Texas Water Development Board Update and Overview

L'Oreal Stepney, P.E. TWCA Summer Conference The Woodlands June 15th, 2023



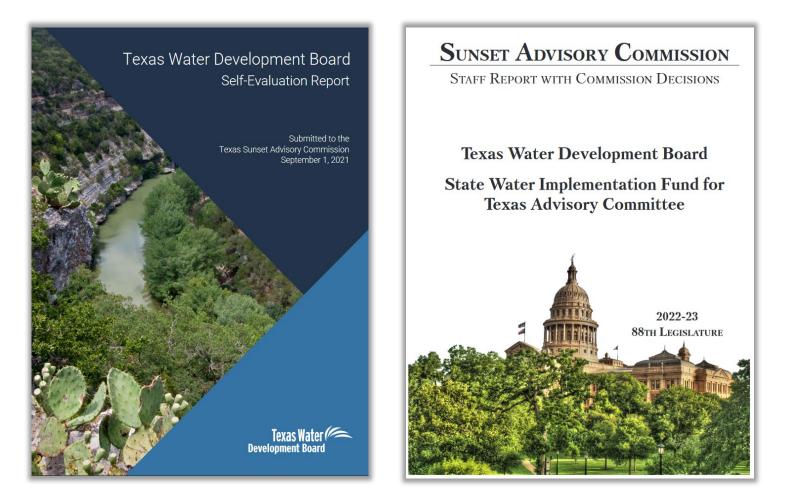
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My First 150 Days

- Operations/Structure/Functions
- Mission/Goal
- Communication
- Important to me
- Legislative update



TWDB Sunset Review





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TWDB Legislative Recommendations

- Flood SB 1627/HB 3582
- TexMesonet SB 988/HB 2759
- TNRIS SB 712/HB 2489
- Memorandums of Understanding SB 735/HB 2388





Exceptional Item Requests

- Project Management and Risk Mitigation
- Water Supply Planning
- Rural Assistance
- Data Enhancement and Modernization
- Flood Package
- Debt Service and Match



Senate Bill 28

• Texas Water Fund

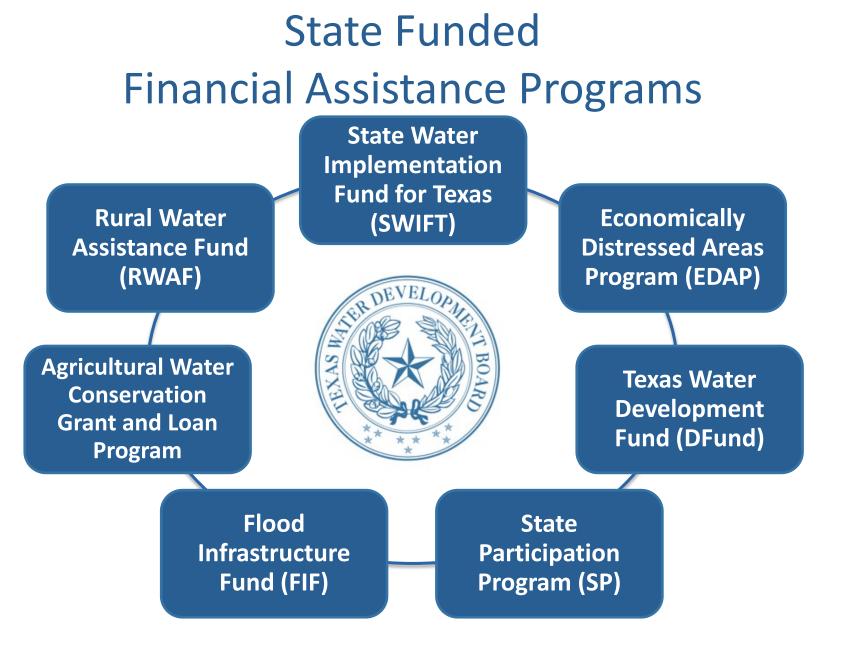
New Water Supply for Texas Fund

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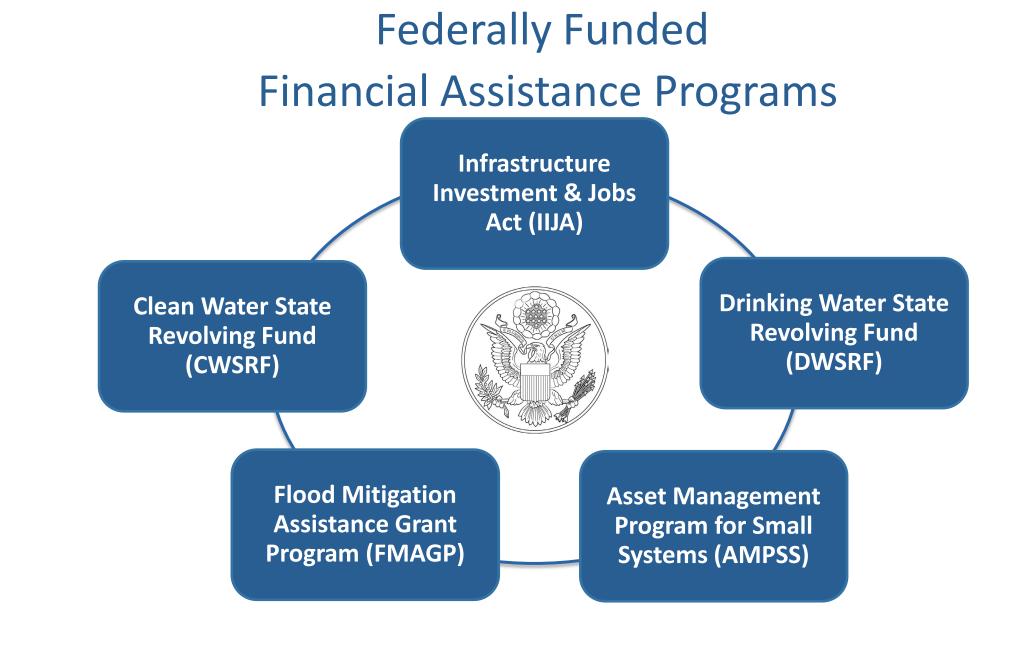
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State Water Implementation Fund for Texas

