



Overview of the TWCA Organization and the 85th Legislative Session

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The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of numerous water droplets of various sizes scattered across a smooth, light blue surface. The droplets are in sharp focus, showing their rounded, reflective shapes and the way they catch the light. The overall color palette is a range of blues, from a pale sky blue to a deeper, more saturated blue.

Who we are



Overview

- TWCA: Texas Water Conservation Association
- Statewide professional water association
- Created in 1944 to:
- Bring multiple water interests together
- Advocate for sound water policy at the legislature
- Work closely with state and federal regulatory agencies

Organizational Framework

Executive
committee

Board
panels

Committees

Staff

President Structure



President

President-elect

Past President

Board of Directors

70

10 panels with
7 people each

34

Past
presidents

104

Total



- Drainage Districts
- General & Environmental
- Groundwater
- Industrial
- Irrigation
- Municipal
- Navigation & Flood Control
- *Presidents' Panel
- River Authorities
- Utility Districts

*Presidents' panel is the newest panel addition. Members of this panel are appointed by the three presidents.

Membership Benefits

Policy

Communications

Outreach

Outreach

- Annual, Mid-Year and Fall Conferences
- Texas Water Day in Washington, D.C.
- National Water Resources Association events



Communications

- Confluence Newsletter (three times/year)
- Email marketing
- Social media (Twitter and Facebook)

Twitter: @TexasWCA
Facebook: @TWCA1



The 85th Legislative Session

The 85th Compared

Year	Filed bills	Passed bills	Vetoed bills
2017	6631	1211	51
2015	6276	1323	43
2013	5868	1437	28
2011	5796	1379	25
2009	7419	1459	36

TWCA Legislative Activity

Legislative Tracking

450 bills tracked

160 high-priority bills

Legislative testimony

Groundwater Committee

Open to all members

Works in advance of session to find "consensus" on stakeholder issues

Surface Water Committee

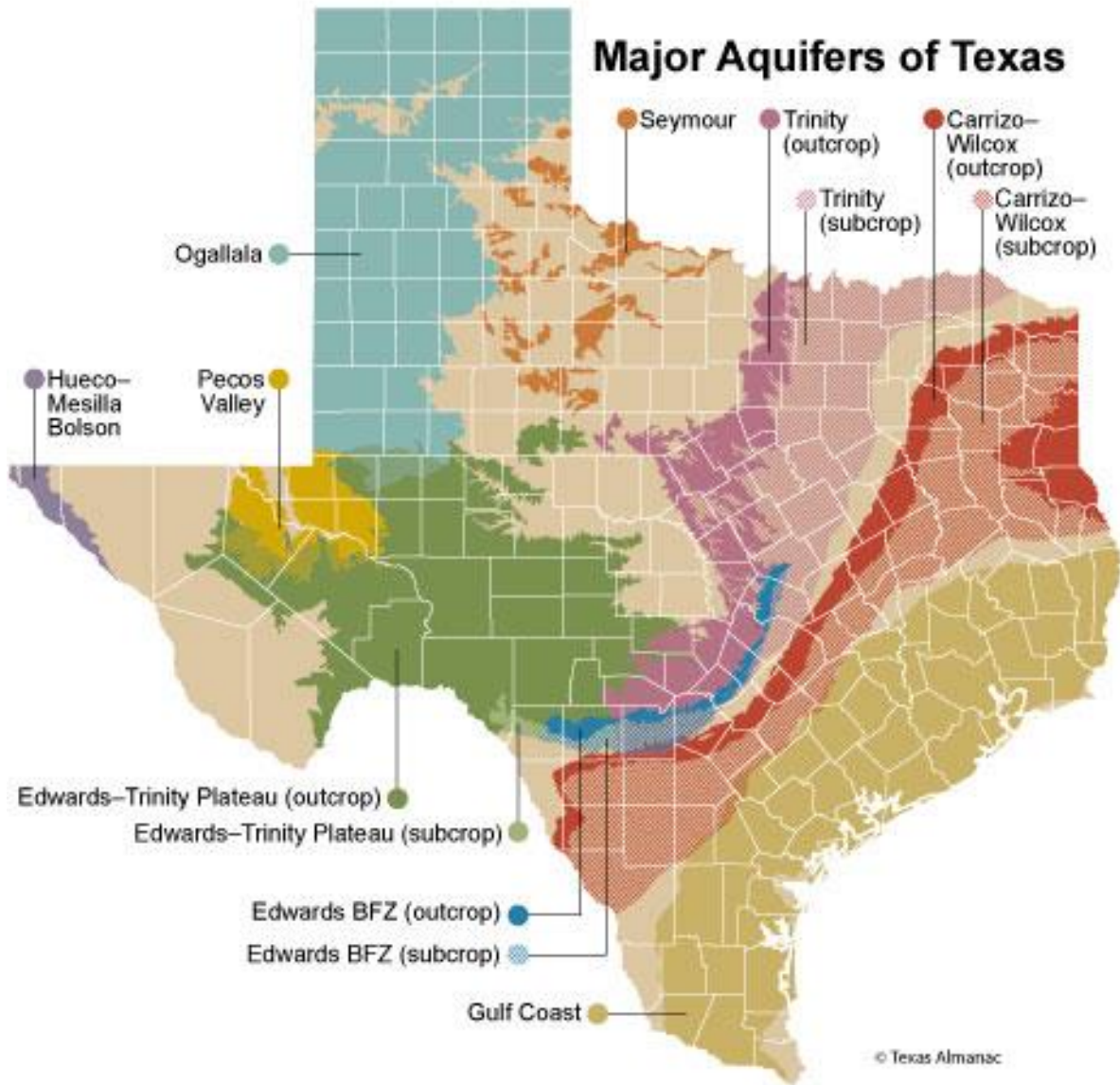
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TWCA Surface Water Committee

