## REGION H Water Planning Group







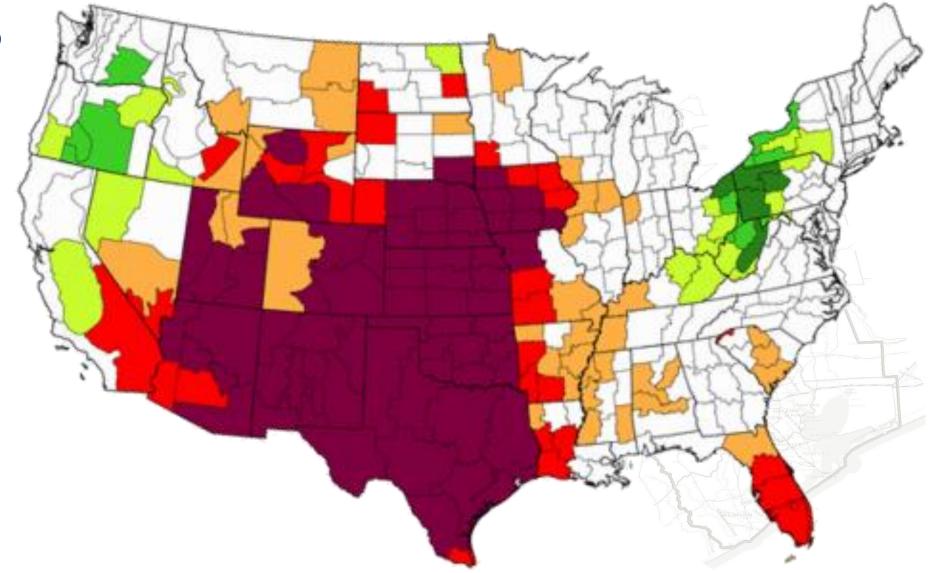
## DEVELOPING THE REGION H 2016 REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Gulf Coast Water Efficiency Network

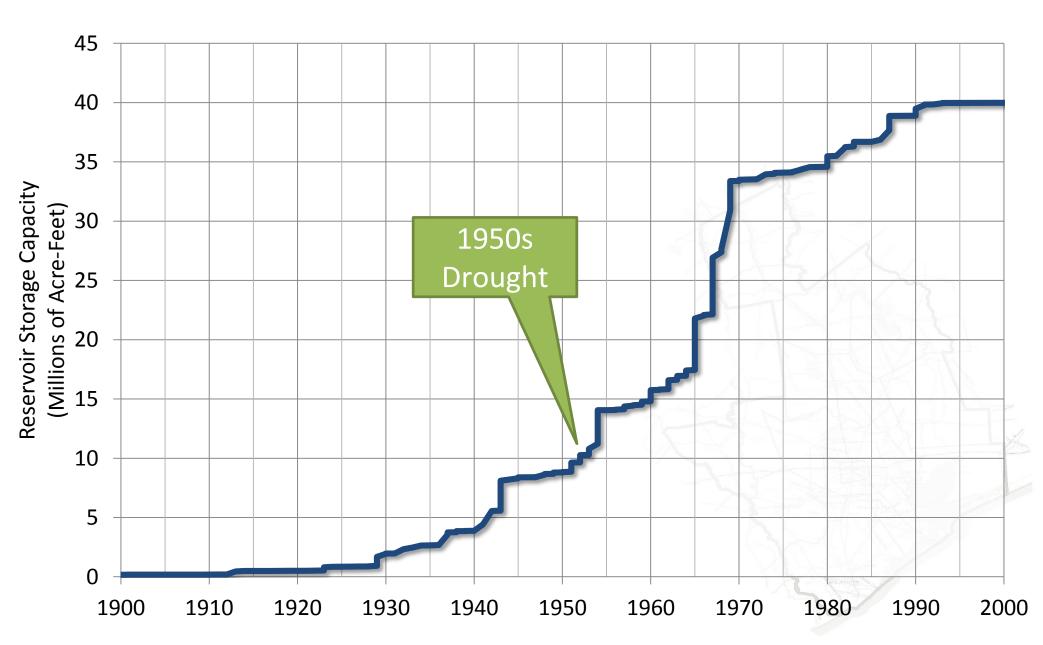
Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District

