



Legislative Update  
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for the  
East Texas Regional Water Planning Group

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## **Senate Bill 3**

### **Article 1: Environmental Flows**

- **Environmental Flows Advisory Group**
  - **Environmental Flows Science Advisory Committee**
  - **Basin and Bay Area Stakeholders Committees**
    - **Appointed by Nov. 1**
    - **Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay**
    - **Sabine and Neches Rivers system and Sabine Lake**
- **Water Rights for Instream Flows**
- **TCEQ Rulemaking**
  - **Environmental Set-Aside**
- **Deadline for Environmental Studies**



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### **Article 2: Water Conservation and Planning and Other Water-Related Provisions**

- **Land Stewardship**
- **Water Conservation Advisory Council**
  - **Monitor trends in conservation implementation**
  - **Consider new technologies for BMP Guide**
  - **Monitor effectiveness of statewide public awareness campaign**
  - **Develop state water management resource library**
  - **Develop public recognition program**
  - **Monitor conservation WMS implementation**
  - **Monitor target and goal guidelines**



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### **Article 2: Water Conservation and Planning and Other Water-Related Provisions (cont.)**

- **Conservation Plans for Systems with 3,300 Connections**
- **Reporting on Conservation Plans**
- **Expedited Amendments for RWPs**
- **Rainwater Harvesting**
- **TCEQ to Adopt Irrigation and Water Conservation Standards**
- **Rio Grande Climate Study by TWDB**



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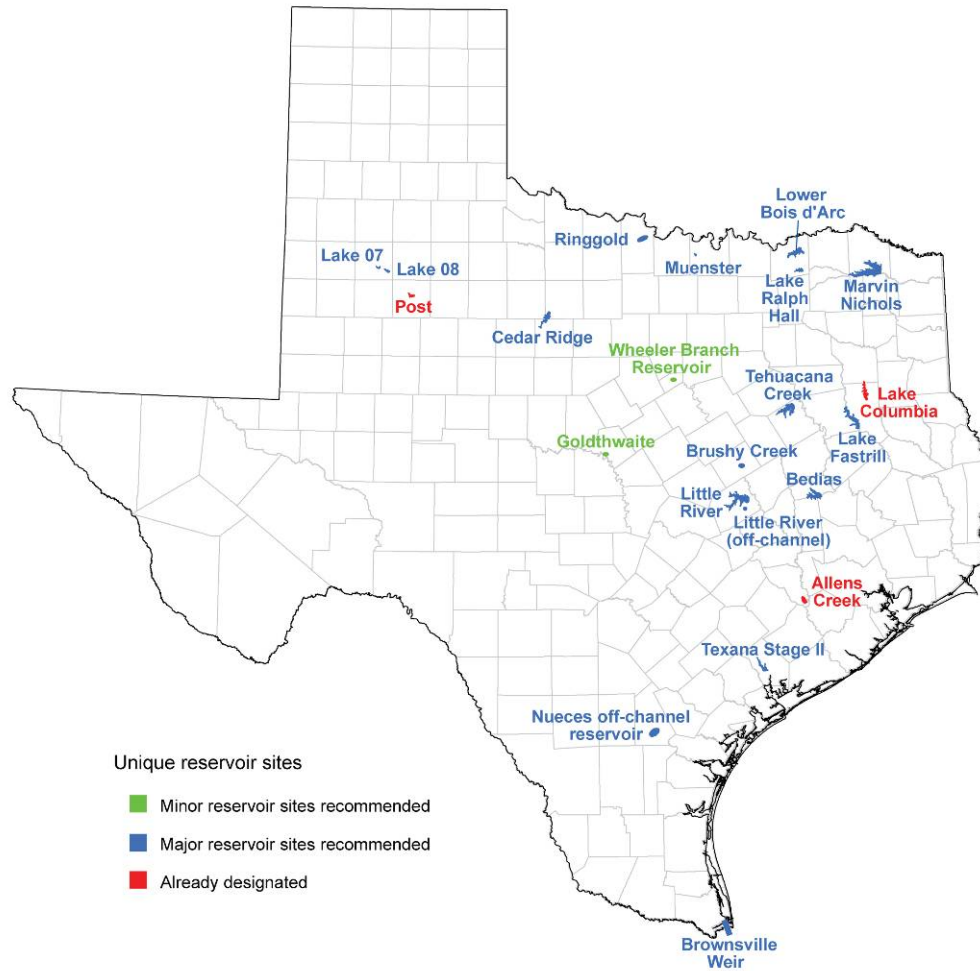
### **Article 3: Construction and Operation of Reservoirs**

- **Utility Service or Property Development does not Prevent Reservoir Construction**
- **Agricultural Property Lease and Mitigation**

