift from the beginning of the pipeline to the end delivery point.

Finally, because water management strategies often include more than one pipeline route (for example, there may be a high-capacity diversion from a river to an off-channel reservoir and a uniform delivery of firm yield from the off-channel reservoir to a WTP), the UCM has included three (3) Advanced Hydraulics modules to allow up to three separate pipelines (transmission sub-systems) to be evaluated for one water management strategy.

#### **4.1 Hydraulics Assumptions**

The "Hydraulics" section of the Advanced Hydraulics module allows the user to input basic hydraulics information, including roughness factor, target flow velocities, type of water being transported (raw or treated water), etc. The user chooses a pressure class for the pipe (ranging from 100 psi to 350 psi). Base pipeline costs are adjusted based on the pressure class chosen.

The type of water to be transported is a consideration that may have an impact on the engineering analysis. Raw water and treated water comprise the categories that are expected to be encountered in technical evaluation of water management strategies. Treated water is water that has been treated for some purpose; generally this would be potable water from a water treatment plant. Raw water is usually thought of as untreated, non-potable surface water that comes from a stream or reservoir. Groundwater may potentially be categorized as potable (classified as treated in the UCM) or non-potable (classified as treated in the UCM) water depending on resident levels of certain substances found in the water. It is important to be aware of the water type because minimum pipeline pressure requirements vary depending on the type and use. In the UCM, the Advanced Hydraulics module assumes a 15-psi minimum pressure for raw water and a 25-psi minimum pressure for treated water.

#### **4.2 Water Delivery Locations**

The user specifies the total water conveyance, peaking factor, delivery quantities, and locations in the "Deliveries" portion of the Advanced Hydraulics module. Some amount of water must be delivered to the end of the pipeline. The locations of the delivery points are needed in order to chart a pipeline route. Possible delivery locations include rivers, reservoirs, water treatment plants, storage tanks, and municipal distribution systems.



#### **4.3 Pipeline Route Selection and Profile**

Generally, the first step in the Advanced Hydraulics module pipeline analysis is to determine a route. The goal is to connect the source with the destination by the most direct and logical route possible. Once a path has been selected, a two-dimensional pipeline profile can be generated from a set of points distributed along the route (Section 4.3.1). Each point represents a station (horizontal dimension), and a corresponding ground elevation (vertical dimension). The number of points and the distances between these locations needed to represent the profile adequately will vary depending on the topography along the route. The goal is to capture the general topographic features or trends while showing points of significant elevation changes (i.e., minimum and maximum points along a route segment). These data, along with the ground type (rock or soil), and level of development (rural or urban) along the pipeline route, are entered into the Pipeline Profile Data portion of the Advanced Hydraulics module.

#### **4.3.1 Route Selection and Profile Generation Guidelines and Tasks**

Pipeline routes are identified and generated using external mapping resources available. Selecting a route to be used in technical evaluation of a water management strategy is typically an exercise in professional judgment based on experience. The following guidelines and tasks should, however, be considered in any strategy evaluation:

- A. Route Selection Guidelines
	- Select the most direct route paralleling existing right-of-ways to the extent possible. Existing right-of-ways include roadways (preferred), pipelines, power transmission lines, and railways (least preferred).
	- Limit pipeline routing across open land to the extent possible. Property division is less desirable than paralleling a boundary, except when following an existing rightof-way. In the design phase, it may be more feasible to cross open land along selected sections of a route if, during the design evaluation, the benefits outweigh the costs.
	- Bypass large water bodies.
- Bypass cemeteries and sites **known** to be culturally significant or environmentally sensitive. An environmental and archaeological review may or may not be performed at the regional planning level, but readily available information should be used to help avoid known sensitive areas.
- Bypass urban centers to the extent possible. Though it may result in a longer route, traversing around a city will likely result in lower construction costs.
- Avoid rough terrain, if possible; especially bypass hills that could be higher than the hydraulic grade line of the pipeline.
- Avoid heavily forested areas to the extent possible.
- Avoid crossing a highway at a major interchange.
- Avoid areas that require rock excavation if practical. Since soil conditions are usually consistent within some range, moving the pipeline is generally not expected to significantly change the ground conditions encountered. In the event that evidence shows the ground conditions would change significantly by shifting the pipeline route, the route that would result in lower constructions costs should be selected.

#### B. Pipeline Route and Profile Generation Procedures

It is recommended that when generating a pipeline route and pipeline profile, the user use GIS technologies. Profile generation guidance can be found in Appendix B.

#### **4.4** *Pipeline Hydraulics Calculations*

The user selects pipeline diameters for the transmission pipeline segments, along with pump/booster station locations and associated lift in the Advanced Pipeline Hydraulics Calculations portion of the Advanced Hydraulics module. The followings sub-sections (4.4.1 through 4.4.4) briefly explain the theory behind the calculations used in the Advanced Pipeline Hydraulics Calculations portion of the UCM that guide the user in making these selections.

#### **4.4.1 Pipe Size, Velocity, and Head Loss**

The Advanced Pipeline Hydraulics Calculations portion of the Advanced Hydraulics module is used to size pipes and generate the hydraulic grade line. Using total water conveyance and the peaking factor, the peak delivery rate is established and the process of selecting the size, velocity and head loss is as follows:

1. Estimate a pipe diameter for a corresponding velocity. A target velocity is used at this stage to help establish an appropriate size range. Equation 1 calculates the exact diameter in inches, as follows:

$$
D(in) = \frac{Q(cfs)}{\sqrt{V(fps)\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\left(\frac{1ft}{12in}\right)^2}}
$$
\n(1)

- 2. The user then picks a standard pipe diameter based on the diameter resulting from Equation 1. Standard pipe sizes are set in a dropdown list.
- 3. With the standard diameter set, the pipe velocity corresponding to the chosen pipe diameter is calculated using Equation 2. An important guideline to remember is to select pipeline diameter to maintain velocity within the 3.5-7 fps range. This range is a general guideline intended to prevent solids deposition in the pipe and to minimize energy requirements associated with friction losses experienced at high velocities.

$$
V(fps) = \frac{Q(cfs)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\left(\frac{D(in)}{12in/ft}\right)^2}
$$
\n(2)

4. Using the Hazen-Williams equation (Equation 3), the head loss in the pipe is calculated (hydraulic grade line or HGL slope) with the diameter selected in step 2 and the velocity found in step 3. The HGL will be plotted on the same graph in Advanced Hydraulic Chart ("Pipe X - Adv Hyd Chart" tab) as the ground profile using the calculated slope.

$$
S\left(\frac{ft}{ft}\right) = \left(\frac{V(fps)}{1.32C\left(\frac{D(in)}{4} \cdot \frac{1ft}{12in}\right)^{0.63}}\right)^{(3)}
$$
(3)



#### **4.4.2 Pipe Pressure**

When pumps impart energy to water, or "lift" it, a pressure will be generated within the pipe. This pressure is one component of the total head. Assuming that velocity head is negligible, the pressure head can be estimated using Equation 4.

Pressure Head = Hydraulic Grade Line Elevation - Profile Elevation. (4)

Pressure head can easily be converted to pressure by Equation 5. This equation can also be used to find the pressure head for a given pressure. Using a plot of the hydraulic grade line, it is possible to determine the pressure within the pipe at any point along the length.

$$
Pressure(psi) = Pressure Head(ft) \left( \frac{62.4 lb / ft^3 \text{ for water}}{144 in^2 / ft^2} \right)
$$
 (5)

Pipes are manufactured by pressure class providing a factor of safety within certain pressure ranges. A convenient tool for determining the pressure ranges in a pipeline is to plot pressure heads for various pipe pressure classes over the entire length of the pipeline profile, then inspect the grade line to see what lengths of pipe fall within a particular pressure head range.

Another guideline to keep in mind is that the HGL must clear all high profile points along the route in order to prevent formation of a vacuum within the pipeline and reduce the potential for column separation and water hammer within the pipe. It is desired to clear these points by a minimum water pressure at all times. The minimum line pressures that should be met or exceeded are 15 psi for raw water and 25 psi for treated water. This requirement should be met within all anticipated flow ranges.

#### **4.4.3 Pump and Booster Station Locations and Total Dynamic Head**

Pump/Booster station locations and sizes are dependent on the flow rate, pipe size, and corresponding head loss. A change in flow rate resulting in a change of pipe size can dramatically impact the number and sizes of pumping stations needed to convey water to the destination. Therefore the pipeline and pumping requirements must be evaluated together. Several iterations involving different combinations of pipe sizes and pumping station arrangements may be required to obtain an appropriate selection. The combination of pumping stations and pipe size selected must conform to engineering principles, comply with guidelines, and make sense economically.

Determining the size of a pump or booster station entails estimating the amount of energy, or head, needed to lift water to a sufficient level for driving water to a particular destination. This amount of head developed by the pump is called the total dynamic head, or TDH, and is made up of the following:

- **Static Head** The total change in elevation of the liquid from the suction level to discharge level, plus the pressure difference between suction and discharge reservoirs if different from atmospheric.
- **Pipe Friction** The friction head loss in the suction and discharge line, elbows, and valves, and the suction pipe entrance loss.
- **Velocity Head** the head at the end of the discharge pipe.

For study purposes, the TDH will be calculated as the difference between the calculated elevations of the HGL at the pumps and the suction source plus station losses (Equation 6).

$$
TDH (ft) = Final HGL Elevation at Pumping Station (ft) – Water Surface\nElevation (ft) + Pumping Station Losses (ft)
$$

The simple approach used in the UCM for determining the TDH for sizing a pump station is one that involves starting at the destination at a predetermined elevation, creating a HGL based on the peak flow, and evaluating a number of factors back toward the source. Once a transmission system arrangement is selected for peak flows, the same factors will be evaluated to ensure that the system will function adequately for the lowest anticipated flows.

#### **4.4.4 Pump Station Horsepower (size) and Power Requirements**

Pump station sizing and power requirements involve assessment of station power needs for different operating conditions. Power is the time rate of energy transfer, with the TDH for a particular flow rate being the amount of energy to be transferred. Horsepower is the unit of power that is used in the UCM and can be calculated with Equation 7. The efficiency of the pumping station is represented by "*e*". It is actually a "combined efficiency" that accounts for the efficiencies of the pumps and pump motors**. For regional water planning purposes, assume a combined efficiency of 0.7**. The pump station size, which is based on the greatest amount of horsepower needed, is derived using the peak flow rate and its resulting TDH.

$$
HP = \frac{Q(cfs) \cdot TDH\left(\, ft\right)}{8.8 \cdot e} \tag{7}
$$

Power consumption for estimating pumping energy costs is based on average flow rate and the headloss associated with the average flow rate. Electric energy is typically billed by the kilowatt-hour (kWh or KW-HR). "Watt" is the International System (SI) unit for power and is related to horsepower by Equation 8.

$$
1HP = 746W
$$
  
\n
$$
1HP = 0.746KW
$$
  
\n# of  $KW = Horsepower * \frac{0.746KW}{1HP}$  (8)

The estimated energy consumed in pumping is calculated by converting power back to energy for the pumping duration, based on average flow rate and the headloss associated with the average flow rate. Equation 9 illustrates this calculation.

Annual KW - HR = KW + total hours of pumping operation per year 
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(9)
$$

The number of hours of pumping operation is the total number of hours out of the year needed to deliver the annual water volume at a flow rate which is to be expected the majority of the time when pumping. Annual pumping energy cost is based on the annual energy consumed.

## **5.0 Well Fields**

Wells must be constructed to extract water from below the land surface and pump it into a water delivery system. Each well can be considered an individual, or stand alone, pump station for sizing purposes and for pumping energy calculations. Size/horsepower requirements, like pump stations, are based on the flow and the total dynamic head. Total dynamic head for a well pump is the elevation difference between the hydraulic grade line and the estimated groundwater (i.e. piezometric) surface at the well during pumping conditions, plus station losses and friction losses in the casing pipe. This water surface elevation is the static water elevation below the land surface less the amount of draw down due to pumping.

The Well Field module ("Well Field" tab) allows the user to "design" the well field and collection system to help layout the facilities in order to determine costs. The user can enter

basic pump and pipe information in the upper portion of the module. There is a portion dedicated to well and pipe layout, including the ability to estimate horsepower and energy necessary to support the well field and collection system.

The user lays out a well field, for example like the one on this page, and then determines the connectivity of the wells, collection pipes, and main trunk line(s). This information is then fed into the Well Field module, at which time, the flow, pipe sizes, and pumping energy is calculated.



Additionally, there is a portion at the bottom of the module designed to aid the user in selecting operational designs and capacities for reverse osmosis treatment of brackish groundwater.



## **6.0 Dam Embankment Estimates**

A basic dam embankment quantity calculator is included in the UCM in the Embankment Calculator module ("Embankment Calcs" tab), as an alternative to using simplified cost curves (see Section 9.1.3). The user enters information regarding the cross-section of the dam and the components of the dam, along with the unit prices of various cost elements associated with the construction of a dam, such as Embankment Fill and Cutoff Trench, Emergency Spillway, etc. The embankment calculator uses this information to determine a cost estimate per linear foot for the dam, given the specifications supplied by the user.



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## **7.0 Land Acquisition**

The Land Acquisition module ("Land Acquisition" tab) of the UCM is where the user can define land costs values (per acre) for each of the infrastructure components. Land cost vary significantly with location and economic factors. Land costs in Texas can be estimated using Rural Land Values in the Southwest published biannually by the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. Land values are estimated by county and land type. The user should use the Nominal Median Price per Acre when using the Real Estate Center's land values. A link to the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University is embedded in the Land Acquisition module of the UCM.



Other sources of land values, such as county appraisal district records, may be available for use. Some judgment in the use of suggested land costs is required. For example, the land cost estimate developed from a resource may be appropriate for general land prices but may not be appropriate for prime locations in the same area. In such a situation, the prime land value could be significantly higher than that of the surrounding lands.

