

# Aquifer Storage and Recovery: Its State in the State

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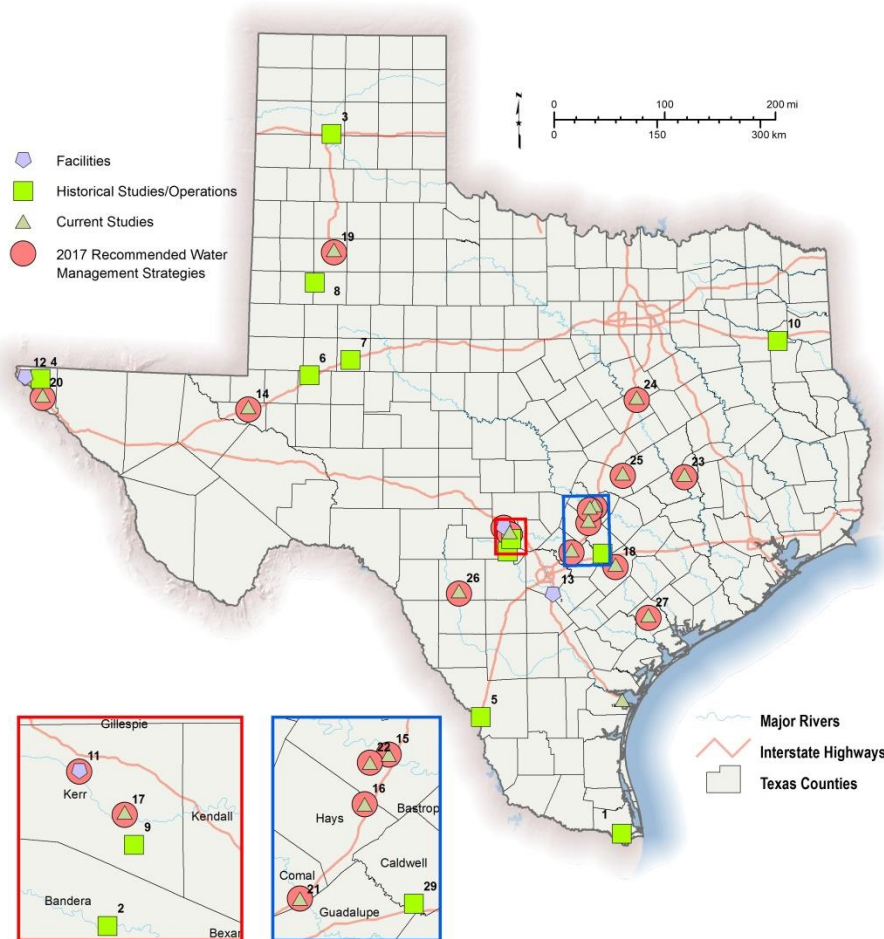
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# ASR Activities in Texas



ID number	Location name (TWDB contract or project number)	Regional water planning area
<b>Historical Activity</b>		
1	Brownsville Public Utilities Board	M
2	Bandera County	J
3	City of Amarillo	A
4	City of El Paso	E
5	City of Laredo	M
6	City of Midland	F
7	Colorado River Municipal Water District	F
8	High Plains	O
9	Kerr County	J
10	Sabine River Authority	D
<b>Facilities</b>		
11	City of Kerrville (91483788)	J
12	El Paso Water Utilities	E
13	San Antonio Water System (97483215)	L
<b>Recommended Water Management Strategies</b>		
14	ASR of existing surface water supplies in Ward County well field - CRMWD	F
15	City of Austin - aquifer storage and recovery	K
11	City of Kerrville (91483788)	J
16	Edwards / Middle Trinity ASR	K/L
17	EKC/UGRA - ASR facility	J
18	GBRA - MBWSP - surface water w/ ASR (option 3c)	K/L
19	Lubbock County - Lubbock CRMWA aquifer storage and	O
20	LVWD - wastewater treatment facility and ASR	E
21	New Braunfels Utility - ASR	L
22	Saline Edwards ASR, Saline Edwards ASR (saline)	K
23	Simsboro - Brazos County ASR	G
24	Trinity - McLennan County ASR	G
25	Trinity - Williamson County ASR	G
26	Uvalde ASR	L
27	Victoria ASR	L
<b>Other Studies</b>		
28	City of Corpus Christi (1600011956)	N
29	Luling Water Treatment Plant (21698)	L

Source: Compiled from various sources.

