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Quit trying to get ahead of this state's water needs by building bigger catch basins and praying for rain. Decouple our "needs" from the elements by building nuclear powered desalination plants.

Use those plants to \*guarantee\* some minimal requirement per family - say 10,000 gal/month at a reasonable price. \_Bill any use above that amount at the going market rate\_ (could be expensive during a 20 year drought). Set aside sufficient water resources to insure that Texas springs and wildlife don't die out due to the load society places on the land. Reserve enough water to keep Texas as Texas.

The idea of building catch basins is fundamentally flawed due to it's reliance on rainfall. Doing what your institution has been doing - only more of it....just won't take us where we need to go.

You build those plants - and Texas will never want for water. The oceans will not run dry.