29 January 2015

September 1956



Response



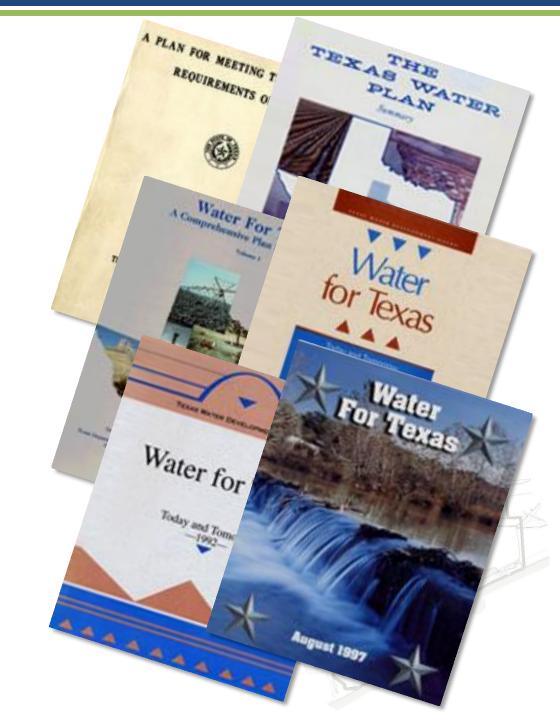
# 1957

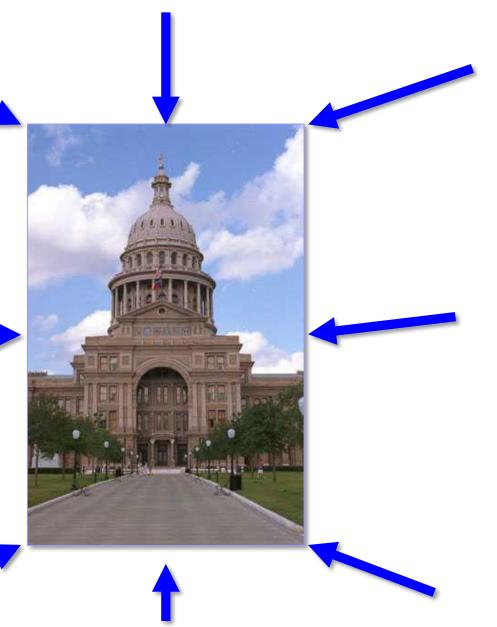
Provide water project funding

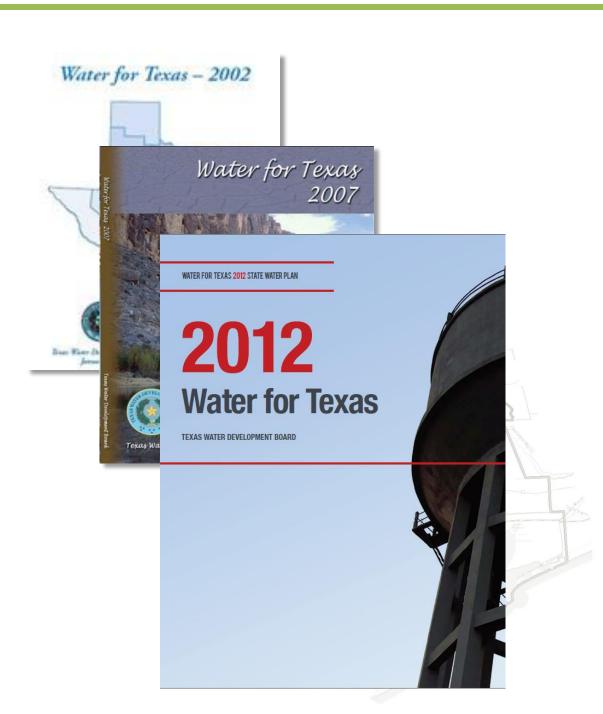
Prepare state water plans

## Texas Water Development Board







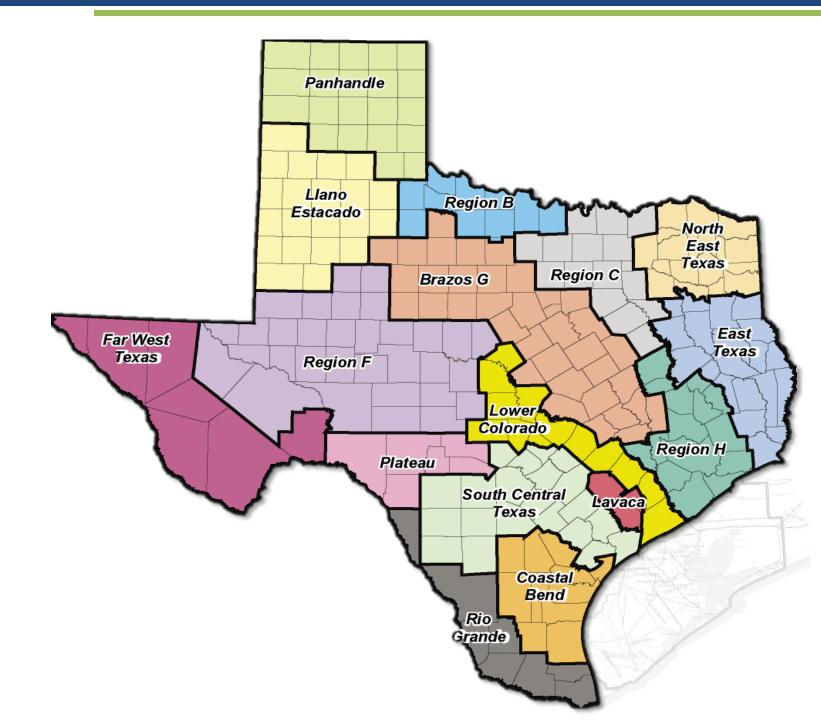