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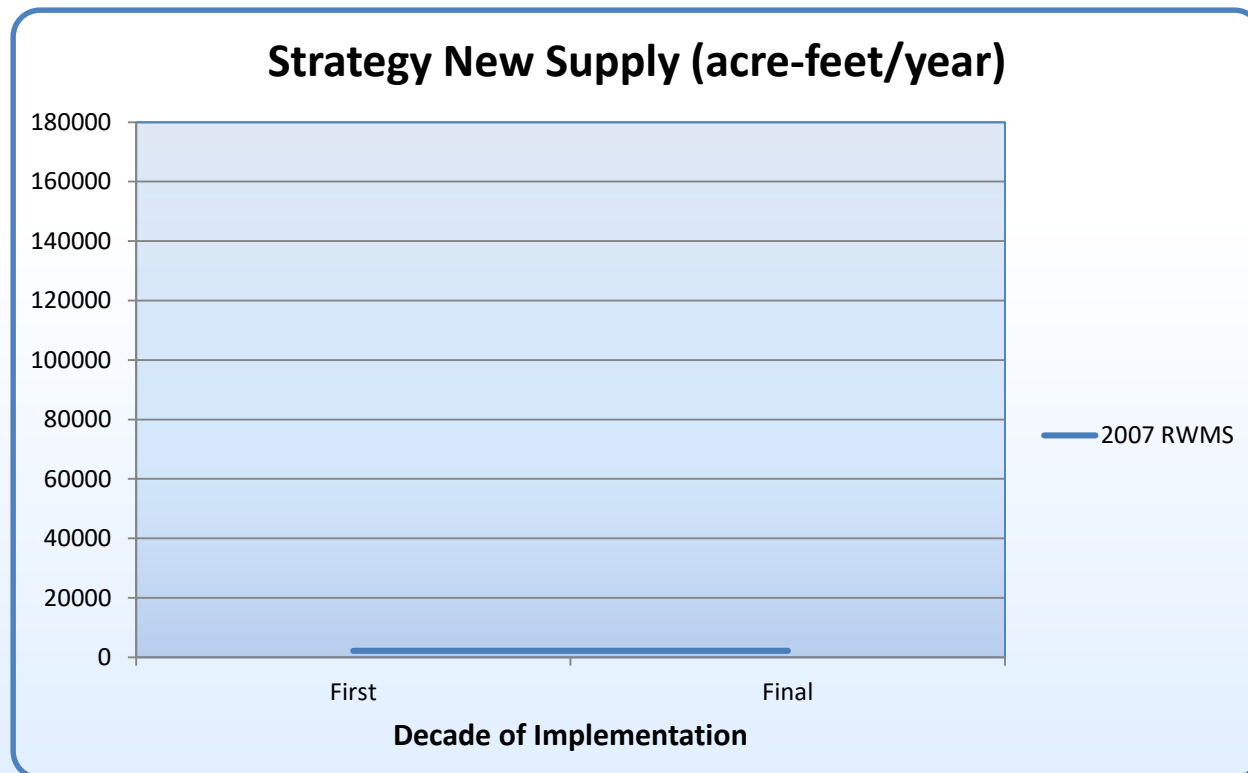
ASR = Aquifer Storage and Recovery  
 CRMWA = Canadian River Municipal Water Authority  
 CRMWD = Colorado River Municipal Water District  
 EKC = Eastern Kerr County

GBRA = Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority  
 LVWD = Lower Valley Water District  
 MBWSP = Mid-Basin Water Supply Project  
 UGRA = Upper Guadalupe River Authority

For more information about aquifer storage and recovery in Texas, please visit:  
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/asr/index.asp>