Pipeline right-of-way (ROW) may be calculated by two methods: Simplified and Advanced. The simplified method simply allows the user to input a total unit cost per acre for ROW land costs. The advanced method allows the user to specify the raw land unit cost, an assumption for the number parcels crossed per mile, permanent ROW width, and information regarding administrative costs, condemnation hearings, and trials. The UCM assumes that 80 percent of the parcels will be acquired without condemnation, 10 percent acquired via a condemnation hearing, and 10 percent will go to trial.

## **8.0 Cost Estimating Form**

A studies level cost estimate includes three major cost categories: construction costs, other project costs, and annual costs. Construction costs are the direct costs, such as those for materials, labor, and equipment, incurred in constructing facilities. These are the costs that are generally submitted by a contractor bidding on a project. "Other project costs" include additional expenses not directly associated with construction activities such as costs for engineering, land acquisition, contingencies, environmental/archaeological/cultural resources studies, and interest during construction. Capital costs and other project costs comprise the total project cost. Operation and maintenance (O&M), energy costs, and debt service payments are examples of annual costs. Major components that may be part of a preliminary cost estimate are listed in Table 1.

The Costing Form module ("Costing Form" sheet) of the UCM is the primary module for creating the cost estimate. The Costing Form module pulls information calculated in the other modules together, and allows the user to input additional data to step through the cost estimation, as summarized in Table 1. The following sub-sections briefly describe each of the elements included in creating a cost estimate in the Costing Form module.

The Costing Form contains subsections to assemble costs for pump station, pipelines, crossings, water treatment plants, dams and reservoirs, storage tanks, and well fields including wells and piping, along with project related costs such as engineering, legal, contingencies, land acquisition, environmental, archaeology studies, mitigation, and interest during construction.



#### **Table 1. Major Project Cost Categories**

#### **8.1 Capital Costs**

Cost tables have been created for the UCM and are discussed in the technical memorandum in Appendix A. The cost for a project element can be determined by applying a unit cost from the cost tables to a specific unit quantity. For example, pipeline costs can be determined by pipe diameter and linear feet of line. Cost estimates are approximate, therefore reporting costs to the dollar is not necessary. Estimates reported to the thousands of dollars are acceptable.

Throughout the Costing Form, the user has the option to override a calculated cost estimate for an element with an external cost estimate by simply filling in a value into the "External Cost Estimate" space on each line item.

The cost tables report "all-inclusive" costs to construct a particular facility. For example, the pump station cost table values include building, pump, control equipment, materials, labor,

and installation costs. Interpolation between the table values is done automatically by the UCM in order to arrive at the appropriate cost estimate. Each cost table has a reference time period for which the cost data is current. The user can adjust the time period by adjusting the CCI and PPI values on the Project Information and Assumptions module.

#### **8.1.1 Pumping Stations**

Anticipated pump and booster station costs vary according to the discharge and pumping head requirements, and structural requirements for housing the equipment and providing proper flow conditions at the pump suction intake. For studies level costing estimates the cost tables provided are based on the station size, or horsepower, for the peak flow rate. The costs include those for pumps, housing, motors, electric control, site work, and all materials needed.

The Costing Form has a section for each of the pipelines that use the Advanced Hydraulic Calculations module, each of which has a primary pump station (beginning pump station) and up to four booster stations. The primary pump station is broken into pump station cost and intake cost. The user may also wish to add a channel dam, if necessary, to this cost estimate. If the primary pump station is associated with something other than a diversion that requires an intake structure, the user can set the intake cost to zero by setting the "External Cost Estimate" to zero, thereby overriding the cost estimate. Additionally, the user enters the average flow rate associated with each booster station to establish the cost estimate for the storage tanks associated with the booster stations. The tank size is calculated using 10 percent of the daily average flow.

#### **8.1.2 Pipeline**

Pipeline construction costs are influenced by pipe materials, bedding requirements, geologic conditions, urbanization, terrain, and special crossings. Additionally, the pressure class of the pipe can affect the cost. For a studies level cost estimate, pipeline costs will be determined from unit costs based on the pipe diameter, ground type, and level of urban development. The unit costs include installed cost of the pipeline and appurtenances, such as markers, valves, thrust restraint systems, corrosion monitoring and control equipment, air and vacuum valves, blow-off valves, erosion control, revegetation of rights-of-way, fencing and gates.

Based on choices the user made on one or more of the hydraulics spreadsheets, the UCM calculates the cost associated with each pipeline segment based on the pipe diameter, soil / urbanization condition, pipeline length, and pressure class. Base pipeline costs are adjusted based on the pressure class chosen. The factors for cost adjustment based on pressure class are based on data received from a pipe distributor in March  $2013<sup>3</sup>$ .

Additionally, the user can input crossing information to account for various types of pipeline crossings along the route.

#### **8.1.3 Water Treatment Plants**

Construction costs for water treatment facilities are based on plant capacity for six different levels of water treatment. It is not the intent of the cost estimating methodology to establish an exact treatment process but rather to estimate the cost of a general process appropriate for bringing the source water quality to the required standard of the receiving system. The process options presented include disinfection, advanced groundwater treatment, simple filtration, conventional treatment, advanced brackish water treatment, and advanced seawater desalination. Table 2 gives a description of the processes involved in each treatment option. The water treatment plant unit costs include costs for all processes required, site work, buildings, storage tanks, sludge handling and disposal, clearwell, pumps and equipment. The costs assume pumping through and out of the plant as follows: Levels 2 through 5 treatment plants include raw water pumping into the plant for a total pumping head of 100 feet, and finished water pumping for 300 feet of total head. Levels 0 and 1 treatment includes finished water pumping only at 300 feet of head.

Level 0:	Disinfection Only - This treatment process will be used for groundwater with no contaminants that exceed the regulatory limits. Assumes groundwater does not require treatment for taste and odor reduction and groundwater is stable and requires no treatment for corrosion stabilization. With this treatment, the ground water is suitable for public water system distribution, aquifer injection, and delivery to the recharge zone.
Level 1:	Ground Water Treatment - This treatment process will be used for groundwater to lower the iron and manganese content and to disinfect. The process includes application of an oxidant and addition of phosphate to sequester iron and manganese. Chlorine disinfection as the final treatment. With this treatment, the ground water is suitable for public water system distribution, aquifer injection, and delivery to the recharge zone.

**Table 2. Water Treatment Level Descriptions** 

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 $^3$  Email from Ronny Huffstickler – American Ductile Iron Pipe Company, March 8, 2013.
Level 2:	Direct Filtration Treatment - This treatment process will be used for treating ground water from sources where iron, manganese, or other constituent concentrations exceed the regulatory limit and require filtration for solids removal. Assumes turbidity and taste and odor levels are low. In the direct filtration process, low doses of coagulant and polymer are used and settling basins are not required as all suspended solids are removed by filters. The process includes alum and polymer addition, rapid mix, flocculation, filtration, and disinfection. Water treatment with this process is suitable for aquifer injection or for delivery to the recharge zone.
Level 3:	Surface Water Treatment - This treatment process will be used for treating all surface water sources to be delivered to a potable water distribution system. The process includes coagulant and polymer addition, rapid mix, flocculation, settling, filtration, and disinfection with chlorine. This treatment process also applies for difficult to treat groundwater containing high concentrations of iron (greater than 3 mg/l) and manganese requiring settling before filtration.
Level 4:	Brackish Groundwater Desalination4 - Note: This treatment cost does not include pretreatment for solids removal prior to RO membranes. For desalination of a surface water or groundwater containing high solids concentrations, additional solids removal treatment should be included in addition to desalination. (Example: add level 3 treatment costs for a turbid surface water source). This treatment process will be used for treatment of groundwater with total dissolved solids (TDS) exceeding the regulatory limit of 1,000 mg/l. Base costs are based on reverse osmosis (RO) membrane desalination of groundwater with 3,000 mg/l of TDS to lower the treated water TDS below the regulatory limit. However, the user enters the TDS associated with the brackish water source (1,000 mg/L to 35,000 mg/L), and costs are adjusted based on the TDS. The desalination concept includes minimal pretreatment (cartridge filtration, antiscalent addition, acid addition), reverse osmosis membrane system, and disinfection with chlorine. Costs assume desalination concentrate will be discharged to surface water adjacent to treatment plant. With this treatment, the ground water is suitable for public water system distribution, aquifer injection, and delivery to the recharge zone.
Level 5:	Seawater Desalination - Note: This treatment cost does not include pretreatment for solids removal prior to RO membranes. For desalination of a surface water or groundwater containing high solids concentrations, additional solids removal treatment should be included in addition to desalination. (Example - For desalination of seawater with an intake located on the coast drawing turbid water, cost estimate should include Level 3 treatment plus Level 6). This treatment process will be used for treatment of seawater with total dissolved solids (TDS) exceeding the regulatory limit of 1,000 mg/l. Costs are based on reverse osmosis (RO) membrane desalination of a water with 32,000 mg/l of TDS to lower the treated water TDS below the regulatory limit. The desalination concept includes minimal pretreatment (cartridge filtration, antiscalent addition, acid addition), reverse osmosis membrane system, and disinfection with chlorine. Costs assume desalination concentrate will be discharged to surface water adjacent to treatment plant. With this treatment, the ground water is suitable for public water system distribution, aquifer injection, and delivery to the recharge zone.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Graves, M., and Choffel, K., 2004, Economic siting factors for seawater desalination projects using reverse-osmosis processes, in Texas Water Development Board Report 363, Technical Papers, Case Studies and Desalination Technology Resources."

# **8.1.4 Reservoirs, Off-Channel Reservoirs, and Terminal Storage**

Standard cost tables for construction costs for reservoirs, off-channel reservoirs, and terminal storage are based on reservoir capacity. The user enters the reservoir's conservation capacity and the UCM generates a cost estimate using cost curves based on bid data and engineering estimates. The standard cost curves are available to the user when there are no specific details about a surface storage facility available, outside of a storage capacity. Alternatively, the user may use the Embankment Calculations module to develop a more detailed cost estimate, when there is a specific reservoir site with specific details available.

#### **8.1.5 Stilling Basins**

If an alternative involves discharging into a water body or perhaps into a recharge structure, it may require that excess energy in the water be dissipated so that scouring and erosion do not become a problem. Energy will be dissipated with the use of stilling basins. The user enters the discharge flow in cfs, and the UCM calculates a stilling basin cost based on a cost of \$3,025 per unit flow (cfs).

# **8.1.6 Storage Tanks**

Ground storage tanks may be used for stand-alone storage, as part of a distribution system, or as part of a pumping station. The costs for storage tanks are based on cost per million gallons of capacity. The user specifies the type of storage tank to be used (ground storage with roof, ground storage without roof, or elevated storage) and the capacity of the storage tank.

Elevated storage tanks are rarely used in water transmission systems and are typically utilized in distribution systems within a water service area. However, the UCM includes the option to include an elevated storage tank, if necessary.

# **8.1.7 Well Fields**

The UCM contains four types of wells: public supply, irrigation, aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), and injection wells. Public supply wells are wells used by municipalities and other water suppliers to supply groundwater for consumption. Irrigation wells provide water for irrigation purposes but may also be used in scenarios involving surface and groundwater exchange. ASR is the concept of using wells to inject water into an aquifer for temporary storage and then extracting the water later when needed. ASR wells include injection wells,

recovery wells, and wells that can be used for both injection and recovery. Additionally, there are injection wells for injecting reject water from various types of projects.

Well costs have been generated for the different types of wells for pumping water from various static water level ranges and pumpage rates. The costs include complete installation of the well and pump to include drilling services, materials, pump and control equipment, valves, testing, security fencing, and a small access road. The costs do not include those for a building, surface piping connecting to a transmission/collector pipeline, or power connection costs.

# **8.1.8 Relocations**

Large-scale projects, such as reservoirs, may require the use of lands that contain existing improvements or facilities such as homes, businesses, utilities, and roads. If the benefits outweigh the costs, the new project element may be constructed, but with the requirement that selected affected improvements or facilities be relocated. An example of a relocation is the rerouting of a highway out of the inundation area of a new reservoir. Because the type of improvements and facilities that may be candidates for relocation can vary significantly, estimating the costs for other relocation items should be handled on an individual basis.

# **8.1.9 Integration**

The introduction of treated water to a city, or other entity, may require improvements to connect to the entity's water distribution system. A detailed analysis of a distribution system is needed to determine the system improvements required to handle the introduction of additional water supplies. The analysis would incorporate the development of a model of the entity's distribution system using a program, such as KYPIPE or EPANET, to determine what improvements are needed. This level of work is usually beyond the scope of a regional water planning analysis.

Cost estimates for distribution system improvements should be handled on an individual basis because the magnitude of improvements will vary significantly with each system. Some systems may actually require very little improvements, while others may require large-scale advancements.

# **8.1.10 Other Capital Cost Items**

Alternatives may involve elements that are not adequately addressed by the cost tables and guidelines within this section. These additional items will require research on an individual basis to obtain appropriate cost estimates.

# **8.2 Other Project Costs**

As previously mentioned, "other project costs" are costs incurred in a project that are not directly associated with construction activities. These include costs for engineering, legal, financing, contingencies, land, easements, environmental services, and interest during construction.

# **8.2.1 Engineering, Legal, Financing, and Contingencies**

Some "other project" costs can be estimated by applying a percentage to the total capital cost. For studies level cost estimates we will use a percentage to calculate a combined cost that accounts for engineering, financial, and legal services, and contingencies. The contingency allowance accounts for unforeseen circumstances and for variances in design elements. The percentages to be used are 30 percent of the total construction costs for pipelines and 35 percent for all other facilities.

# **8.2.2 Land Acquisition**

Land related costs for a project can typically be divided into two categories, land purchase costs and easement costs. Land purchase costs are those costs incurred for direct purchase of land areas not currently in the project owner's possession. Generally, all facilities that will be part of a project, except for pipelines, will be built on land owned by the project owner. Survey and legal service costs for land transactions will be added to land and easement costs to get the total land acquisition costs. One possible exception to this is land leasing that may be used for well fields. Suggested land areas for various facility types are listed in Table 3.