- SWIFT Fund
 - Initially funded with \$2 billion
 - Balance = ~\$1.7 billion
- Goal \$27 billion in water supply projects over 50 years
- 2023 Cycle
 - 8 applications
 - \$1.5 billion in requests
 - July 25, 2023, Board Meeting







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Regional Flood Planning

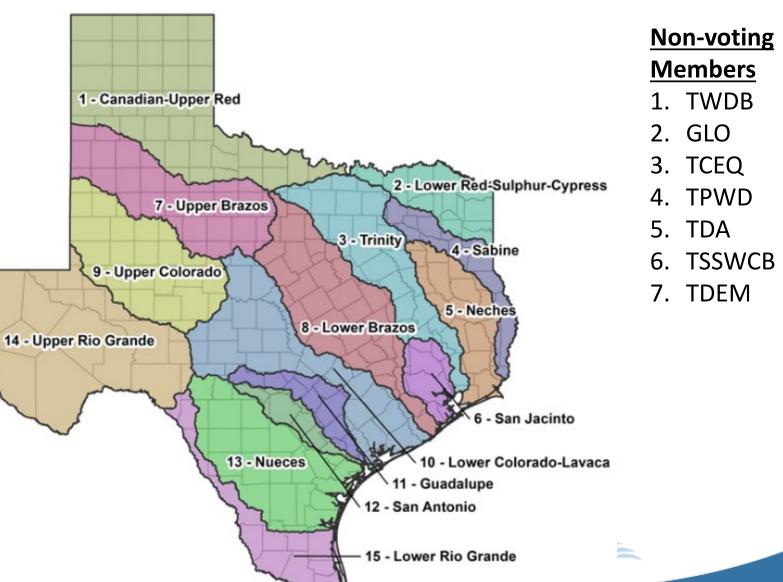
- First-of-its-kind statewide flood plan
- Watershed-based planning regions
- Bottom-up approach to flood planning
- Transparent process with public input
- Volunteer members representing interest categories

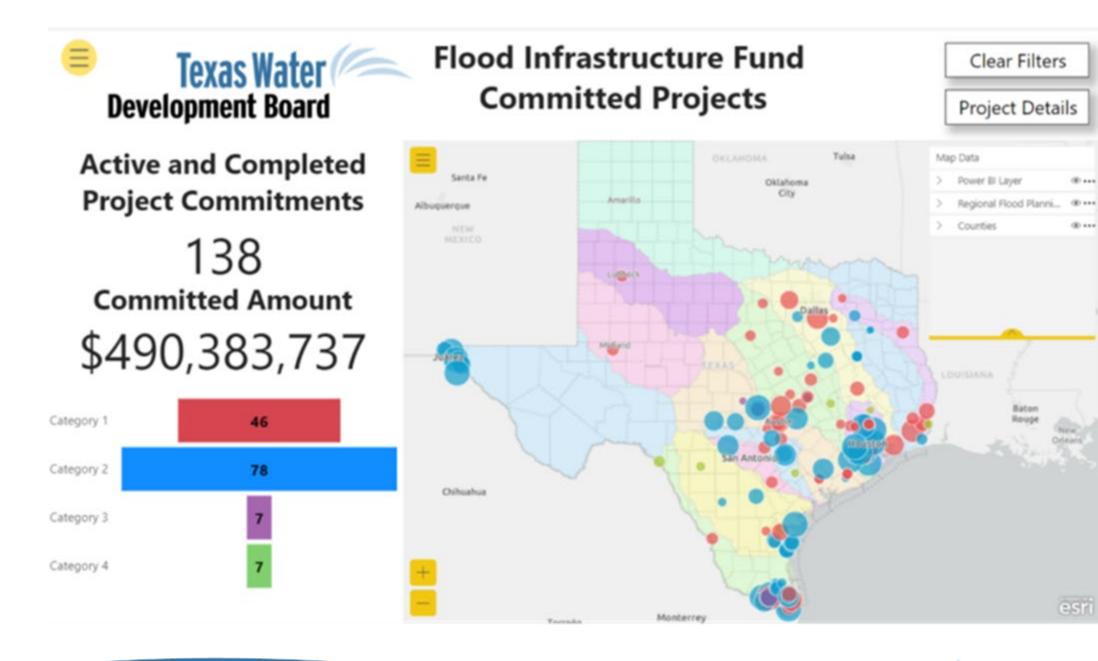
Find your RFPG Information, Meeting Schedules & Important Documents here: <u>https://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/planning/index.asp</u>

Regional flood planning groups (15 regions)

Voting members

- 1. Agricultural interests
- 2. Industries
- 3. River authorities
- 4. Counties
- 5. Municipalities
- 6. Water districts
- 7. Flood districts
- 8. Electric generating utilities 44
- 9. Public
- 10. Water utilities
- 11. Environmental interests
- 12. Small businesses







Next

• Legislative Implementation

- Traveling Board Meeting
 - September 14, 2023 (Harlingen)

• What's left on the calendar for remaining part of the Year?





Questions

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