# Recommended Strategies\*

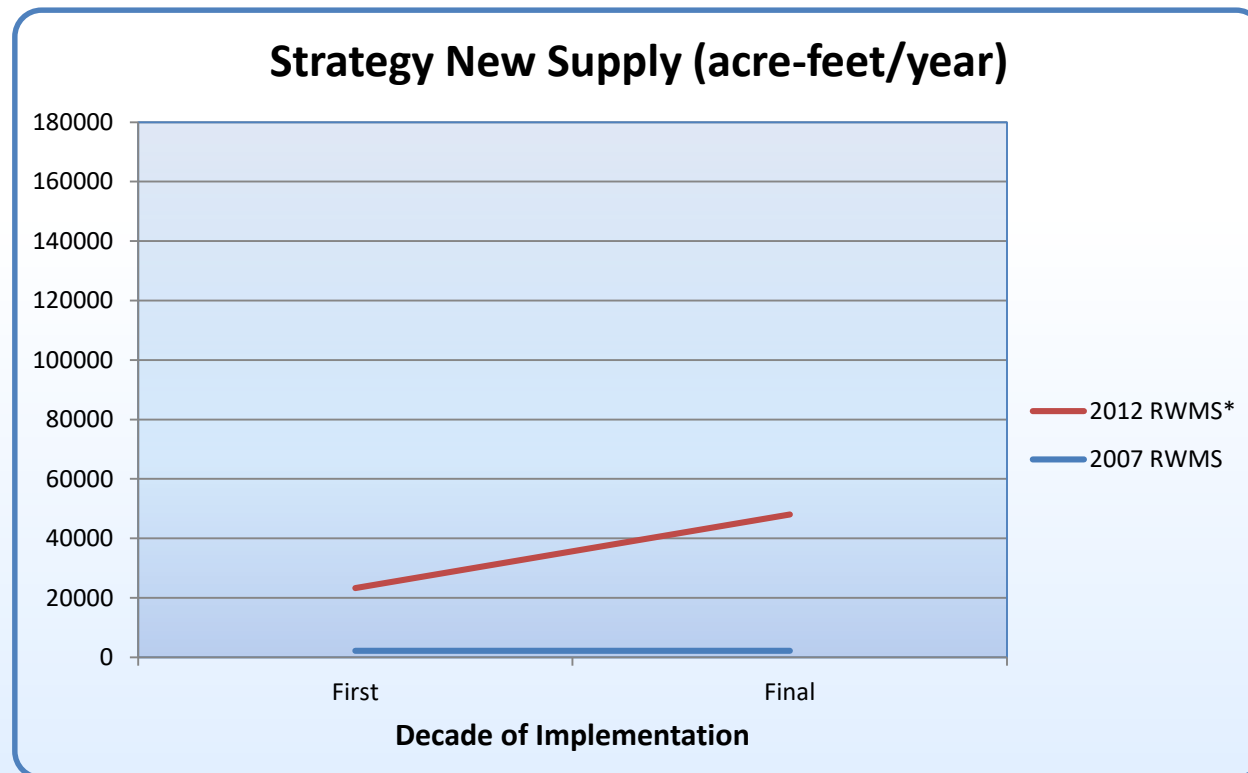
- 2007 State Water Plan - ASR projects in one planning region as a Recommended Water Management Strategy (RWMS)
  - 2,240 ac-ft first decade of use; 2,240 ac-ft fifth decade