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Suggested Land Area</b> (acres)				
<b>Pump Station</b>	5				
<b>Water Treatment Plant</b>	0.5/MGD				
<b>Water Storage Tanks</b>	2				
Reservoirs	Inundation Area <sup>1</sup>				
Well Fields <sup>2</sup>	0.5 per well minimum				
<sup>1</sup> Larger land areas may be required in order to account for flood pool, freeboard, etc. <sup>2</sup> Larger land areas may be required in order to obtain a certain quantity of water rights.					

**Table 3. Suggested Land Area for Various Facilities**

Pipelines may be built on lands that are, or are not, possessed by the project owner. Typically, a pipeline will start on land in the possession of the project owner that was purchased and/or dedicated for use with a specific facility, such as a pump station or water treatment plant, and then traverse cross-country. Rather than purchase land along the pipeline route, easements are usually acquired. The general definition of an easement is a right granted by the owner of a parcel of land to another party. The rights are for use of the land for a specified purpose. There are a number of easement types and methods in which they can be created. For pipelines, the process is usually similar to land purchase, with a price being paid for construction of the pipeline on the landowner's property and for future entry rights for maintenance activities. Payment for easements may be less than land purchase price since the original owner maintains title, and the land is usually restored after construction by the contractor, and used by the landowner.

Two types of easements are usually acquired for pipeline construction: temporary and permanent. Permanent easements are those, in which the pipeline will reside once constructed, and provide room for future maintenance and protect the line from other parallel underground utilities. Temporary easements provide extra working space during construction for equipment movement, material storage, and related construction activities. Once the pipeline has been installed, the grounds are restored to pre-construction conditions, and the temporary easement ceases to exist. The owner of the property may resume activities over the easements, with the right granted to the project owner allowing entry to the permanent easement for inspection,

maintenance, and repair activities. The total construction easement width shown is the sum of the permanent and temporary easements.

For more information regarding land acquisition, please see Section 7.0.

# **8.2.3 Surveying and Legal Fees**

Surveying and legal services are required with most land transactions. For our purposes, we will estimate the fees for these services and add them to land and easement costs to get a total land acquisition cost.

Ten percent (10 percent) should be added to the total land and easement costs to account for surveying and legal fees associated with land acquisition, except for reservoirs. The surveying cost for reservoirs is estimated as \$50 per acre of inundation.

# **8.2.4 Environmental and Archaeology Studies, Permitting, and Mitigation**

In general, most construction projects will require some type of approval by governmental agencies. Environmental permits may be required by local, state, and/or the federal agencies for projects that affect land and water resources, or generate air pollution. Of particular importance, studies for projects will be performed to determine if environmentally sensitive areas, wetlands, threatened or endangered species, and valuable archaeological/cultural resources exist on or near properties where project facilities are proposed for construction. In addition to potentially requiring permits by regulating agencies, such conditions may result in restrictions or modifications in construction, may require mitigation, and in some cases could prevent construction altogether. The definition of mitigation is to alleviate or make milder. As related to construction projects, mitigation refers to actions taken to achieve equitable compensation given for environmental impacts relative to construction and/or operation of the project. This could include purchase of land, enhancement of wildlife habitat and/or money compensation.

Environmental and archaeological studies are usually performed during the design phase of a project, though some investigations may occur during the preliminary engineering phase. In the studies level analysis of a project, it is difficult at best to determine what permits may be required and the costs for environmental studies. There will be some base fee for the initial environmental studies that will be performed on a project. More detailed environmental analysis may be required if any environmental issues are discovered, which could result in increased

environmental studies and permitting costs, and perhaps mitigation. Mitigation, if required, can vary significantly, as would the related value/cost. Costs for environmental studies, permitting, and mitigation are project dependent and should be estimated on an individual basis using information available and the judgment of qualified professionals. For all project components except pipelines, the UCM assumes the Environmental/Mitigation Costs are 100 percent of land costs. This assumption can be adjusted by the user as appropriate. The recommended value for environmental studies and mitigation costs for pipelines is \$25,000/mile of pipeline.

# **8.2.5 Interest During Construction**

An entity generally funds construction projects by securing loans or selling bonds of some type. Typically, the entity receives the funds at the start of the construction project and pays the contractor from the funds over the duration of the construction period. Interest on the borrowed funds will be charged during the construction period as well. It is desired by the entity not to make payments on the borrowed funds or the interest until the project is complete and is generating revenue. As such, the interest during construction (IDC) is determined and treated as a cost item to be included as part of the total project cost and made part of the loan. In addition, the entity may invest part of the borrowed funds during the construction period and any gains made on the investments can be used to offset interest payments (i.e. reduce the net interest during construction).

IDC is calculated as the cost of interest on the borrowed amount less the return on the proportion of borrowed money invested.

IDC is calculated by applying the net interest rate over the construction period of the project to the average project cost (Equation 10). The net interest rate is the interest rate on borrowed funds less the return interest rate from the investment on unspent borrowed funds. The average project cost is equal to the sum of the capital costs, and all other project costs, excluding IDC, divided by two.

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IDC = [Amount Borrowed x Annual Rate of Loan x Construction Period (years)] - [One-Half Amount Borrowed x Annual Rate of Return x Construction Period (years)]
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The final total project cost is equal to all costs plus the interest during construction.

# **8.3 Annual Costs**

The annual costs in a cost estimate are the estimated annual costs that the project owner can expect if the project is implemented. These costs include the costs for repayment of borrowed funds (debt service), operation and maintenance costs of the project facilities, pumping power costs, and possibly water purchase costs.

# **8.3.1 Debt Service**

Debt service is the estimated annual payment that can be expected for repayment of borrowed funds based on the total project cost (present worth), the project finance rate, and the finance period in years. The UCM contains the necessary calculations to estimate annual payments based on financing period and interest rates. The financing period and interest rates are entered on the Project Information and Assumptions module.

# **8.3.2 Operation and Maintenance**

Operation and maintenance costs for dams, pump stations, pipelines and well fields (excluding pumping power costs) include labor and materials required to maintain the project, regular repair and/or replacement of equipment. Operation and maintenance costs (O&M) are calculated as a percent of the total estimated construction cost for various types of facilities. These percentage rates are entered on the Project Information and Assumptions module by the user.

# **8.3.3 Pumping Energy Costs**

Power costs are calculated on an annual basis using the appropriate calculated power load and a power rate. The power rate is entered on the Project Information and Assumptions module by the user.

# **8.3.4 Purchase of Water**

The purchase cost, if applicable, should be shown if the alternative involves purchase of raw or treated water from an entity. This cost will vary by source.

# **9.0 Cost Summary**

The Cost Summary module ("Cost Summary" sheet) pulls together common costing elements from the Costing Form module and summarizes them and their costs in a simple tabular format capable of being placed directly into a water management strategy write-up. All the fields within the module are populated automatically. The user may "condense" the summary table to eliminate elements that are not part of the current cost estimate by clicking the "Create Cost Estimate Summary for Report" button. Clicking this button will produce a summary table that only contains line items for elements that contain a cost for the cost estimate. To reset the table, the user can click the "Reset Summary" button.



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# **10.0 Water Conservation**

The Conservation module ("Conservation" tab) of the UCM provides the user a simplified method of calculating advanced municipal water conservation savings and associated costs. Advanced water conservation is conservation above and beyond that of the water efficiency savings that are included in the TWDB water demand projections. There are two approaches to calculating the water conservation quantities and costs in the Conservation module: Simple Approach and Detailed Approached.



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## Simply Approach

Using the Simple Approach, the user enters the population and net water demand for a given WUG/WWP for each decade of the planning period, as well as the historical per capita water use associated with the base water use year (Year 2011 for the 2016 Regional Water Plans). The user specifies a target per capita water use as the conservation goal. The user also specifies the rate (percent per year) at which the gpcd should decrease each year until the goal is achieved and the rate of yearly gpcd decrease after the goal has been reached. If no additional conservation is to be included after the goal is met, the "Rate Once Goal Is Achieved" can be set to zero.

Finally, the user sets the unit cost of conservation by specifying the urban/suburban/rural setting of the WUG/WWP. Default unit costs of municipal water conservation were obtained from the "Quantifying the Effectiveness of Various Water Conservation Techniques in Texas"<sup>5</sup> study conducted for TWDB. The user may deviate from these default unit costs if more specific cost information is available.

# Detailed Approach

In the Detailed Approach, the user has the option to add conservation goals for seven categories: Public & School Education, Water Audits, Water Conservation Pricing, Landscape Design Conversion, Passive Clothes Washers, Plumbing Retrofits, and Other. Guidance is given within the UCM as comments. Additional information regarding potential savings and associated cost ranges can be found in the "Water Conservation Best Management Practices Guide6," (http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/publications/reports/numbered\_reports/doc/R362\_BMPGuide.pdf).

 The user can specify the savings rate, the effectiveness, and the costs associated with each conservation measure. The Conservation module then computes the advanced water conservation savings and the associated annual and unit cost of the strategy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> GDS Associates, "Quantifying the Effectiveness of Various Water Conservation Techniques in Texas; Appendix VI, Region L," Texas Water Development Board, Austin, Texas, July 2003.<br>6 Weter, Canaguation, Implementation, Teak, Essae, "Weter, Canagu

Water Conservation Implementation Task Force, "Water Conservation Best Management Practices Guide," November 2004.

# **11.0 Drought Management Risk Factor and Cost**

The Drought Management modules (there are two: "Dr Mgmt Risk Factors" and "Dr Mgmt Costs") are used to develop estimates of municipal drought management water savings (i.e. failure to meet projected water needs) and associated costs (i.e. economic impacts of failure to meet projected water needs) for WUGs/WWPs. The calculations are rather complex, and are described in detail Appendix C, an excerpt from the 2011 South Central Texas Regional Water Plan<sup>7</sup>. For the UCM, an automated process has been included for quantifying drought management savings and estimating economic impacts which are converted to unit costs for direct comparison to other water management strategies.



The user starts with the Drought Management Risk Factor module and enters the historical per capita water use data for each WUG/WWP and a reference year. This module calculates the risk associated with making drought management reductions at various levels. The results of this module feed the Drought Management Costs module. It should be noted that drought management water management strategies that are evaluated should take into account

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, 2011 Regional Water Plan, Volume II, Technical Evaluations of Water Management Strategies, September 2010.

any previous implementation of drought management that may be embedded in historical GPCD data to avoid under-estimating impacts of annual unit costs of failure to meet projected water need (aka drought management).

The Drought Management Costs module takes results from the Drought Management Risk Factor module and calculates the amount of water saved for 5, 10, 15, and 20 percent reductions, and their associated costs. The user enters the water demand for the municipal WUG/WWP and planning year for which drought management is being considered. Additionally, the user enters the water use sector distribution (domestic/residential, commercial, and manufacturing) for the municipal WUG/WWP and the unit cost of reduction for the various sectors. This information may be obtained from TWDB upon request<sup>8</sup>.

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$\mathbf{1}$															
$\overline{2}$	Drought Management - Step 2: Cost Calculation														
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$\overline{4}$		<b>Water User Group:</b>		Lockhart											
5		Water Demand (acft/yr):		2,451											
$6\overline{6}$		<b>Planning Year:</b>		2020											
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				Domestic/						Total/		<b>Marginal Unit</b>		<b>Average Unit</b>	Amount
8				<b>Residential</b>		Commercial		<b>Manufacturing</b>		Combined (\$)		Cost (\$/acft/yr)		Cost (\$/acft/yr)	(acft/yr)
9		Share of WUG's Need Applied to Factor (%)		80%		20%		0%							
10		Proportional demand (acft)		1.961		490									
11		5% DM WMS Risk Factor		0.1920		#N/A		#N/A							
12		5% Reduction Economic Impact Factor (\$/acft)		953S s		$35,230$ \$									
13		5% DM WMS - Total Economic Impact (\$)		$\overline{\mathbb{S}}$ $358,712$ \$			s		-S	358,712					
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15		10% DM WMS Risk Factor		0.2502		#N/A		#N/A							
16		10% Reduction Economic Impact Factor (\$/acft)		S $1,095$ \$		$35,230$ \$									
17		10% DM WMS - Total Economic Impact (\$)		s $537,301$ \$		$\sim$	S		-S	537,301					
18		10% DM WMS Unit Cost (\$/acft)		\$2,740		\$0		#DIV/0!	S	4.384	∣ \$	1,457	-S	2.192	245
19		15% DM WMS Risk Factor		0.3135		#N/A		#N/A							
20		15% Reduction Economic Impact Factor (\$/acft)		s $1,264$ \$		$35,230$ \$									
21		15% DM WMS - Total Economic Impact (\$)		s 776,972 \$			S		S	776,972					
22		15% DM WMS Unit Cost (\$/acft)		\$2,642		\$0		#DIV/0!	S	6.340		1,956	-S	2.113	368
23		20% DM WMS Risk Factor		0.3719		0.1298		0.1298							
24		20% Reduction Economic Impact Factor (\$/acft)		$1,710$ \$ s		$35,230$ \$									
25		20% DM WMS - Total Economic Impact (\$)		S $1,246,866$ \$		$2,242,371$ \$			S	3,489,237					
26		20% DM WMS Unit Cost (\$/acft)		\$3,179		\$22,872		#DIV/0!	-S	$28,472$ \$		$22,132$ \$		7,118	490
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29				<b>Demand Reduction</b>		<b>Unit Cost</b>									
30				5%	s	920									
31				10%	S	1.030									
32				20%	S	1.290									
33				30%	S	2,130									
34				40%	S	5.780									
35				50%	s	7,040									
36			<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	60%	s	8,950									
37				70%	s	12,120									
38				80%	S	18,460									
39				>90%	S	24,070									
40				Commercial	s	35,230									
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Regional Water Planning Groups wishing to obtain such data form TWDB should provide advanced notice to TWDB.