Regional Planning Areas

> Based on natural and political boundaries

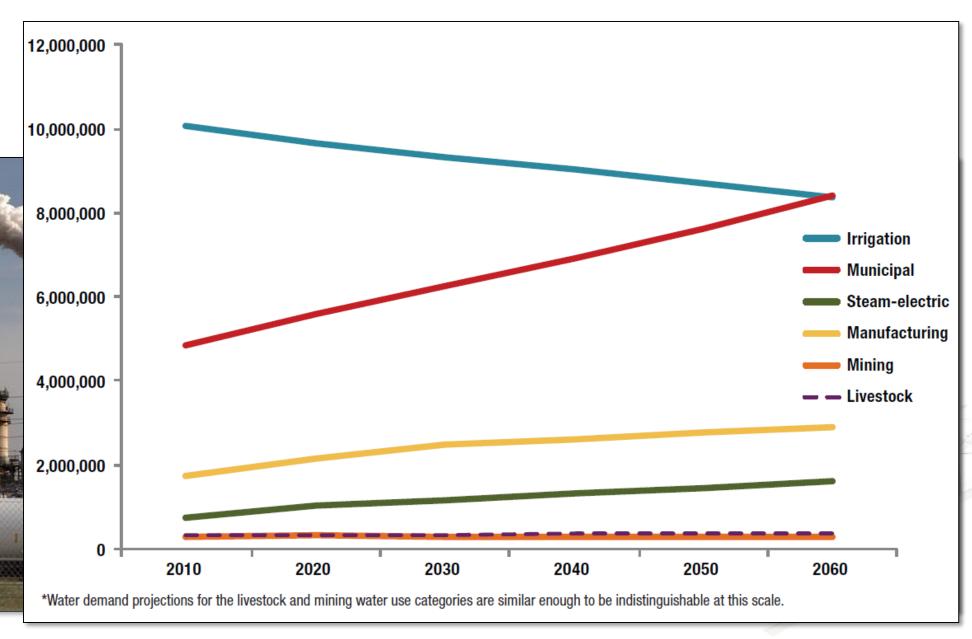
Volunteer planning groups

Diverse interests

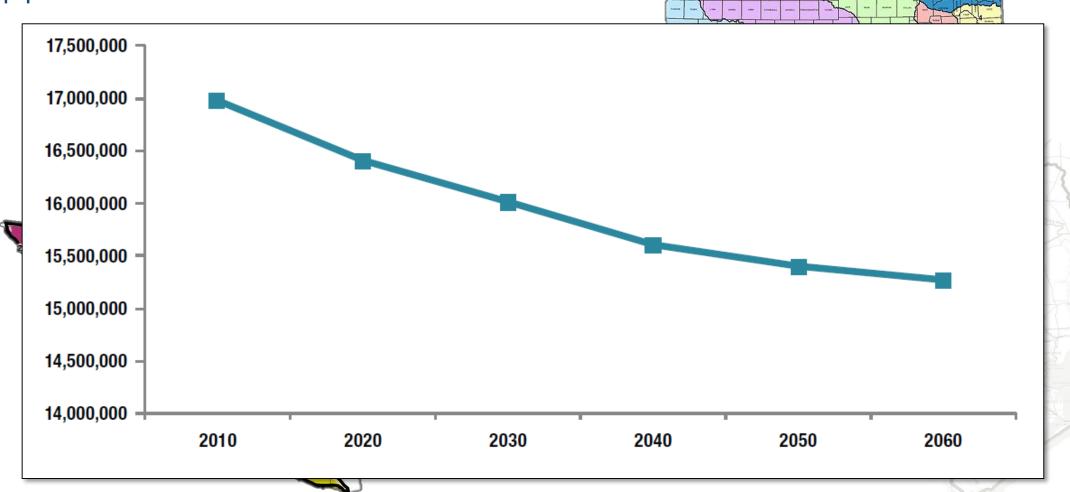


Demands

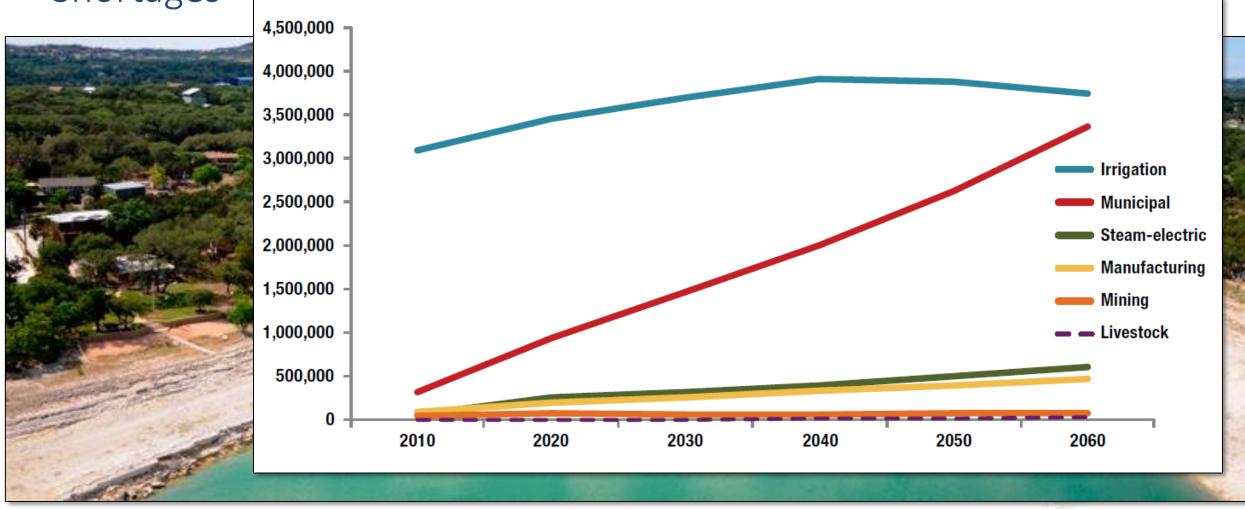




Supplies

