

Investing in Texas' Water Future



The 2025 Texas Legislature prioritized long-term funding and accountability to ensure reliable water supply and infrastructure

Texas' Economic Miracle depends on reliable water infrastructure

-  Texas needs to **invest at least \$154 billion over the next 50 years on water infrastructure**. This includes expanding our water supply portfolio and fixing aging, deteriorating systems.
-  Failing to address long-term water infrastructure concerns invites reversing Texas' economic miracle: by 2050 Texas could **lose \$165 billion in annual GDP** if the state is hit with a prolonged drought and does not have sufficient water resources.
-  Reliable water infrastructure **supports continued economic growth and development**.

The 2025 Texas Legislature Passed Generational Water Reforms, With the Funding Resources to Drive Long-Term Impact

Several key measures fund water infrastructure needs, promote regional solutions and establish meaningful performance standards for achieving long-term water infrastructure goals.

20-Year, \$20 Billion Funding Commitment

HJR 7 by Rep. Harris & SB 7 by Sen. Perry

Establishes a \$1 billion per year sales tax revenue dedication towards the Texas Water Fund. The proposed revenue dedication begins in 2027 and will continue for 20 years. These funds will be used for water supply projects and fixing failing systems.

\$2.6 Billion Immediate Funding Infusion

HB 500 by Rep. Bonnen & Sen. Huffman

Appropriates over \$2.6 billion towards Texas' water infrastructure needs. This historic appropriations include matching funds to maximize Texas' receipt of federal water infrastructure funds and \$2.5 billion for water infrastructure projects and programs.

Smart Funding Flexibility

SB 7 by Sen. Perry & SB 1967 by Sen. A. Hinojosa

Expands the capacity of water funds eligible to receive dedicated funding to fund water reuse, wastewater, agricultural water conservation and flood control projects (SB 7). Allows funding for flood control projects that can also be used to expand water supplies (SB 1967).

Strong Legislative Oversight

SB 7 by Sen. Perry

Establishes a permanent Texas Water Fund Advisory Committee that will provide the Legislature with enhanced oversight of the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) use of the Texas Water Fund.

Promotes Regional Solutions

SB 1169 by A. Hinojosa & SB 565 by Perry

Expands opportunities for implementing regional solutions for water service through the formation of public utility agencies (SB 1169). Removes regulatory disincentives for regionalization (SB 565).

Performance Measurement

SB 7 by Sen. Perry & HB 2078 by Rep. Gerdes

Requires that TWDB report on the state's progress towards expanding water supplies and fixing failing systems (SB 7). Requires tracking of groundwater use with long-term planning goals (HB 2078).

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