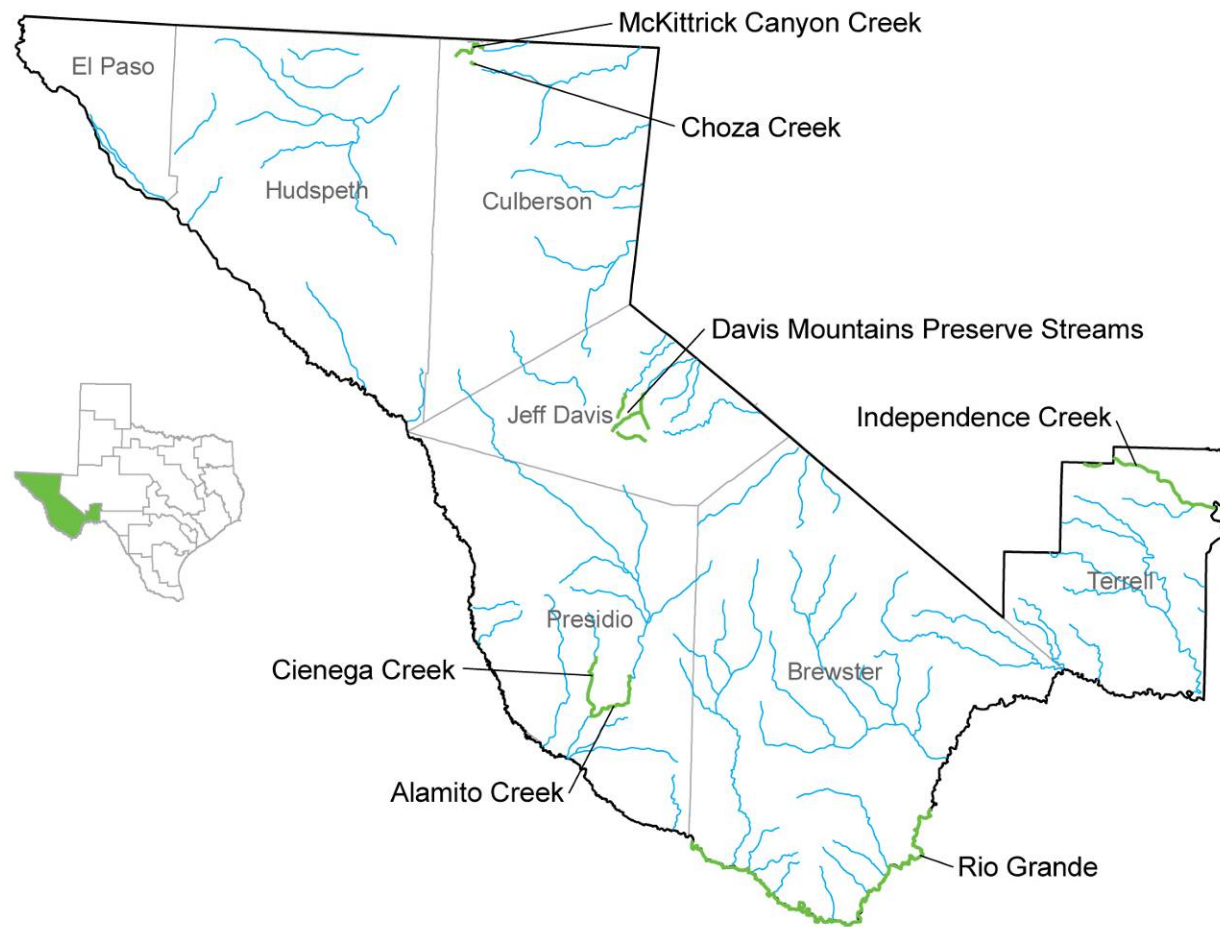
### **Article 4: Unique Reservoir Sites and Sites of Unique Ecological Value**

- **19 Reservoir Sites in Plan Designated**
- **15 Unique Stream Segments in Plan Designated**
- **Water Right Concessions for Marvin Nichols and Fastrill**
- **Study Commission on Region C Water Supply**