The Drought Management Costs module processes the inputs and the resulting risk factors from the Drought Management Risk Factor module to determine the amount of water saved due to drought management and the associated economic impact of not meeting water needs.

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# APPENDIX A Unit Cost Table Development Technical Memorandum

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# **RE: Development of Cost Tables and Description of Modeling Tool**

# **1. INTRODUCTION**

HDR Inc. and Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) were retained by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to develop a costing tool to promote consistency in the regional water planning process. This technical memorandum summarizes the historical bid tab data and the methodology used to develop the unit cost tables for pipelines, booster pump stations, intake pump stations, water storage tanks, water treatment plants, desalination plants, terminal storage reservoirs, earthen dams, ring-dikes, and groundwater wells and well fields. These unit costs will be used by the regional water planning groups and their consultants. In addition, this technical memorandum outlines the costing model and how it will function.

# **2. HISTORICAL BID TABULATIONS**

#### METHODOLOGY

Unit costs were developed in Microsoft Excel using historical bid tab information from HDR, Freese and Nichols Inc (FNI), and AMTEK. AMTEK is a database clearinghouse that contains recent bid information for water projects throughout Texas. All unit costs include the contractors' mobilization, overhead, and profit. The unit costs do not include engineering, contingency, financial and legal services, costs for land and right-of-ways, permits, environmental and archeological studies, or mitigation. The costs for these items are determined separately in the cost tables. Attachment A includes the bid data used to develop the unit costs.

#### **Indexing Unit Costs**

The historical bid tab costs were normalized based on two cost indices. The booster pump stations, intake pump stations, water storage tanks, water treatment plants, terminal storage reservoirs, and groundwater wells and well fields were indexed using Engineering News-Record's (ENR) Construction Cost Index (CCI). The pipeline bid tabs were indexed using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Producer Price Index (PPI). A separate index was used for pipeline projects because pipeline projects are particularly dependent upon the cost of steel. The PPI reflects the changes in steel prices more closely than the CCI. Several indices were considered before deciding upon the CCI and PPI. Other indices considered include the RS Means, Bureau of Reclamation Construction Cost Trends (BOR), cement prices and steel prices. The References section of this memo includes information on where each of these indices can be found. The index selection process considered the availability of each index, the frequency with which the indices were updated, and the accurateness of following costing trends of each index. **Figure 1** shows each of the indices considered as a function of the percent change from the minimum index value since March 2002.

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**Figure 1.** Percent Change from Minimum for PPI. Steel, Cement, BOR, RS Means, and CCI

The CCI is updated monthly, and the index history is available at ENR.com for an annual or monthly fee. The bid tab costs were normalized using the monthly index value. If only the year of the bid was provided and not the month then the annual average was used to index the cost.

The PPI is updated monthly and is available free of charge at bls.gov/ppi. The index selected to index the pipeline costs was the "inputs to construction industries."

# **3. UNIT COST TABLES AND CURVES**

The unit costs provided in this memorandum are March 2012 costs. Unit costs will be adjusted using the CCI and PPI indices for September 2013 when those indices are available.

Unit costs were developed by plotting the normalized bid costs for each project type. Outliers were removed (typically no more than two points, if any). Incomplete data was also removed, i.e. no indication if the tank had a roof, no identification of booster versus intake pump station, etc. Trendlines were then added to the plotted data, and the data were analyzed for trends. Unit costs were developed based on the trendlines as a starting point for the analysis. However, the trendlines typically did not fit the data well for the highest and lowest data points. Therefore, the cost curves were adjusted until the curves fit the available data and were logical (continuously increasing, urban costs higher than rural costs, etc.). The data was analyzed to determine if there were differences in construction costs based on geographical zones. No regional differences were discernible from the data. For large-scale water supply projects in Texas, a select group of contractors and manufacturing facilities are typically involved in projects all over the state. Project cost variations appear to most often be tied to material cost variations.

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# SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR UNIT COST DEVELOPMENT

#### **Pipeline Unit Costs**

Charts were developed by plotting bid data for rural and urban pipelines in soil and rock terrains. Cost per linear foot is on the y-axis, and the pipeline diameter is on the x-axis (**Figures 2 and 3**). The plotted data includes pipelines ranging in diameter from 6 inches to 108 inches.

A curve for pipeline costs in rural settings in soil was developed with a total of 43 data points. There were limited data for pipelines in rural settings in rock so based on the limited rural-rock data, a factor of 1.2 was used to relate the costs to the rural-soil pipelines. Similarly, bid data for pipelines in urban settings for rock and soil were limited. Therefore, a factor of 1.4 was used to relate the urban-soil costs to rural-soil pipelines. No bid data were available for pipelines in urban settings installed in rock. Consistent with pricing for the rural-rock pipeline, a factor of 1.2 was applied to the urban-soil pipeline costs to develop the urban-rock costs. Pipeline costs are presented in **Table 1**. In Figure 3, the cost curves for the urban pipelines are higher than the bid data for the larger pipe diameters because of the constant factor, based on rural pipeline line costs, that was used to develop the urban pipeline costs. The rural pipeline cost curves better match the bid data and more bid data was available to develop the rural cost curves.

The pipeline cost data were analyzed for cost differences between pipelines of different pressure classes, and cost differences could not be determined from the data. For regional water planning purposes, it is typically reasonable to assume one pressure class rating. However, in cases where it is known that higher pressure class pipe will be required, unit costs can be adjusted based on the percent increase in steel cylinder thickness.







#### **Figure 3.** Bid Data and Cost Curves for Urban Pipelines

	<b>Rural Cost</b>	<b>Rural Cost</b>	<b>Urban Cost</b>	<b>Urban Cost</b>
<b>Diameter</b>	with <b>Appurtenances</b>	with <b>Appurtenances</b>	with <b>Appurtenances</b>	with <b>Appurtenances</b>
	- Soil	- Rock	- Soil	- Rock
(inches)	(\$/foot)	(\$/foot)	(\$/foot)	(\$/foot)
6	\$18	\$22	\$25	\$30
8	\$28	\$34	\$39	\$47
10	\$31	\$38	\$44	\$53
12	\$35	\$41	\$48	\$58
14	\$46	\$55	\$64	\$77
16	\$57	\$68	\$80	\$96
18	\$68	\$82	\$96	\$115
20	\$80	\$95	\$111	\$134
24	\$102	\$122	\$143	\$171
30	\$136	\$163	\$190	\$228
36	\$169	\$203	\$237	\$285
42	\$203	\$244	\$284	\$341
48	\$237	\$284	\$332	\$398
54	\$271	\$325	\$379	\$454
60	\$304	\$365	\$426	\$511
66	\$356	\$427	\$498	\$598
72	\$416	\$500	\$583	\$700
78	\$487	\$585	\$682	\$819
84	\$570	\$684	\$798	\$958
90	\$667	\$800	\$934	\$1,121
96	\$767	\$921	\$1,074	\$1,289
102	\$859	\$1,031	\$1,203	\$1,443
108	\$945	\$1,134	\$1,323	\$1,588
114	\$1,040	\$1,247	\$1,455	\$1,746
120	\$1,144	\$1,372	\$1,601	\$1,921
132	\$1,315	\$1,578	\$1,841	\$2,209
144	\$1,512	\$1,815	\$2,117	\$2,541

**Table 1.** Unit Costs for Pipelines (Does not include right-of-way)

#### **Pump Station Unit Costs**

Intake and booster pump station costs were developed based on horsepower. Pump stations should be sized for peak pumping capacity. Bid data for 15 intake pump stations was plotted, and unit costs were developed directly from the bid data. The bid data ranged from 200 horsepower to 20,000 horsepower. Twelve bid data points were used to develop reservoir intake pump station unit costs. The intake pump station costs listed in **Table 2** can be used for reservoir or river intake pump station costs. These costs for intake pump stations include the intake structure and the pump station facilities. However, intake structure costs can vary depending on site conditions, so site-specific cost estimates may be necessary in some instances.

Booster pump station costs were developed based on bid data for 31 pump stations ranging from 80 horsepower to 13,400 horsepower. Costs for booster pump stations include only the pump station facilities. Trendlines were used to determine the unit costs for the higher horsepower capacities where bid data was not available. The bid data and cost curves are plotted in **Figure 4**.

Note that the scope of work states that water intake structures will be costed at 50% of the pump station cost (to be re-evaluated). There is sufficient data to develop cost curves for intake pump stations, and the costs include both the pump station and the intake structure. Therefore, the process of costing intake structures as a percentage of pump station costs was not used.

Horsepower	<b>Booster</b> <b>Pump</b> <b>Station</b> Costs	<b>Intake Pump</b> <b>Station Costs</b>
5	\$602,000	
10	\$662,000	
20	\$695,000	
25	\$730,000	
50	\$766,000	
100	\$804,000	
200	\$1,616,000	\$2,000,000
300	\$1,778,000	\$2,500,000
400	\$2,254,000	\$3,000,000
500	\$2,318,000	\$3,500,000
600	\$2,381,000	\$4,000,000
700	\$2,445,000	\$4,500,000
800	\$2,880,000	\$5,000,000
900	\$2,990,000	\$5,500,000
1,000	\$3,100,000	\$6,000,000
2,000	\$4,201,000	\$8,400,000
3,000	\$5,301,000	\$9,700,000
4,000	\$6,401,000	\$11,000,000
5,000	\$7,501,000	\$12,000,000
6,000	\$8,602,000	\$13,000,000
7,000	\$9,702,000	\$14,000,000
8,000	\$10,802,000	\$15,000,000
9,000	\$11,902,000	\$16,000,000
10,000	\$13,003,000	\$17,000,000
20,000	\$24,005,000	\$28,000,000
30,000	\$28,806,000	\$37,000,000
40,000	\$36,008,000	\$47,000,000
50,000	\$45,009,000	\$56,000,000
60,000	\$54,011,000	\$65,000,000

**Table 2.** Unit Costs for Booster and Reservoir Intake Pump Stations



#### **Figure 4**. Bid Data and Cost Curves for Booster and Intake Pump Stations

#### **Tank Unit Costs**

Unit costs for tanks were developed by evaluating bid data for 35 projects. The costs were broken down by elevated versus ground storage tanks. The ground storage tanks costs were further broken down into open or roofed tanks. The bid data for elevated storage tanks ranged in size from 0.3 to 2.7 million gallons of storage. The bid data for ground storage tanks, with no roofs, ranged from 6 to 14 million gallons. The bid data for covered ground storage tanks ranged from 0.3 to 10 million gallons. **Figure 5** includes the bid data and cost curves for elevated storage tanks. **Figure 6** shows the bid data and cost curves for the ground storage tanks. The final unit costs were based on the bid data. **Tables 3** and **4** include the unit costs for elevated and ground storage tanks, respectively.



**Figure 5**. Cost Curve and Bid Data for Elevated Storage Tanks



<b>Size</b> (MG)	Cost
0.5	\$894,000
0.75	\$1,800,000
1	\$2,274,000
1.5	\$3,000,000
2	\$3,699,000
2.5	\$4,482,000

**Figure 6**. Cost Curve and Bid Data for Ground Storage Tanks



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Size	<b>With Roof</b>	Without		
(MG)		Roof		
0.05	\$173,000	\$115,000		
0.1	\$187,000	\$169,000		
0.5	\$400,000	\$363,000		
1	\$678,000	\$600,000		
1.5	\$939,000	\$654,000		
2	\$1,200,000	\$780,000		
2.5	\$1,300,000	\$895,000		
3	\$1,400,000	\$1,010,000		
3.5	\$1,600,000	\$1,120,000		
4	\$1,800,000	\$1,230,000		
5	\$2,000,000	\$1,420,000		
6	\$2,300,000	\$1,700,000		
7	\$2,700,000	\$1,950,000		
8	\$3,100,000	\$2,300,000		
10	\$3,879,000	\$2,980,000		
12	\$4,848,750	\$3,800,000		
14	\$5,842,000	\$4,600,000		

**Table 4.** Ground Storage Tank Unit Costs

#### **Water Treatment Plant Unit Costs**

Water treatment plants are to be sized for peak day capacity. A peaking factor of 2 is recommended if no specific data are available. For the TWDB costing study, a total of 48 water treatment plants were evaluated based on treatment level, size and cost. The treatment levels for regional costing include:

- Level 0 Disinfection Only
- Level 1 Iron & Manganese removal for groundwater
- Level 2 Advanced groundwater treatment
- Level 3 Conventional Treatment and groundwater nitrate removal
- Level 4 Brackish Water Treatment
- Level 5 Saline Water Desalination Treatment

It is recommended that Level 0 costs be added to public water supply well costs. These costs should also be considered for projects which may need to boost disinfection or redisinfect after storage. A description of the treatment levels is included below. Unit costs are included in **Table 5**. Expansion costs have also been developed from available data for Level 3 – Conventional Treatment and are included in Table 5. Expansion costs for other WTP levels will be developed as the cost difference between the original capacity and the expanded capacity:

## Expansion cost  $(B - A mgd) =$ WTP Cost at new size  $(A \text{ mgd}) - WTP$  Cost at original size  $(B \text{ mgd})$

Capacit (MGD)	<b>New</b> Level 0	<b>New</b> Level 1	<b>New</b> Level 2	<b>New</b> Level 3	<b>Expansion</b> Level 3	<b>New</b> Level 4	<b>New</b> Level 5
0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0.1	\$17,414	\$217,675	\$1,000,000	\$1,334,000	\$1,332,895	\$1,500,000	\$2,137,155
	\$67,044	\$873,601	\$3,500,000	\$4,700,000	\$4,700,000	\$8,000,000	\$14,300,000
10	\$427,600	\$3,635,603	\$18,500,000	\$32,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$39,900,000	\$95,683,276
50	\$2,138,000	\$10,558,964	\$70,000,000	\$142,282,302	\$65,000,000	\$199,900,000	\$361,273,225
75	\$3,207,000	\$15,234,181	\$102,333,333	\$210,843,105	\$103,335,73 6	\$299,900,000	\$504,892,722
					\$125,257,30		
100	\$4,276,000	\$18,664,589	\$134,666,667	\$278,708,349	5	\$399,900,000	\$640,230,025
					\$187,882,92		
150	\$6,414,000	\$28,562,983	\$199,333,333	\$413,008,034	5	\$599,900,000	\$894,745,189
					\$231,722,07		
200	\$8,552,000	\$32,890,501	\$264,000,000	\$545,945,228	2	\$799,900,000	\$1,134,583,070

Table 5. Unit Costs for Water Treatment Plants

**Level 0.** Disinfection Only - This treatment process will be used for groundwater with no contaminants that exceed the regulatory limits. Assumes groundwater does not require treatment for taste and odor reduction and groundwater is stable and requires no treatment for corrosion stabilization. With this treatment, the ground water is suitable for public water system distribution, aquifer injection, or artificial recharge. These costs should be used with caution for treatment plants greater than 50 MGD as bid data was limited above this capacity.