- More than 130 members
- Approved four “consensus” bills and one legislative concept:
 - Water Availability Modeling
 - Streamlining water rights permitting
 - Contesting actions at TCEQ



TWCA Groundwater Committee

- More than 100 members
- Approved 11 “consensus” bills:
 - Groundwater permitting
 - Groundwater export
 - DFC data and adoption



**of the 85th
Legislative
Session**

The Top Ten

Passed

- House Bill 2215
- House Bill 1511
- House Bill 347
- House Bill 625

Vetoed

- House Bill 2377
- House Bill 2378

Died

- House Bill 31
- Senate Bill 1392
- House Bill 3417
- House Bill 3166
- Senate Bill 696

Bills that Passed

House Bill 2215: DFC Adoption Dates

**Amends
deadlines for
proposing and
adopting DFCs**

**May 2021:
proposal**

**Jan 2022:
adoption**

**Repeat every 5
years**

House Bill 1511: State Water Plans

**Plans must
include
information on
projects deemed
high priority by
TWDB**

**Plans must
exclude
“infeasible” water
management
strategies/
projects**

**Allows for longer
planning cycles**

Senate Bill 347: Regional Water Plans

**Regional water
planning groups
and committees
must comply with:**

- **Open Meetings Act**
- **Public Information Act**

Senate Bill 625: District Website

**Calls for a new
state website
with information
on each special
district’s board,
staff, revenue,
bonds, taxing
authority, and
budget**

Bills that were Vetoed

HB 2377:
Brackish
Groundwater

HB 2378:
Groundwater
Export

Bills that Died

HB 3417:
Consideration of
Registered Wells in
Permitting

HB 3166:
Modeled
Sustainable
Groundwater

SB 696:
Water Availability
Model Updates

HB 31/SB 1392:
Groundwater
Management



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Interim Charges



Interim Charges

- Hurricane Harvey
- Groundwater policy
- Water markets and development
- Water education and data
- Permit streamlining
- River authorities

An aerial photograph of the Wisconsin State Capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin, surrounded by a dense urban landscape with various skyscrapers and green spaces. The Capitol building is the central focus, featuring a prominent golden dome. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

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