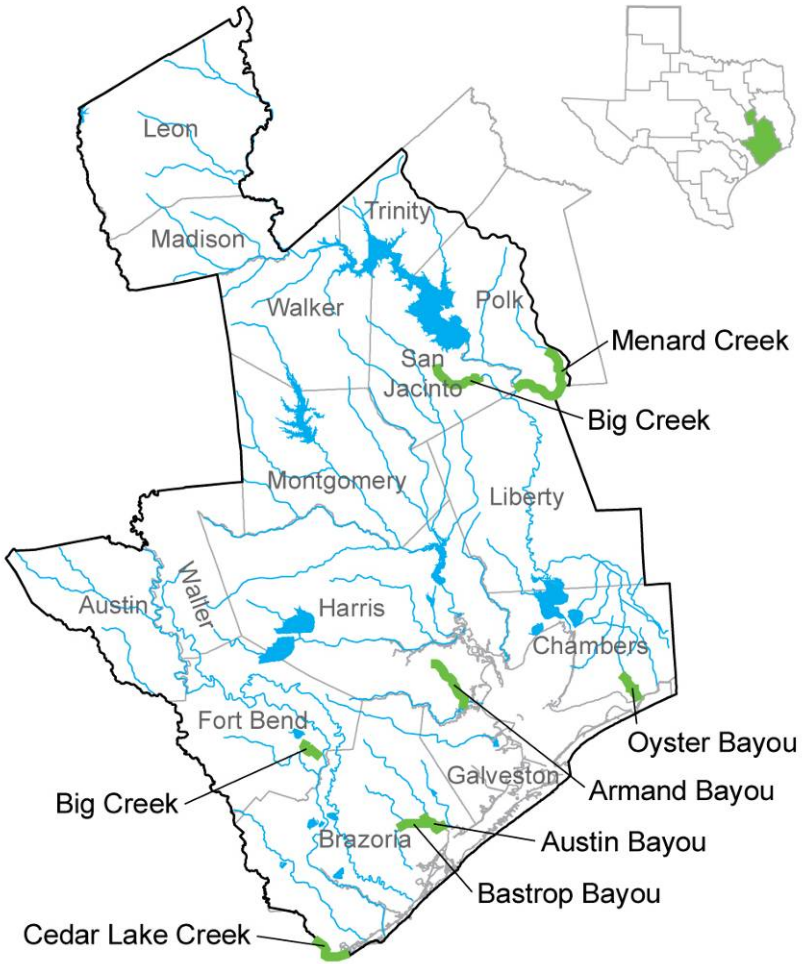
# Unique Reservoir Sites



# Unique Stream Segments: Region E



# Unique Stream Segments: Region H





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### **Article 5: Legislative Joint Interim Committee**

- **Receive Information on Water Infrastructure Needs**
- **Receive Information on Costs and Funding Options**
- **Receive Analyses and Recommendations on Funding Gaps**
- **Receive Information on Adequacy of Water Fees**
- **Identify Revenues and Fees for State Water Programs and Data Collection**



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**Other bills of interest**

- **SJR 20 - Authorizes TWDB to issue up to \$250M in General Obligation bonds for EDAP. Election date will be Nov. 6, 2007.**
- **SB 1436 National Flood Insurance Program to TWDB from TCEQ. Also includes SB 1418 (Spatial reference center at TAMU-CC).**
- **HB 3776 Region L Plan Approval**
- **SB 662 Groundwater Data**
- **SB 714 Groundwater Conservation District Records**



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## Groundwater Conservation Districts Created

### **Panola County (Region I)**

- **County commissioner's court will appoint the initial directors**
- **Initial board will call a confirmation election**

**Colorado County**

**Tablerock (Coryell County)**

**Lavaca County**

**McLennan County**

**Northern Trinity (Tarrant County)**

**Upper Trinity (Parker, Wise, Hood & Montague Counties)**



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## Bills That Died

- ❌ **HCR 223 Critical water communities report**
- ❌ **HB 3481 RWPG members filing disclosure statements**
- ❌ **HB 911 Interbasin Transfer**
- ❌ **HB 3233 Indirect Reuse**
- ❌ **HB 1502 Defining interregional conflict in RWPs**



## TWDB Exceptional Item Funding-Agency Operations

**Biennial Amount \$9,943,891**

- EDAP 1 Administration \$975,852
- Municipal Water Conservation \$596,020
- Restoration of DWSRF Match \$753,800
- Groundwater Management for Tx \$622,489
- GR for Regional Planning \$5,000,000  
*Note: \$2.6 million funded from WAF balances*
- Colonia Self-Help Program \$774,891
- Statewide EDAP \$1,220,839



## TWDB Exceptional Item Funding – Debt Service

**Biennial Amount \$55,998,156**

• EDAP I Final Bond Issuance	\$1,085,856
• State Participation Debt Service	\$4,250,000
• Statewide EDAP*	\$4,037,918
• State Water Plan	
- State Participation	\$9,941,250
- EDAP*	\$4,430,104
- Water Infrastructure Fund	<u>\$32,253,028</u>
	<b><u>\$46,624,382</u></b>

\*Contingent upon passage of SJR 20 and outcome of Nov 7 election



## Article IX Contingent Approval

**Biennial Amount \$2,493,485**

- HB4 Conservation \$549,464
- SB3 Environmental Flows \$1,944,021