Level 1. Iron and Manganese Removal - This treatment process will be used for groundwater to lower the iron and manganese content and to disinfect. The process includes application of an oxidant and addition of phosphate to sequester iron and manganese and chlorine disinfection as the final treatment. These costs should be used with caution for treatment plants greater than 50 MGD as bid data was limited above this capacity.

**Level 2**. Direct Filtration Treatment - This treatment process will be used for treating ground water from sources where iron, manganese, or other constituent concentrations exceed the regulatory limit and require filtration for solids removal. Assumes turbidity and taste and odor levels are low. In the direct filtration process, low doses of coagulant and polymer are used and settling basins are not required as all suspended solids are removed by filters. The process includes alum and polymer addition, rapid mix, flocculation, filtration, and disinfection.

Level 3. Conventional Treatment - This treatment process will be used for treating typical surface water sources to be delivered to a potable water distribution system. The process includes coagulant and polymer addition, rapid mix, flocculation, settling, filtration, and disinfection with chlorine. This treatment process also applies for difficult to treat groundwater containing high concentrations of iron (greater than 3 mg/l) and manganese requiring settling before filtration. This cost curve is also recommended for nitrate removal from groundwater.

**Level 4.** Brackish Water Desalination - This treatment cost does not include pretreatment for solids removal prior to RO membranes. For desalination of a surface water or groundwater containing high solids concentrations, additional solids removal treatment should be included in addition to desalination. (Example: add level 3 treatment costs for a turbid surface water source). This treatment process will be used for treatment of groundwater with total dissolved solids (TDS) exceeding 1,000 mg/l. Costs are based on reverse osmosis (RO) membrane desalination of a groundwater with 5,000 mg/l of TDS to lower the treated water TDS below 1,000 mg/l. The desalination concept includes minimal pretreatment (cartridge filtration, antiscalent addition, acid addition), reverse osmosis membrane system, and disinfection with chlorine. Costs

do not include disposal of desalination concentrate. Facilities necessary for disposal of concentrate require specific costs developed based on method of disposal and local geography/geology.

**Level 5.** Saline Water Desalination - This treatment cost does not include pretreatment for solids removal prior to RO membranes. For desalination of seawater or groundwater containing high solids concentrations, additional solids removal treatment should be included in addition to desalination. (Example - For desalination of seawater with an intake located on the coast drawing turbid water, cost estimate should include Level 3 treatment plus Level 5). This treatment process will be used for treatment of saline water with total dissolved solids (TDS) exceeding 10,000 mg/l. Costs are based on reverse osmosis (RO) membrane desalination of a water with 32,000 mg/l of TDS to lower the treated water TDS below regulatory limits. The desalination concept includes minimal pretreatment (cartridge filtration, antiscalent addition, acid addition), reverse osmosis membrane system, and disinfection with chlorine. Costs do not include disposal of desalination concentrate and should be cost in the same method as transmission pipelines.

At this time there are no constructed seawater desalination plants in Texas. However, Brownsville Public Water Utilities and Laguna Madre have developed costs for pilot projects. The TWDB compiled data from these studies and separated costs for just the water treatment plant construction.

#### **Well Unit Costs**

Costs for public water supply wells were developed based on available bid data and statistical analysis. HDR used cost estimates from Wellspec Company from a September 1999 report "Typical New Well Field Cost for a Public Water Utility – Carrizo and Gulf Coast Aquifer" to identify key costing attributes. The Wellspec report included costs for 67 wells with varying depth, pumping capacity, casing and screen diameters. The analysis indicates that well depth and pumping capacity correlate to 81% and 67% of the variability in costs.

A total of 8 data points with bid tabs, total depth and pumping capacity were used to develop cost curves. Well costs include mobilization, materials and installation for the well, development, testing, security and road access and other miscellaneous items associated with the well. Unit cost tables have been developed using well depth and pumping capacity. Cost curves for 100 gpm, 175 gpm, 350 gpm, 700 gpm 1,000 gpm and 1,800 gpm are shown in Figure 7 with the bid data.

Costs shown in Table 6 are for complete installation of well and pump and include drilling services, materials, pump and control equipment, valves, testing, security fencing and small access road.



**Figure 7**. Well Bid Data and Various Cost Estimating Methods

Well						
Depth	100	175	350	700	1,000	1,800
150	\$120,447	\$182,847	\$312,000	\$352,633	\$439,703	\$642,866
300	\$162,530	\$232,186	\$371,498	\$425,191	\$525,322	\$744,447
500	\$210,419	\$290,233	\$441,154	\$507,908	\$625,452	\$866,345
700	\$253,954	\$342,475	\$503,554	\$583,368	\$715,424	\$973,731
1,000	\$333,768	\$438,252	\$619,647	\$721,229	\$882,308	\$1,173,992
1,500	\$467,275	\$599,331	\$811,201	\$951,964	\$1,158,029	\$1,504,858
2,000	\$600,782	\$758,959	\$1,002,755	\$1,182,699	\$1,435,202	\$1,837,174

**Table 6**. Unit Costs for Public Water Supply Wells

Irrigation well costs can range from between 55 percent and 70 percent of the cost of a public supply well<sup>1</sup>, due to the use of carbon steel screens (as opposed to stainless steel), no cementing in of casings, no gravel packing, and no TCEQ permitting requirements. Costs in Table 7 were developed using 60 percent of the cost of the public supply wells.

Well	<b>Well Capacity (gpm)</b>									
Depth	<b>100</b>	175	350	700	1,000	1,800				
150	\$66,754	\$103,033	\$175,591	\$201,712	\$255,405	\$368,596				
300	\$88,521	\$132,056	\$214,772	\$253,954	\$322,159	\$449,861				
500	\$110,289	\$165,433	\$256,856	\$310,549	\$394,717	\$544,187				
700	\$127,702	\$190,103	\$293,135	\$358,438	\$458,568	\$625,452				
1,000	\$166,884	\$245,247	\$368,596	\$457,117	\$584,819	\$785,080				
1,500	\$233,638	\$339,573	\$493,396	\$621,098	\$793,787	\$1,049,192				
2,000	\$298,940	\$430,996	\$618,196	\$783,629	\$1,004,206	\$1,314,755				

**Table 7**. Unit Costs for Irrigation Wells

No new bid data was available for ASR wells. **Table 8** unit costs range from 2% to 16% greater in cost than a public water supply well depending on the depth and capacity. The increase in price is primarily due to more elaborate plumbing required, larger casing size, and more SCADA and valves for control.

Well	<b>Well Capacity (gpm)</b>								
Depth	100	175	350	700	1,000	1,800			
150	\$133,507	\$206,065	\$358,438	\$404,875	\$505,005	\$744,447			
300	\$175,591	\$255,405	\$417,935	\$477,433	\$590,624	\$847,480			
500	\$223,479	\$314,903	\$487,591	\$560,150	\$692,206	\$967,927			
700	\$268,465	\$367,145	\$551,443	\$635,610	\$780,727	\$1,076,764			
1,000	\$346,828	\$462,922	\$666,085	\$773,471	\$947,611	\$1,275,574			
1,500	\$481,787	\$622,550	\$857,638	\$1,004,206	\$1,223,332	\$1,606,439			
2,000	\$613,843	\$782,178	\$1,049,192	\$1,234,941	\$1,500,504	\$1,938,756			

**Table 8**. Unit Costs for ASR Wells

#### **Dam Unit Costs**

Because of the large number of factors that influence costs, site specific cost estimates should be used for new dams and reservoirs whenever possible. These costs should be used for screening purposes only. Unit costs were developed for earthen dams with storage up to 70,000 acre-feet. Data for reservoirs constructed prior to 1940 were removed from the analysis because the construction practices were somewhat different prior to this timeframe. The costs for the earthen dams were initially developed based on a polynomial trendline and then refined by manual adjustments to better reflect the bid data. The bid data included reservoirs ranging from 42 acre-feet of normal storage to 72,800 acre-feet of normal storage. A cost curve

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on data from Wellspec Company, September 1999.

and the bid data are shown in Figure 8. The costs developed for the earthen embankments are included in Table 9 and apply under the following conditions/assumptions:

- On-site borrow
- No spillway gates
- Includes an overflow spillway and/or an excavated emergency spillway
- Includes upstream slope protection such as soil cement or rock riprap. Includes grass as downstream slope protection.
- Includes an internal drainage system
- Infrastructure relocations are not included
- Does not include the cost to purchase land

The elements required for reservoir sites are included in Table 12.





	<b>Earthen Dams</b>
<b>Storage</b> (ac-ft)	Cost
50	\$3,511,000
1,000	\$3,716,000
5,000	\$4,579,000
10,000	\$5,657,000
15,000	\$6,736,000
20,000	\$7,814,000
25,000	\$8,893,000
30,000	\$9,972,000
35,000	\$11,050,000
40,000	\$12,129,000
45,000	\$13,207,000
50,000	\$14,286,000
55,000	\$15,365,000
60,000	\$16,443,000
65,000	\$17,522,000
70,000	\$18,600,000

Table 9. Unit Costs for Earthen Dams

#### **Terminal Storage Unit Costs**

There were limited data available for terminal storage reservoirs. The terminal storage costs were based on six construction costs ranging in size from 61 acre-feet of normal storage to 506 acre-feet of normal storage. The more recent data point indicated significantly higher costs than the data points from years prior to 2008. Therefore, the costs were adjusted to better reflect current costs seen in the bidding process. Several recent opinion of probable construction cost (OPCC) estimates are plotted in Figure 9 showing the expected higher construction costs. The cost curve and bid data are included in Figure 9. The terminal storage costs are listed in Table 11 and include the elements listed in Table 12 as well as the assumptions below:

- No internal drainage system
- HDPE and soil cement liners
- Inlet/Outlet pipes of 84-inches or less and no valves on the pipes
- Balanced cut and fill
- No site work (such as fencing, roads, landscaping)
- No instrumentation
- No lighting/security



#### Figure 9. Cost Curve and Bid Data for Terminal Storage Reservoirs

#### Table 11. Unit Costs for Terminal Storage Reservoirs







#### **Large Ring-Dike Unit Costs**

No bid data were available for large ring-dike costs, so costs were based on recent OPCCs. The unit costs are included in **Table 13**. The following assumptions were used to develop the unit costs for the off-channel ring-dikes:

- Water Depth of 20 ft.
- Normal Freeboard of 5 ft.
- A Crest Width of 15 ft.
- Crest Gravel Thickness of 0.5 ft.
- An Embankment Height of 27 ft.
- Slope Protection Depth of 7.5 ft.
- Soil Cement Lane Width of 10 ft.
- An Inside Slope of 4:1 (H:V)
- A Strip Depth of 2 ft.
- Cutoff Trench Bottom Width of 15 ft.
- A Cutoff Depth of 5 ft.
- A Cutoff Excavation Slope of 1.5:1 (H:V)
- A Chimney Width of 3 ft.
- Chimney Height of 24 ft.
- Chimney Drain Outlet Pipe Length of 90 ft.
- 4 Outlet Pipes per 1,000 Lf
- 5 Emergency Spillway 3' x 10' box sections
- The Unit Cost of Stripping is \$1.50 per cubic yard
- The Unit Cost for Cutoff Trench Excavation is \$2.50 per cubic yard
- The Unit Cost for the Embankment Fill and Cutoff Trench (Borrow Excavation & Placement) is \$5.00 per cubic yard
- The Unit Cost for a Chimney Filter/Drain is \$25.00 per cubic yard
- The Unit Cost for the Chimney Drain Outlet Pipe is \$30.00 per linear foot
- The Unit Cost of Chimney Drain Outlet Structures is \$500 each
- The Unit Cost of the Inside Stair-Stepped Soil Cement Slope Protection is \$38.00 per cubic yard
- The Unit Cost for the Topsoil and Seed for the Outside Slope is \$4,000 per acre
- The Unit Cost for the Gravel Crest Road is \$25.00 per cubic yard
- The Unit Cost for the Emergency Spillway 3' x 10' Box Sections is \$50,000 each





Other costs that will be included in the costing model that are not detailed in this memorandum include operation and maintenance costs for WTP, crossing costs for pipeline installations, injection wells, and WWTP improvements for reuse projects.

# **4. DESCRIPTION OF COSTING TOOL MODEL**

The costing tool model will be based in MS Excel and include Visual Basic for Applications functions designed to assist the user in calculating the capital, project, annual, and unit costs for a water management strategy. The Excel spreadsheet will consist of six worksheets: Assumptions/Project, Pipeline Hydraulics Calculations, Pipeline Hydraulic Plot, Costing Form, Costing Summary, and Costing Tables. Each of these worksheets is briefly described below.

