



To: 89th Texas Legislature

February 10, 2025

Dear members,

Earlier this month, Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced the need for a “Texas-sized” investment towards the state’s water infrastructure needs. In declaring an emergency item in his State of the State address, the Governor called for a “generational investment” – “the largest investment in water in the history of Texas” – to “put Texas on a path to have plenty of water for the next 50 years.” The Governor’s call for action echoes similar calls for water investment from Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and Speaker Dustin Burrows.

These calls to address our long-term water needs couldn’t come at a better time. Texas faces two long-term water infrastructure challenges. First, we must expand our water supply portfolio for a drought-prone and growing state. Second, and equally as important, Texas must address the problem of aging, deteriorating, and leaking drinking water and wastewater systems that are becoming liabilities to the communities that they serve.

The continuation of Texas’ economic miracle depends on the reliability of our water infrastructure. Given its importance to future growth and prosperity, the Legislature and state leaders have the historic opportunity to dedicate a portion of existing state revenues towards addressing Texas’ long-term water infrastructure challenges.

The following organizations support investing in our state’s water infrastructure, including the creation of a long-term, dedicated revenue stream for water. If approved in 2025, this revenue stream would provide the Texas-sized investment needed to secure both Texas’ water future and the continued promise of the Texas Economic Miracle.

Regards,

Texas Water Funding Coalition

For more information:
www.texas2036.org/txwater-funding







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Texas Association of Broadcasters



THE TEXAS STATE CHAMBER



Texas Energy Buyers Alliance



Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance



Water Environment Association of Texas





Coalition Members:

Abilene Chamber of Commerce
Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce
American Flood Coalition Action
ArTex Funding LLC
Arup
Association of Water Board Directors-Texas
Austin Chamber of Commerce
Austin Regional Manufacturers Association
Bastrop Chamber of Commerce
Bay City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
Baytown Chamber of Commerce
Bellaire Business Association
Bridgeport Chamber Of Commerce
Brownsville Chamber of Commerce
Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce
Central Fort Bend Chamber
Colusa Consulting LLC
Corpus Christi Black Chamber of Commerce
Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Council
Cuero Chamber of Commerce
Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
Dallas Citizens Council
Dallas Regional Chamber
Dayton Chamber of Commerce
Deer Park Chamber of Commerce
El Paso Chamber
Environmental Defense Fund
EPCOR NR Holdings
Exxon Mobil
Fort Bend Chamber
Fort Worth Chamber
Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Frisco Chamber of Commerce
Fulshear Regional Chamber of Commerce
Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce
Grapevine Chamber of Commerce
Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce
Greater Houston Partnership
Greater Magnolia Parkway Chamber of Commerce
Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce Inc.
Greater Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce

Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce
Greenville Chamber of Commerce
Groves Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Center
Half
Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce
Houston West Chamber
Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce
Hurst Euless Bedford Chamber of Commerce
Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce
IBC Bank
IDE Technologies
Irving – Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce
Kathleen McElwaine Art LLC
Katy Area Chamber
Kaufman Economic Development Corporation
Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce
Leander Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center
LINQ
Longview Chamber of Commerce
Mansfield Chamber of Commerce
Metro SA Chamber
Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce
MK Constructors
Mont Belvieu Area Chamber of Commerce
North American Development Bank
North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
North Texas Commission
Northern Brazoria County
Odessa Chamber of Commerce
Opportunity Austin
Padre Island Business Association
Palacios Chamber of Commerce
Parker County Chamber of Commerce
Partnership Lake Houston
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Pearland Chamber of Commerce
Plano Chamber of Commerce
Portland Chamber of Commerce

Port Aransas Tourism Bureau & Chamber of Commerce
Raising Up Rural
Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce
Round Rock Chamber of Commerce
San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce
San Patricio County Economic Development Council
Setex Construction Corporation
Southside Market and Barbecue
Tech Ranch Austin
Temple Chamber of Commerce
Terrell Chamber of Commerce
Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
Texas 2036
Texas American Water Works Association
Texas Association of Broadcasters
Texas Association of Business
Texas Association of Manufacturers
Texas Association of Regional Councils
Texas Cattle Feeders Association
Texas Chemistry Council
Texas Economic Development Council
Texas Energy Buyers Alliance
Texas Farm Bureau
Texas Panhandle's Regional Accelerator & New Growth Engine
Texas REALTORS
Texas Rural Water Association
Texas Water Association
Texas Water Infrastructure Network
The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
The Learning Experience
The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce
Unicorn Service Solutions
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce
Washington County Chamber of Commerce
Water Environment Association of Texas
WateReuse Texas
Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce
Willingham Southwest Cotton Gin, Inc.