

Texas Water Fund Issues for Consideration and Request for Feedback

Response requested by April 30, 2024

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is seeking public input to assist in implementing the <u>Texas Water Fund</u>, a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund to be administered by the TWDB.

Administrative rules are not required to implement the Texas Water Fund itself; however, stakeholder feedback is requested to inform funding priorities as well as the administration of the programs to which funds may be transferred. Formal rulemaking for the water loss technical assistance program required by Senate Bill 28 has already taken place.

Other <u>rulemaking</u> related to the Texas Water Fund may include:

- Minor changes to the Rural Water Assistance Fund rules in 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 365
- Minor changes to financial assistance rules in 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 363
- New rules for the New Water Supply for Texas Fund, as a new subchapter in 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 363

The TWDB is seeking stakeholder input via three survey instruments:

- Texas Water Fund Survey 1: Financial Assistance for Water Infrastructure Projects
- Texas Water Fund Survey 2: New Water Supply Fund for Texas
- Texas Water Fund Survey 3: Statewide Water Public Awareness Program

The information requested in these surveys is intended to solicit general and specific feedback that will inform formal rulemaking and other implementation efforts. Written feedback may also be submitted to TexasWaterFund@twdb.texas.gov. Information provided in the surveys or submitted via email is requested by April 30, 2024.

In addition to the surveys, we will be inviting public comment on the Texas Water Fund at TWDB <u>Board meetings</u> through March and providing information at upcoming <u>financial assistance</u> <u>workshops</u> around the state. We will also be hosting an <u>informal stakeholder meeting in Austin on March 20</u>; a <u>stakeholder Board work session on April 10 in Lubbock</u>; and a <u>regular Board meeting in Lubbock on April 11</u>. See the <u>Proposition 6 and Texas Water Fund Frequently Asked Questions and Implementation Timeline</u> or visit our <u>website</u> for more details as they become available.

We invite you to join us in these discussions and look forward to hearing from you over the coming months.