#### **Assumptions/Project**

The Assumptions/Project page is used to define the project characteristics and list all the assumptions used in the cost analysis. Default values for the costing assumptions will be consistent with TWDB guidelines for regional planning, but can be modified if necessary based on the specific project. This page will act as the inputs for many of the other pages (values filled in on this page will propagate to other

#### **Pipeline Hydraulics Calculations**

This Hydraulics page will be used to calculate the pipe size and pump station(s) size for large transmission pipelines. There will be a simplified calculation option in which the user can specify pipe length, elevation change, and flow rate to determine pipe and pump sizes. Additionally, there will be an option to specify a pipeline route and profile so the user can perform a more detailed analysis. This option will taken into account the elevation change along the pipeline route, the soil/rock topography, the urban/rural setting, and help the user select booster pump locations (if necessary).

#### **Pipeline Hydraulic Plot**

When using the more detailed pipeline hydraulics tool, this page will plot up the hydraulic gradeline and pipeline profile along the pipeline route. This will aid in the selection of pump station size(s), booster pump location(s), and pipe sizes.

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#### **Costing Form**

The Costing Form will be the comprehensive line-item form used to select and cost out each element of the project. In addition to capital cost items, there will be line items calculating associated project costs (mitigation, contingencies, land costs, interests during construction, etc), as well as annual and unit costs.

#### **Costing Summary**

The Costing Summary tab will simplify the line-item costs from the Costing Form by lumping associated costs together into groups, and create a table that is easily exported for use in reports.

#### **Costing Tables**

The Costing Tables page will be the brains behind the costing tool. This is where cost tables for major elements will be maintained and referenced when determining the line-item costs in the Costing Form.

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**Attachment A** 



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## APPENDIX B Pipeline Route and Profile Generation Procedures

Using the pipeline route selection guidelines, a route can be defined, and then a corresponding profile generated. These tasks have typically been accomplished by manual methods in the past. The manual process entails drawing a route on a topographic map, setting points that define the ground profile, and measuring the stations and recording the corresponding ground elevations. Performing these tasks, especially recording the profile data, can be very tedious and time consuming. Advancements in computer technology and the growth of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) have resulted in mapping tools that can accelerate this process significantly. The definition of GIS is as follows:

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – an organized collection of computer hardware, software, geographic data, and personnel, designed to efficiently capture, store, update, manipulate, analyze, and display all forms of geographically referenced data.

For study planning purposes, the definition may be summarized as follows:

### Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – a system for utilizing data that is linked spatially to a geographic reference.

GIS should be used to the greatest extent practical as the means for laying out a pipeline route and "capturing" the profile information because it offers increased efficiency and speed in performing these tasks. An appropriate set of tools useful in determining pipeline routes and profiles consists of the following:

- **ArcGIS** This is a mapping and GIS software package created by ESRI<sup>9</sup>. It has capabilities for creating maps, adding features (such as pipeline routes) to existing maps, and for readily integrating multiple geographically referenced databases.
- **Digital Elevation Model (DEM)** DEMs are files that have ground elevation data located at regularly spaced intervals in a geographic area. These files provide elevation data only.
- **United States Geological Survey (USGS) Topographic Maps** USGS topographic maps are available in electronic format locally through the Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> http://www.esri.com/

- **Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) Maps -** These are mapping files prepared by the United States Census Bureau. TIGER maps show many of the items that are shown on USGS topographic maps, such as rivers, lakes, roadways, railroads, and urban centers. It does not, however, provide information on ground elevation data and vegetation conditions. Data such as population counts and political boundaries may be spatially linked to the map. Though void of ground elevation data, these maps can be very useful for determining a pipeline alignment.
- **Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Highway Maps** County highway maps are available in electronic format.
- **Model Builder Profile Tool –**This is a custom built tool within the ArcGIS software to extract the station and elevation data along a specified route and save it to an exportable data file.
- **Aerial Photography –** Current aerial photography, that can be accessed online or via various agencies, that are useful to determine urban development along the specified route.

**Because of the time reduction that GIS can offer in route selection and profile generation, using GIS is clearly the preferred method for technical evaluation of water management strategies considered in the regional water planning process**. If there is a reason that GIS can not be used, the manual approach previously summarized should be followed. The steps for laying out a pipeline and profile generation using GIS are as follows:

- 5. Consult with a GIS specialist.
- 6. Using the ArcGIS package, lay out a pipeline route on a topographic, current aerial photography, TIGER, or highway map that is overlaid on a corresponding DEM. Define and draw a route on the map following the route selection guidelines. If a TIGER or TxDOT map is used to layout a route, it is a good idea to check the pipeline alignment on a USGS topographic map or current aerial photography to identify potentially undesirable land features along the pipeline. For example, make sure that the route is not traversing

extremely rough terrain or that it is not going over a high peak when there is relatively flat ground close by. Additionally, USGS maps may provide more details regarding features that need to be accounted for such as stream crossings along the pipeline route. Once created, the pipeline route can easily be placed on different types of map files, with the location on each being determined using latitude and longitude coordinates (i.e. georeferenced).

- 7. Extract profile data using the Profiler tool<sup>10</sup>. The station interval distance can be specified with the software, and should be such that the general land features are recorded while capturing points of significant elevation changes. Begin stationing at the water source for consistency. Save the profile data to an electronic file.
- 8. Generate a plot of the ground profile using a spreadsheet. The data saved in step three will probably have to be "delimited" so that it can be read directly into columns of a spreadsheet. The plot will have elevations on the vertical axis and stations on the horizontal axis (see Figure 1). Treat the ground profile as if it were the pipeline profile for regional planning purposes, therefore, no adjustments to the elevation data will need to be made for pipe burial. In an actual pipeline design project the ground profile would be plotted along with a profile of the pipeline beneath the ground surface by a specified amount of ground cover.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Profiler Tool is part of ESRI's 3D Spatial Analyst Package



**Figure 1. Typical Ground Profile Plot** 

In addition to generating a profile, there are several tasks that must be performed after the pipeline route is established. These tasks include determining the number and length of pipeline crossings that are likely to require special installations utilizing trenchless technology construction techniques. Such crossings may include streams, roads, railways, and major rivers. In addition, the soil conditions along the route should be categorized utilizing available information. This information is needed in order to prepare the construction cost estimate.

## APPENDIX C Drought Management Methodology (Excerpt from the 2011 South Central Texas Regional Water Plan)

## **4C.2 Drought Management**

### **4C.2.1 Description of Water Management Strategy**

Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 357 Regional Water Planning Guidelines, states that "Regional water plan development shall include an evaluation of all water management strategies the regional water planning group determines to be potentially feasible, including drought management measures including water demand management [357.7(a)(7)(B)]." As defined here, drought management means the periodic activation of approved drought contingency plans resulting in short-term demand reduction. This reduction in demand is then considered a "supply" source. Using this approach, an entity may make the conscious decision not to develop firm water supplies greater than or equal to projected water demands with the understanding that demands will have to be reduced or go unmet during times of drought. Using this rationale, an economic impact of not meeting projected water demands can be estimated and compared with the costs of other potentially feasible water management strategies in terms of annual unit costs.

Figure 4C.2-1 shows how water supply planning was done in the 2007 State Water Plan and 2006 Regional Water Plans. For each Water User Group (WUG) with an identified shortage or need during the planning period, a future water supply plan was developed consisting of one or more water management strategies. In each case, the planned future water supply was greater than the projected dry weather demand to allow for drought more severe than the drought of record, uncertainty in water demand projections, and/or available supply from recommended water management strategies. This difference between planned water supply and projected dry weather demand is called management supply in Region L.

Figure 4C.2-2 illustrates how a drought management water management strategy (WMS) could alter the planning paradigm for WUGs with projected needs. Instead of identifying water management strategies to meet the projected need, planned water supply remains below the projected dry weather water demand. The difference between these two lines represents the drought management WMS. Under this concept, a WUG's water demand would be reduced by activating a drought contingency plan to reduce demands, resulting in unmet needs. This strategy of demand reduction could negate the need for water management strategies to meet the full projected need of the WUG. Basically, using this approach,



**Figure 4C.2-1. Typical Planning in 2006 Regional Water Plan** 



**Figure 4C.2-2. Planning with Drought Management Water Management Strategy** 

the WUG is planning to manage water shortages through drought contingency plan activation. This concept is more fully illustrated in Figure 4C.2-3, which shows that, in any given year, the actual demand may be above or below the planned supply. During times in which the demand exceeds supply, the WUG would experience shortages and incur associated economic impacts.



**Figure 4C.2-3. Example Drought Management Water Management Strategy** 

## **4C.2.2 Drought Management Strategy Methodology**

As shown in Figure 4C.2-4, there are a number of incremental steps to calculating a unit cost for this strategy so that it can be compared to other strategies. The first step in the process is to calculate a risk factor for the 5% reduction, 10% reduction, 15% reduction, and 20% reduction cases. Figure 4C.2-5 illustrates the 5% reduction scenario. The risk factor is defined as the integrated chance of occurrence of potential annual demands in excess of planned supply based on historical per capita variations for each entity. A 5% Drought Management WMS, for example, equates to planned supply that is 95% of projected demand.







**Figure 4C.2-5. Frequency of Per Capita Water Use Variations Adjusted to Basis of Demand Projections** 

The first step in determining the risk factors was to obtain historical annual per capita water use values. These data were obtained from the TWDB for the period 1964 to 2004, if available. From these data, a 5-year moving per capita water use average was calculated in order to limit the effects of trends in per capita water use rates. Next, an annual percentage above or below the 5-year moving average was calculated. These values were then ranked lowest to highest. A frequency curve was then developed using these data with the percentage above or below the 5-year moving average on the y-axis and the percentage of years less than or equal to that value on the x-axis. Finally, this curve was translated so that the year 2000 value was placed at 0 on the y-axis (Figure 4C.2-5) because year 2000 was used by the TWDB as the basis for demand projections in the 2011 regional water plans. From a plot like Figure 4C.2-5, the integrated area under the frequency curve was calculated as the risk factor. Using formulas developed in Excel, a chart of risk factors was developed for each WUG for each ½% reduction in water use. Using data supplied by the TWDB which shows the % of water use for each WUG that is considered to be residential/domestic, the  $%$  reduction in this use type was determined for each of the determined drought management levels (5%, 10%, 15%, and 20%). In other words, reductions in use were focused on residential use first. In this case, all reductions in residential use are attributed to outdoor water use and no reductions in indoor residential water use were assumed to occur. For example, a 10% reduction in overall water use for a WUG may reflect a 12% reduction in residential water use, depending on the amount of water used for other purposes. Using the chart developed above, the risk factor associated with a 12% reduction in use (10% overall) was determined. If an overall 20% reduction in water use could be obtained without exceeding a 25% reduction in residential use, the use for other water users was not affected. If however, for certain WUGs (Kyle, New Braunfels, BMWD, and SAWS) this was not the case. For these WUG, residential water use was reduced by 25% with the remaining reduction being split evenly between commercial and industrial use.

After risk factors for each scenario were calculated, an annual cost was then calculated using the following formula:

*(Demand) X (%Demand) X (Risk Factor) X (\$ Impact Factor) = DM WMS Annual Cost* 

where:

• Demand (acft/yr) = Projected "dry year" demand from TWDB based on year 2000 per capita use rate (projected demand in year 2010 was used);

- % Demand = Proportion of water demand associated with various use types (i.e., residential, commercial, and manufacturing);
- Risk Factor = Integrated chance of occurrence of potential annual demands in excess of planned supply based on historical per capita use variations for each entity;
- $\sin \theta$  S Impact Factor ( $\sin \theta$ ) = Economic impact factors used by TWDB (see Table 4C.2-1) to calculate economic impacts of not meeting needs. TWDB factors used include (a) lost sales for water-intensive commercial users; (b) costs to non-water-intensive commercial businesses and households; and (c) lost sales for manufacturing; and
- DM WMS Annual Cost  $(\frac{f}{y}y)$  = Typical annual economic impacts of adhering to the Drought Management WMS for that water use type. The annual cost for each use type (i.e., domestic, commercial, and manufacturing) were then summed to obtain a total annual cost.

The final step in this process was to convert the annual cost to a unit cost so that this strategy could be compared to other potentially feasible water management strategies. In order to do this, the difference between the annual cost for each scenario were first calculated (i.e., between 10% and 5%). This value was then divided by a 5% water demand reduction from the year 2010 demand to obtain a marginal cost. Finally, the marginal cost values were averaged to obtain a unit cost (i.e., the unit cost for  $15\%$  is the average of 5%, 10%, and 15%).

An example cost calculation for the City of Uvalde is provided in Tables 4C.2-2 and 4C.2-3. Using data supplied by the TWDB (Table 4C.2-1), the "Share of WUG's Need Applied to Factor" row is populated. In this case, 80% of the demand is applied to Domestic/Residential use and 20% to Commercial use. There is no demand associated with Manufacturing for the City of Uvalde. Next, the demand associated with each water use is determined by multiplying the total year 2010 demand times the percentage associated with each use type (i.e., 6,087 acft x  $.80 = 4,870$  acft for domestic/residential demand). Using the methodology described above, the risk factor was determined for each scenario. Next, the economic impact factor was determined for each use type using the data supplied by the TWDB and shown in Table 4C.2-1. These factors are constant from one drought management scenario to the next, with the exception of the factors for Domestic/Residential which were determined by interpolating between the values







	Domestic/ <b>Residential</b>	Com- mercial	Manu- facturing	Total/ <b>Combined</b>
Share of WUG's Need Applied to Factor $(\%)$	80%	20%	0%	
Proportional Demand (acft)	4,870	1,217	0	
5% DM WMS Risk Factor	0.0007	0.0000	0.0000	
5% Reduction Economic Impact Factor (\$/acft)	\$949	\$52,120		
5% DM WMS - Total Economic $Im$ pact $(\$)$	\$3,375	\$0		\$3,375

**Table 4C.2-2. 5% Drought Management Scenario (City of Uvalde)** 

	Domestic/ <b>Residential</b>	Com- mercial	Manu- facturing	Total/ <b>Combined</b>
Share of WUG's Need Applied to Factor $(\%)$	80%	20%	0%	
Proportional Demand (acft)	4,870	1,217	0	
10% DM WMS Risk Factor	0.0038	0.0000	0.0000	
10% Reduction Economic Impact Factor (\$/acft)	\$1,095	\$52,120		
10% DM WMS - Total Economic $Im$ pact $(\$)$	\$20,363	\$0		\$20,363

**Table 4C.2-3. 10% Drought Management Scenario (City of Uvalde)** 

supplied by the TWDB for the risk factor associated with scenario. For example, for the 5% drought management scenario (a 6.3% reduction in residential/domestic use) for the City of Uvalde, the associated economic impact factor for domestic/residential is \$949; however, for the 10% reduction scenario (a 12.5% reduction in residential/domestic use), the economic impact factor is \$1,095. Next the total economic impact for each use type is calculated by multiplying the proportional demand times the risk factor times the economic impact factor (i.e., 4,870 acft x  $0.0038$  x \$1,095/acft = \$20,363 for the residential sector with a 10% reduction). This same formula was used to determine the economic impact for each use type. Note, that the only WUGs for which commercial and manufacturing water use was reduced are Kyle, New Braunfels, BMWD, and SAWS, and only for the 20% reduction scenario. Next, the economic impacts for each use type were summed to obtain a total economic impact (in this case and most cases just for domestic/residential). This type of process was used to determine the total economic impact for each of the drought management scenarios.

