

Sunset Advisory Commission Invites Public Input on the Texas Water Development Board and the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee

The Sunset Advisory Commission is reviewing the mission and performance of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Advisory Committee and welcomes public comments on ideas to improve their operations and services. The Texas Sunset Act requires the Sunset Commission to periodically review the TWDB and recommend whether to change state law to improve the agency's efficiency and effectiveness. In accordance with the Sunset Act, the Sunset Commission will also recommend whether to continue the advisory committee and make any needed changes. The legislature ultimately will decide whether to adopt Sunset's statutory recommendations. The Sunset Commission also may adopt management directives that do not require statutory change.

The Sunset process has three stages. First, Sunset staff will evaluate the agency and advisory committee, seek public input, and issue a report recommending solutions to problems found. Second, the Sunset Commission will hold two public meetings: a hearing on the staff report and the agency and advisory committee, and a decision meeting to adopt recommendations to the legislature based on the report and public comments. Third, the legislature will convene in January 2023 and will consider Sunset's statutory recommendations in a Sunset bill for the agency and advisory committee.

Here are several ways to provide comments and suggestions to Sunset staff on the missions, operations, and services of the agency and advisory committee:

- Send an email to sunset@sunset.texas.gov
- Submit comments online at www.sunset.texas.gov
- Send a letter to Sunset Advisory Commission, Attn: TWDB and SWIFT, P.O. Box 13066, Austin, Texas 78711
- Call (512) 463-1300 to speak to Darren McDivitt, project manager of the review

Please provide your comments by December 15, 2021, to ensure Sunset staff can fully consider your input while conducting their review. Comments submitted before the staff report is published in March 2022 will remain confidential.

Stay informed! Visit www.sunset.texas.gov to sign up for email alerts on the Sunset staff report and the Sunset Commission's public meetings on the agency and committee.