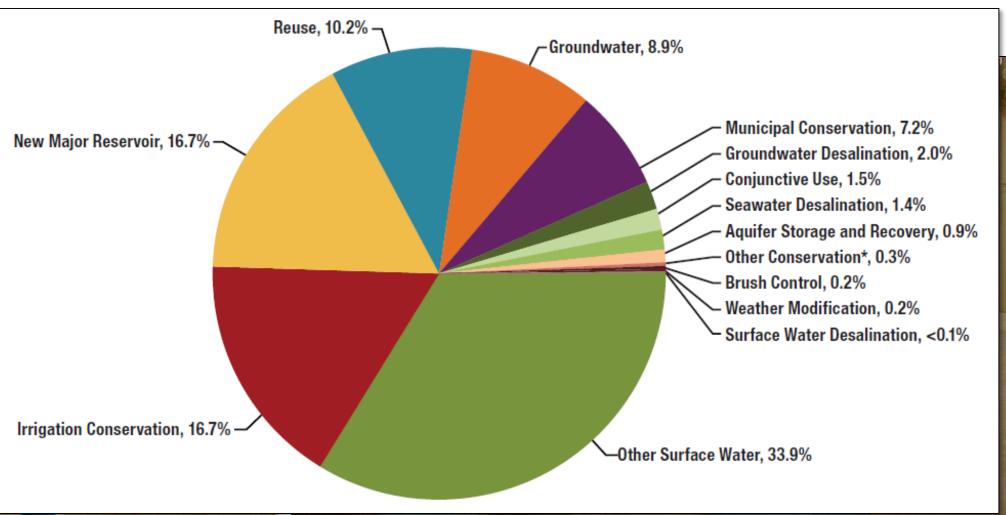


Shortages



Strategies







#### About Region H

- Extends over 15 counties
- Groundwater
  - Two major aquifers
  - Four minor aquifers
- Surface water
  - Three river basins
  - Three major reservoir
- 26 Planning Group members
  - 12 interest groups represented