To determine the unit cost for the 10% drought management scenario for Uvalde, the following steps were completed. First, marginal costs for both the 5% and 10% scenarios were calculated. For the 5% scenario, this is simply the total economic impact divided by 5% of the total year 2010 demand (i.e., \$3,375 / 304 acft =  $$11/act$ ). For the 10% scenario, a marginal cost must first be calculated. This is calculated as the difference in total economic impact between the 10% and 5% drought management scenarios, divided by 5% of the total year 2010 demand (i.e.,  $(\$20,263 - \$3,375) / 304$  acft = \$56/acft). To calculate the unit cost for the 10% drought management scenario, the marginal costs of the 5% and the 10% scenario are averaged  $(i.e., (11 + $56) / 2 = $33/act).$ 

## **4C.2.3 Yield from Drought Management Strategy**

The yield associated with drought management is simply the year 2010 projected demand times the appropriate percentage depending upon which scenario is used (5%, 10%, 15% or 20%). These values are summarized below in Table 4C.2-4.

## **4C.2.4 Drought Management Strategy Costs**

For each selected WUG, risk factors for 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20% drought management scenario reductions were calculated (Table 4C.2-5). For the 5% reduction scenario, the risk factors ranged from 0.0005 for the City of Point Comfort, indicating there is very little risk of a higher per capita use rate occurring than what occurred in the year 2000, to 0.1652 for the City of Castroville, indicating a much greater risk of demand being greater than supply. For the 20% scenario, the risk factors ranged from a low of 0.0136 for the City of Point Comfort to a high of 0.3113 for Atascosa Rural WSC. The risk factors associated with the commercial and manufacturing uses in Kyle, New Braunfels, BMWD, and SAWA are 0.0713, 0.0170, 0.1730, and 0.0820 respectively.

As described above, these risk factors were then used to determine an annual cost for a planned supply less than demand for the year 2010 (Table 4C.2-6). For the 5% reduction scenario, the annual cost ranged from \$106 for the City of Point Comfort to a cost of almost \$5.7 million for SAWS. For the 20% reduction scenario, the annual cost ranged from \$4,979 for the



	Yield (acft)			
<b>Entity</b>	5%	10%	15%	20%
Alamo Heights	104	207	311	414
Aqua WSC	13	27	40	53
<b>Atascosa Rural WSC</b>	47	94	141	188
<b>Castle Hills</b>	41	82	123	164
Castroville	34	68	102	136
County Line WSC	58	115	173	230
East Medina SUD	44	88	132	176
Garden Ridge	28	57	85	113
Hill Country Village	42	84	126	168
Hollywood Park	116	231	347	463
Hondo	89	178	268	357
Jourdanton	40	80	120	160
Kirby	50	101	151	201
Kyle	137	274	411	548
La Coste	10	21	31	41
Lockhart	123	245	368	490
Luling	53	107	160	213
Lytle	24	48	72	96
Martindale	6	13	19	25
Martindale WSC	9	19	28	38
Natalia	17	33	50	66
New Braunfels	525	1,051	1,576	2,102
<b>Point Comfort</b>	11	22	34	45
Sabinal	20	41	61	81
San Antonio (BMWD)	1,233	2,465	3,698	4,931
San Antonio (SAWS)	9,883	19,767	29,650	39,534
Shavano Park	41	82	123	164
SS WSC	78	156	234	313
<b>Universal City</b>	130	261	391	522
Uvalde	304	609	913	1,217
Water Services, Inc.	48	95	143	190
Woodcreek	12	25	37	49

**Table 4C.2-4. Drought Management Yield** 



## **Table 4C.2-5. Risk Factors**

	<b>Total Annual Cost</b>			
<b>Entity</b>	5%	10%	15%	20%
Alamo Heights	\$207,467	\$334,603	\$492,848	\$795,557
Aqua WSC	\$39,415	\$60,714	\$88,873	\$127,948
Atascosa Rural WSC	\$134,283	\$195,817	\$277,718	\$384,550
Castle Hills	\$71,926	\$131,986	\$206,066	\$363,087
Castroville	\$110,122	\$162,132	\$234,565	\$353,656
County Line WSC	\$9,453	\$17,170	\$31,834	\$95,670
East Medina SUD	\$58,052	\$104,559	\$172,803	\$268,225
Garden Ridge	\$11,735	\$24,473	\$44,092	\$86,421
<b>Hill Country Village</b>	\$13,281	\$22,545	\$36,933	\$65,164
Hollywood Park	\$32,969	\$65,928	\$135,465	\$283,804
Hondo	\$186,065	\$293,119	\$444,307	\$659,526
Jourdanton	\$65,394	\$105,840	\$164,152	\$258,230
Kirby	\$37,944	\$85,364	\$148,882	\$269,313
Kyle	\$161,234	\$305,472	\$495,428	\$4,106,244
La Coste	\$6,279	\$14,324	\$30,044	\$51,436
Lockhart	\$212,699	\$367,325	\$578,264	\$981,151
Luling	\$30,282	\$64,242	\$126,289	\$218,304
Lytle	\$14,479	\$34,571	\$70,064	\$126,262
Martindale	\$2,943	\$6,839	\$14,099	\$25,334
Martindale WSC	\$9,615	\$18,122	\$33,911	\$83,733
Natalia	\$29,368	\$47,150	\$80,054	\$186,586
New Braunfels	\$176,029	\$574,252	\$1,264,094	\$6,174,754
<b>Point Comfort</b>	\$106	\$445	\$2,042	\$4,979
Sabinal	\$16,587	\$27,700	\$45,067	\$76,464
San Antonio (BMWD)	\$2,272,791	\$4,122,408	\$7,207,795	\$132,531,960
San Antonio (SAWS)	\$5,681,497	\$17,092,861	\$33,833,350	\$627,263,236
Shavano Park	\$15,091	\$34,067	\$73,354	\$142,175
SS WSC	\$86,255	\$168,677	\$301,988	\$648,445
<b>Universal City</b>	\$117,148	\$258,925	\$462,754	\$835,451
Uvalde	\$3,375	\$20,363	\$112,875	\$186,182
Water Services, Inc.	\$21,809	\$57,433	\$132,763	\$374,501
Woodcreek	\$12,309	\$26,109	\$50,588	\$125,279

**Table 4C.2-6. Total Annual Cost** 

City of Point Comfort to a cost of almost \$627.3 million for SAWS. The two most important factors driving the annual cost are the risk factor and whether or not that WUG supplies water for commercial and manufacturing purposes (at the 20% reduction level), as these uses have high impact factors.

Finally, the annual cost data were used to calculate a unit cost so that comparisons could be made with other potentially feasible water management strategies (Table 4C.2-7). For the 5% scenario (supply equal to 95% of dry condition demand), the unit costs ranged from \$9/acft/yr for the City of Point Comfort to a high of \$3,239/acft/yr for the City of Castroville. For the 20% scenario (supply equal to 80% of dry condition demand), the unit costs ranged from \$111 for the City of Point Comfort to a high of \$26,878 for BMWD. Again, the high unit costs for BMWD are primarily due to the high risk factors (i.e., the year 2000 per capita was lower than in many previous years) and the high economic impact factors associated with commercial and manufacturing uses.

The SCTRWPG has found, and the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) has demonstrated, that water user groups having sufficient flexibility to focus on discretionary outdoor water use first and avoid water use reductions in the commercial and manufacturing use sectors may find some degrees of drought management to be economically viable and costcompetitive with other water management strategies. Recognizing that implementation of appropriate water management strategies is a matter of local choice, the SCTRWPG recommends due consideration of economically viable drought management as an interim strategy to meet near-term needs through demand reduction until such time as economically viable long-term water supplies can be developed. Hence, new demand reductions associated with the 5 percent drought management scenario are shown as recommended at year 2010 for each municipal water user group with projected needs for additional water supply at year  $2010<sup>1</sup>$ .

 $\overline{a}$  $1$  In accordance with the SAWS 2009 Water Management Plan Update, 37,622 acft/yr is the drought management supply (demand reduction) shown for SAWS in year 2010. This quantity is between the 15 and 20 percent drought management scenarios presented in Table 4C.2-4.

	<b>Average Unit Cost</b>			
<b>Entity</b>	5%	10%	15%	20%
Alamo Heights	\$2,004	\$1,616	\$1,587	\$1,921
Aqua WSC	\$2,952	\$2,274	\$2,219	\$2,396
Atascosa Rural WSC	\$2,854	\$2,081	\$1,968	\$2,043
Castle Hills	\$1,754	\$1,610	\$1,675	\$2,214
Castroville	\$3,239	\$2,384	\$2,300	\$2,600
County Line WSC	\$164	\$149	\$184	\$416
East Medina SUD	\$1,318	\$1,187	\$1,308	\$1,522
Garden Ridge	\$415	\$433	\$520	\$765
<b>Hill Country Village</b>	\$317	\$269	\$294	\$389
Hollywood Park	\$285	\$285	\$390	\$613
Hondo	\$2,086	\$1,643	\$1,660	\$1,848
Jourdanton	\$1,633	\$1,321	\$1,366	\$1,612
Kirby	\$755	\$849	\$988	\$1,340
Kyle	\$1,177	\$1,115	\$1,205	\$7,493
La Coste	\$613	\$699	\$977	\$1,255
Lockhart	\$1,736	\$1,499	\$1,573	\$2,002
Luling	\$568	\$602	\$789	\$1,023
Lytle	\$605	\$722	\$975	\$1,318
Martindale	\$471	\$547	\$752	\$1,013
Martindale WSC	\$1,017	\$959	\$1,196	\$2,215
Natalia	\$1,780	\$1,429	\$1,617	\$2,827
New Braunfels	\$335	\$546	\$802	\$2,938
<b>Point Comfort</b>	\$9	\$20	\$61	\$111
Sabinal	\$815	\$681	\$738	\$939
San Antonio (BMWD)	\$1,844	\$1,672	\$1,949	\$26,878
San Antonio (SAWS)	\$575	\$865	\$1,141	\$15,867
Shavano Park	\$369	\$416	\$597	\$868
SS WSC	\$1,104	\$1,079	\$1,288	\$2,074
Universal City	\$898	\$993	\$1,183	\$1,602
Uvalde	\$11	\$33	\$124	\$153
Water Services, Inc.	\$459	\$604	\$931	\$1,969
Woodcreek	\$1,001	\$1,061	\$1,371	\$2,546

**Table 4C.2-7. Average Unit Cost** 

## APPENDIX D Scope of Work and Response to TWDB Comments

In order to promote consistency in the regional water planning process, the TWDB has contracted HDR Inc. to create a unified costing tool to be made available to regional water planning groups and their consultants.

#### Task 1 - Unit Cost Data/Tables - Development of Empirical and Unit Costs

Empirical costing data will be used to develop the costs of project facilities using bid tabulations from previous capital construction projects. HDR and FNI will draw on each firm's previous design and construction experience to identify recent projects that have been competitively bid, awarded, and constructed within the State. In addition, the HDR Team will access data from available databases, most notably the AMTEK database clearinghouse, which contain recent bid information from throughout Texas, to increase the pool of bid tabs used in the analyses. The HDR Team will meet with TWDB staff to ensure that costing elements necessary for all water management strategies recommended in regional water plans are represented in the costing curves and tables.

Unit cost tables will be developed, in Microsoft Excel and will be reproduced in the user manual, primarily for pipelines, pump stations, water intakes, water storage tanks, water treatment plants, and groundwater wells and well fields, relocation of existing infrastructure such as roads and utilities, and any other significant construction costs identified by each planning group. The electronic tables in Excel will be used as a lookup source, so that when the user enters a pipeline diameter, the unit cost per foot for that specific pipe diameter will be taken from the table. Costs will be reviewed to remove additional items that should not be included; however, the resulting unit cost will be comprehensive for the type of project, for example, including costs for material, equipment, installation and profit. The HDR Team will develop cost tables to take into account regional differences in construction costs of facilities, where appropriate. In analyzing the bid tab data available along with the bids from the database. HDR and FNI will evaluate the data to observe any differences based on geography. If there is such a cost difference, geographical zones will be created.

