In response to the drought of the 1950s and in recognition of the need to plan for the future, the legislature created the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to develop water supplies and prepare plans to meet the state’s future water needs. In 1997, the legislature established a new water planning process, based on a “bottom-up,” consensus-driven approach. Coordinating this water planning process are 16 planning groups, one for each regional water planning area (see map). The planning groups, each made up of about 20 members, represent a variety of interests, including agriculture, industry, environment, public, municipalities, business, water districts, river authorities, water utilities, counties, and power generation.

The TWDB, through its Water Planning Division, maintains an ongoing, publicly accessible plan for the state’s water resources. The TWDB provides financial assistance to local governments and other water providers. For additional information please visit www.twdb.texas.gov or call 512-463-7847.

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

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