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Amendment to the 2027 State Water Plan (Phase 2)

Proposed Comment Responses and Changes for Amendment Adoption

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Reminder on Phase II concept

- Two-phase approach allowed more time to develop stronger narrative and analytical content by amending initial (Phase I) plan
- Phase 2:
  - **No changes:** Data, interactive plan, legislative recommendations, socioeconomic impact analysis results
  - **Expanded:** Analysis, narrative, vignettes, callouts
  - **New:** Uncertainty Chapter, Rural Chapter, implementation of large projects
- Amendment fully replaces previously adopted plan

Timeline

- **7/23/26** – 2027 State Water Plan (Phase I) adopted
- **8/5/2026** – Work Session re: draft amendment to the 2027 State Water Plan (Phase II)
- **8/21/26** – Notice posted for public comment and comment period for Phase II
- **9/24/26** – Public hearing held
- **9/25/26** - Public comment period closed

Comments and Responses

- Over 140 comments received
- Comments received regarding concerns beyond the authority of the agency or planning process
- Response to comments approach categorized by relevant chapter as well as general themes and specific comments addressed where considered warranted
- Summary (handout) includes:
  - Comments that resulted in proposed changes to plan chapters
  - TWDB-initiated corrections (project count and implementation status corrections)
  - Grouped themes that did not result in changes to plan

Significant proposed changes for final amended plan

Ch. 4 - Future population and water demand

- Addition of digital infrastructure vignette

Ch. 7 - Water management strategies and projects

- Addition of clarifying language re: water availability reliability assessments in strategy evaluations
- Additional information on strategies that provide non-incidental flood mitigation

Significant proposed changes to amendment content (cont.)

Ch. 8 - Conservation

- Addition of clarifying language re: conservation strategy categorization and estimation of conservation savings
- Addition of conservation program implementation callout

Ch. 11 – Uncertainty

- Addition of clarifying language re: project implementation decisions
- Additional summary of how planning groups considered planning for droughts worse than a drought of record

Significant proposed changes to amendment content (cont.)

Ch. 11 – Uncertainty

- Addition of a callout re: TWDB coordination with state climatologist to address 2023 Sunset Commission directive

Ch. 12 – Rural entity planning

- Addition of a callout regarding additional resources for local water information

Significant proposed changes to amendment content (cont.)

Appendices

- Reconfiguration of the major water provider water needs table to report by primary region
- Revision of Laguna Madre project status in the implementation table (E-1)
- Addition of tabulation of planning group approaches to assessing droughts worse than the drought of record

Next steps

- Feedback from the Board by November 10th
- Executive Administrator to resolve any additional last edits in final document(s)
- Board consideration of adoption of amendment to 2027 State Water Plan (Phase II) at December 3, 2026 Board meeting