A brief explanation of the components to be included:

- $\circ$  Pipeline costs will be classified into groups based on diameter, pressure class, type of pipe, terrain, level of urban development, and distance, to the extent feasible using available data.
- o Pump station and booster station costs will be based on total horsepower of the pump/booster station required to meet flow and head requirements, to the extent feasible using available data.
- Water treatment plant costs will reflect the treatment level required (disinfection to  $\circ$ advanced treatment) and will be sized for finished water quantity, to the extent feasible using available data.
- $\Omega$ Groundwater well costs will be based on diameter, depth, production capacity and type of well (municipal, irrigation, ASR), to the extent feasible using available data.
- Storage tank costs will be based on size and type of storage (elevated or ground  $\Omega$ storage), to the extent feasible using available data.
- o Well field costs will be based on the number of wells necessary to meet peak demand plus backup wells, along with collection pipelines, and necessary land acquisition, to the extent feasible using available data.
- Water intake costs will be costed at 50% of the pump station cost, however HDR will re- $\Omega$ examine this and possibly include costing mechanisms for coastal, river and lake intakes, to the extent feasible using available data.
- Reservoir and dams will be costed in several manners. Generic cost curves will be developed for off-channel type reservoirs based on landscape. In addition, HDR will provide an embankment/dam calculation sheet for instances where a defined reservoirs site is available, to the extent feasible using available data.
- Offshore desalination concentrate disposal pipelines will be costed in the same  $\circ$ methodology as transmission pipelines. However, HDR will further analyze these methods.
- **Desalination Plants**

o Existing facility data along with supplier data for specific technologies will be used to define a cost curve for desalination facilities. These facilities will be grouped by source water and levels of TDS.

#### Task 2 - Unit Cost Data/Tables - Develop flexible data structure customizable for location/time

The unit costs tables will be developed to be customizable based on regions defined by Task 1 and easily updated with new information.

Because construction costs for infrastructure projects change from year to year and are based on market conditions reflected in the cost of materials, cost of labor, and cost of equipment, the historical bids will be updated to a common timeframe, with the ability to use an indexing feature to update the cost to September 2013 costs as per TWDB Guidance at the appropriate time. The HDR Team will attempt to index costs appropriately based on material cost inflation and/or labor cost inflation. One method is to use information gathered and published as a construction cost index (CCI) (ENR, RS Means) which can be used to adjust costs to a specified quarter or month and year. This procedure will be used so that previous competitively bid, awarded, and constructed projects over recent years can be normalized to be used in the development of the cost curves and tables.

### **Deliverables**

- $\circ$  A Technical Memorandum will be submitted to the TWDB describing the development and analysis of the cost curves and tables, and the procedure for updating these curves and tables for each planning cycle. The memorandum will include:
	- o Unit cost tables and cost curves.
	- $\circ$  Description of historical bid tabulations used and methodology for normalizing estimates.
	- Initial description of how tool/model developed in Tasks 3, 4 and 5 will  $\circ$ function/look.

The HDR Team will then meet with TWDB staff to summarize the work performed under Tasks 1 and 2, as well as to present the proposed model format and structure to be developed

under Tasks 3, 4 and 5 and to discuss modifications and content, and confirm the information to be presented in the cost summary table that will make its way into the regional water plans. Task 3-Costing Model - Develop tool to estimate costs for water development strategies

HDR will work with FNI to develop a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet model to be used to prepare planning level cost estimates for the water management strategies. The model will be automated to the extent it can incorporate background assumptions and calculations and reduce human errors in compiling costing information.

The layout of the information in the costing model will create a consistent description of the project costs in both detailed and summarized form which will be useful for comparison of water management strategies. The costing model output will allow modification of formats in accordance with TWDB guidelines (July 2011). A summary table of the cost components will be produced by the costing model that, in addition to providing a total cost estimate, provides pertinent line-item cost information and can be readily inserted into the regional water planning documentation and TWDB's Water Planning Database.

The model will incorporate tools for hydraulic analysis for determining pipeline and pump stations capacities, designing well field layouts and off-channel reservoirs. The model will be capable of sizing a project for peaking or for base load purposes in accordance with state requirements. Project costs will be developed using the unit costs developed in Task 1 and assumptions for other capital costs such as river and utility crossing costs, relocation, power connection costs, land acquisitions and easements by infrastructure component. The model will incorporate TWDB's costing guidance where appropriate. Strategies involving reservoirs generally include previous cost estimates performed by engineering firms that can be indexed to the common date.

In addition to capital costs, other project costs assumptions consistent with TWDB guidance (TWDB, July 2011) will be included such as engineering and legal costs, contingencies, surveying costs, environmental and archeology studies, mitigation costs, and interest during construction. Other project costs will generally be developed using common percentages of the capital costs. The costing model will calculate annual costs based on assumptions for operation and maintenance, debt service, energy costs, purchase of water and any other associated fees or annual costs, in accordance with TWDB rules and guidelines for regional water plans.

# Task 4-Costing Model-Develop tool components to estimate cost of conservation and drought

### management strategies

Conservation and drought management strategy costing tools will be designed to estimate the direct costs and probable economic costs, as appropriate, in a way that allows regional water planning groups to make reasonable comparisons to the alternative financial costs of developing water projects and will incorporate methodologies from previous TWDB-funded research and regional water planning studies.

### Task 5-Costing Model - Develop comparison component

Develop a tool to facilitate apples-to-apples comparisons of water management strategies by providing discounted present value unit cost estimates of project water supplies to normalize for variable project start dates and annual costs and other relevant investment and/or time-related factors. These will be based on a 50-year planning horizon.

#### Deliverables

- **Costing Tool**
- The HDR Team will meet with TWDB staff to ensure that the User's Guide conveys key information in a way that will support the successful use of the costing model by Regional Water Planning Groups and their consultants.

### Task 6 - User's Guide

A User's Guide will be developed to illustrate the costing methodology, background assumptions of the costing model, and provide practical explanation of how to use the costing model. Expected chapters are expected to include:

I. An introduction explaining overall context and purpose of the costing tool

- II. General Project Components
	- a. A section on pipelines with guidance on route selection, profile determination and pipe sizing.
	- b. A section on pumps and booster station calculations that describes the methodology of determining pump/booster station location, Total Dynamic Head, horsepower, and power requirements.
	- c. A section on well field layout with guidance on how to determine well characteristics, spacing, and collection pipeline sizes.
	- d. A section on water intake
	- e. A section on off-channel reservoirs with information on calculating the materials and costs. With some guidance for on-channel reservoirs.
	- f. A section that describes the calculations necessary for determining conservation cost estimates and how these can be used in making cost comparisons.
	- g. A section that describes the calculations necessary for determining drought management estimates and how these can be used in making cost comparisons.
- III. A section that walks the user through the major elements of the detailed costing sheet and its assumptions, as well as how the summary project cost sheet can be presented in a regional water plan, including, but not limited to:
	- a. Data and Cost Curves
	- b. Assumptions
	- c. Developing cost estimates
	- d. Presentation of costs
	- e. Comparisons of costs
	- f. Maintenance of data model
	- g. Assumption sheet?
- IV. A separate Quick Reference Guide
#### **Deliverables**

• User's Guide

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- Quick Reference Guide
- Training Session (with TWDB staff or with Consultants)

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## Attachment I

#### HDR Engineering, Inc.

# Research and Planning Study – Unified Costing Model for Regional Water Planning TWDB Contract No. 1148321307 Draft Report Review Comments

#### HDR Responses in Bold & Red

# General

1. As required by item 3 of Article III of the contract, please include a one page executive summary in the final report.

An Executive Summary has been included.

2. Task 6 of the Scope of Work identifies a separate "Quick Reference Guide" as a deliverable. This has not been included in what was delivered to the TWDB. Please include with the final report.

A Quick Reference Guide is included in the UCM.

- 3. Please add language similar to that found below prior to the last sentence of the disclaimer found on the page preceding the Table of Contents:
	- a. "This tool was developed for the purpose of preparing regional water planning level cost estimates only."

## Language included.

# The Costing Tool

- 1. Task 1 of the Scope of Work states: "Existing facility data along with supplier data for specific technologies will be used to define a cost curve for desalination facilities." The desalination aspect of the tool should be based a cost curve that, at least, takes into account the TDS of the water being desalinated. Currently in the draft costing tool, the cost of water with a TDS 5,001 is considered the same as seawater at 35,000 TDS which is not realistic for planning purposes. Please consult additional sources of information, such as the one below, and revise the final costing tool and associated documents to better reflect anticipated desalination costs associated with varying TDS.
	- a. Additional source of information: http://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/desal/doc/Cost\_of\_Desalination\_i n\_Texas\_rev.pdf

# The UCM has been revised to include costs for brackish desalination as a function of TDS.

2. Please ensure all the underlying assumptions built into the first sheet of the module are noted in the final output summary sheet generated by the tool.

# Assumptions included in the Cost Summary.

- 3. Please ensure that all cost categories (below) are clearly listed in the final cost table, so that anyone reading a single estimate will know what costs are included.
	- a. "engineering and feasibility studies , legal assistance, financing, bond counsel, and contingencies (engineering, contingencies, financial, and legal services"

#### Incorporated.

4. Please remove the 'life-cycle' cost calculation entirely from the tool and related documentation.

#### It has been removed.

5. It appears that the methodology used for the drought management strategy portion of the tool implicitly assumes that all variation embodied in historical calculation for gpcd is due to weather variability. However, changing demographics or economic conditions also impact gpcd. Please ensure, within the final Technical Memorandum, User's Guide and within the tool, that uncertainty due to other factors such as population related usage, commercial usage, recreational usage, regional economic conditions, water pricing etc. are acknowledged.

#### Incorporated.

6. The conservation component of the costing tool does not appear to allow for stages of conservation based on various programs like toilet replacement. Please consider incorporating (e.g. other quantified conservation costing methods used in previous Regional Water Plans) in the final costing tool and associated documents.

# The Conservation Module has been rebuilt to incorporate stages of conservation, in addition to the simplified approach.

7. The input cells for pipeline and pump station land acquisition unit costs are included in the Project Info & Assumptions tab, however land acquisition cost inputs for the remaining infrastructure items (such as well fields) are included in the Costing Form. Please consider including all land cost elements into a single module or tab location to prevent user error.

# A Land Acquisition Module has been developed and included

8. Please consider including some kind of auto-flag that shows up on the final costing sheet if at least one "cost override" was entered in the final costing tool.

# Incorporated.

9. Please consider differentiating (possibly through color coding) between a) the input cells that are required values from the user and; b) recommended default values that can be changed by the user but that aren't necessarily required, in the final costing tool.

# A color-code system has been incorporated and a key included on the Project Information and Assumptions Module.

10. Please consider reordering tabs in the tool so that infrastructure related modules are grouped together and non-infrastructure modules are grouped last in the application.

# The tabs have been reordered. In addition, the sections of User's Manual have been reordered accordingly.

#### The User's Guide

1. Section 1.0., the introduction, describes the purpose of the tool is to provide an estimate of infrastructure costs for water supply projects. However, the tool includes modules to estimate drought management and conservation activities. Please include these 'non-infrastructure' related water supply projects in the discussion of the purpose of the tool in the final User's Guide.

#### Language about non-Infrastructure components has been incorporated.

2. Please include more context for this research to the introduction section of the final User's Guide.

# The Introduction section has been re-written to provide additional context.

- 3. As stated in Task 6 of the Scope of Work, please include in the final User's Guide a summary "how to" section, that walks the user through the major elements of the detailed costing sheet and its assumptions, as well as how the summary project cost sheet can be presented in a regional water plan.
	- a. For Example: a) "first you make sure the assumptions are correct on tab 1; b) then you confirm that you are using the right cost year (e.g., indices); c) then you work through the sheets; d) print out the final result/paste into a document; and e) document the estimate by, for example, saving the tab or entire spreadsheet….." Discussion should also explain how the user could include several components in one estimate and how that is accomplished.

# Language has been included in the Quick Reference Guide section to address this.

4. Page 3, first paragraph, last sentence: replace "costs" with "cost estimates".

#### Changed.

5. Page 3, second paragraph, should insert 'water' between 'regional' and 'planning'.

#### Changed.

6. Page 3, second paragraph, second line replace "study-level" with "planning-level".

#### Changed.

7. Page 5, second paragraph, should include a reference footnote, at least, that refers to the need to update the cost indices to TWDB planning guidance for each planning round "(e.g., to September of 2013 for the 2016 RWPlans)."

#### Changed.

8. Section 6.0 – please incorporate the full material explaining the methodology similar in content (including graphics) to what is contained in Volume II of the 2011 Region L Regional Water Plan, Section 4C.2. This may be included as an appendix.

#### Incorporated.

9. Section 6.0 – since the methodology is based on historical GPCD, this section should include a note that drought management WMSs being evaluated may need to take into account any previous implementation of drought management that may be embedded in the historical GPCD to avoid double-counting potential savings from this WMS.

# Language has been added to note the embedded conservation/drought management in the data.

10. Page 23, last sentence: Should read: "This information may be obtained from TWDB upon request. [1]" Also, please include a footnote at the end of that sentence stating that RWPGs wishing to obtain such data from TWDB should provide advanced notice to TWDB.

#### Incorporated

11. Please consider including a simple module 'map' that shows how/which tabs feed into which tabs so the user can quickly see how the costing tool sheets fit together to generate a total cost.

# The Quick Reference Guide now demonstrates this.

12. Section 7.0 – please consider including a simple well-field schematic in the final User's Guide illustrating what the zones/nodes are (A, B C etc) to assist the user in utilizing the tool properly.

#### Incorporated.

#### Technical Memorandum

1. In section 3 of the Technical Memorandum where pipeline costs are discussed, the following statement is made: "However, in cases where it is known that higher pressure class pipe will be required, unit costs can be adjusted based on the percent increase in steel cylinder thickness." Please explain how this adjustment can be made, in the final User's Guide.

# The ability to choose higher pressure class pipe is now incorporated into the model and explained.

2. Page 11, paragraph 1, regarding level 5 desalination treatment, it states "Costs do not include disposal of desalination concentrate." However, Task 1 of the Scope of Work states that offshore disposal pipelines will be costed in the same manner as transmission pipelines, unless a more accurate method is found upon further investigation by HDR. Please confirm whether this is a capability of the final tool and clarify this in the associated documents including the final User's Guide.

# Incorporated.

3. Page 13 states that irrigation wells can cost between 55 and 70 percent of the cost of a public supply well and that ASR wells can cost from 2 to 16 percent more than public supply wells. Please explain the basis fo this statement in the final memorandum.

# An explanation is incorporated.