\* Excludes infiltration basin projects

# Growth in Interest\*

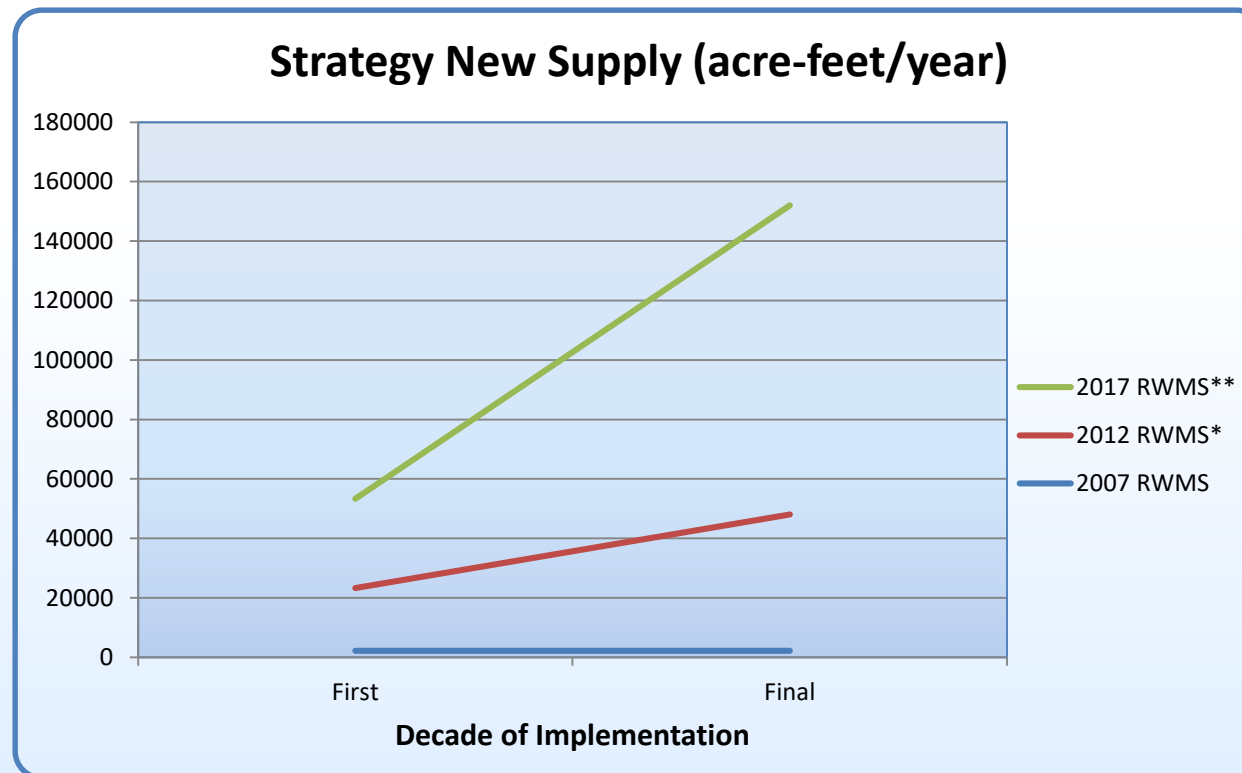
- 2012 State Water Plan – ASR projects in six planning regions as a RWMS
  - 23,260 ac-ft first decade of use; 48,084 ac-ft fifth decade



\* Excludes infiltration basin projects

# Growth in Interest

- 2017 State Water Plan Recommended ASR strategies in seven regions
  - 53,341 ac-ft decade 2020; 152,000 ac-ft decade 2070
  - Triple the final decade volume from the 2012 SWP



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\*\* Included only supply allocated to a water user group

# Demonstration Project Funding

- 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, House Bill 1, Rider 25
  - \$1,000,000 from General Revenue Fund
  - For innovative storage approaches, including but not exclusively, ASR
  - One-for-one matching grant funds
  - Competitive grant application process
    - Request for application notice – September 22, 2015
    - Application deadline – November 3, 2015
    - Grant approval – January 7, 2016

# Application Summary (I)

- Six applications received
  - Four ASR field studies
  - One ASR desktop/planning study
  - One enhanced recharge field study
- Three grants awarded

Recipient	Funding		
	Total	Requested	Awarded
Edwards Aquifer Authority	\$563,000	\$281,500	\$281,500
Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District	\$570,226	\$285,112	\$285,112
Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$433,388

- City of Bryan moving forward with Class V request



# Application Summary (II)

- Edward Aquifer Authority/New Braunfels Utilities
  - Exploration of storage potential in the saline Edwards Aquifer
  - Permit, design, and construct continuous wireline core hole and monitor well
  - Conduct geochemical analysis of the aquifer using samples from the core hole
  - Conduct geophysical logging and a short-duration pump test using the monitor well
- Victoria CGD and City of Victoria
  - Permit, design, and retrofit an existing groundwater production well for ASR in the fresh Gulf Coast Aquifer
  - Test and assess the operational ASR well
  - Collect data to support development of full-scale system
- Corpus Christi ASRCD and City of Corpus Christi
  - Conduct an exploratory test drilling program in the slightly/moderate Gulf Coast Aquifer
  - Collect hydrogeological and geochemical data
  - Perform geochemical analysis on water sources
  - Develop a field-scale groundwater model to simulate ASR operations

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