The Process

#### **Demands**

How much water do we need?

#### **Supplies**

How much water do we have?

Identify Needs

#### **Strategies**

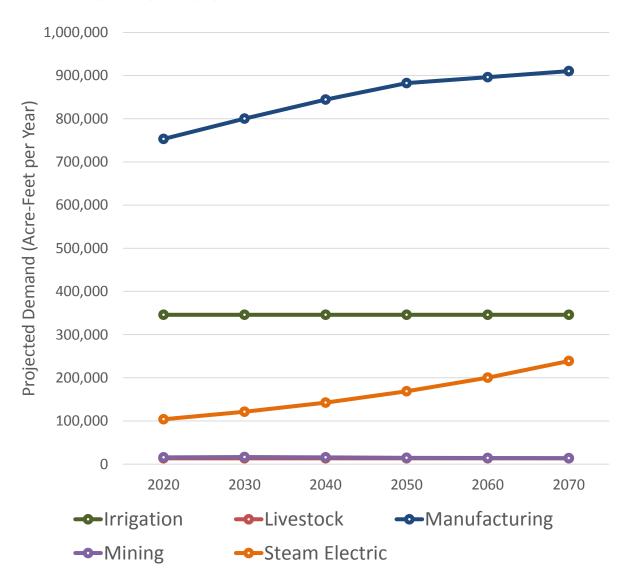
How can we get more water?

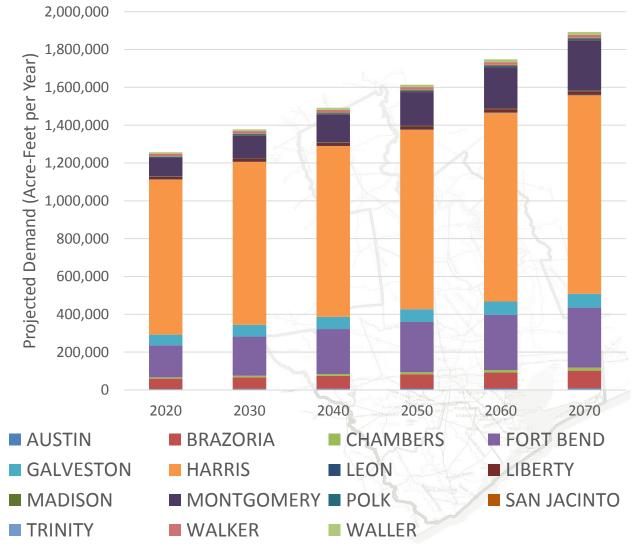
Select and Recommend WMS

#### **Final Plan**

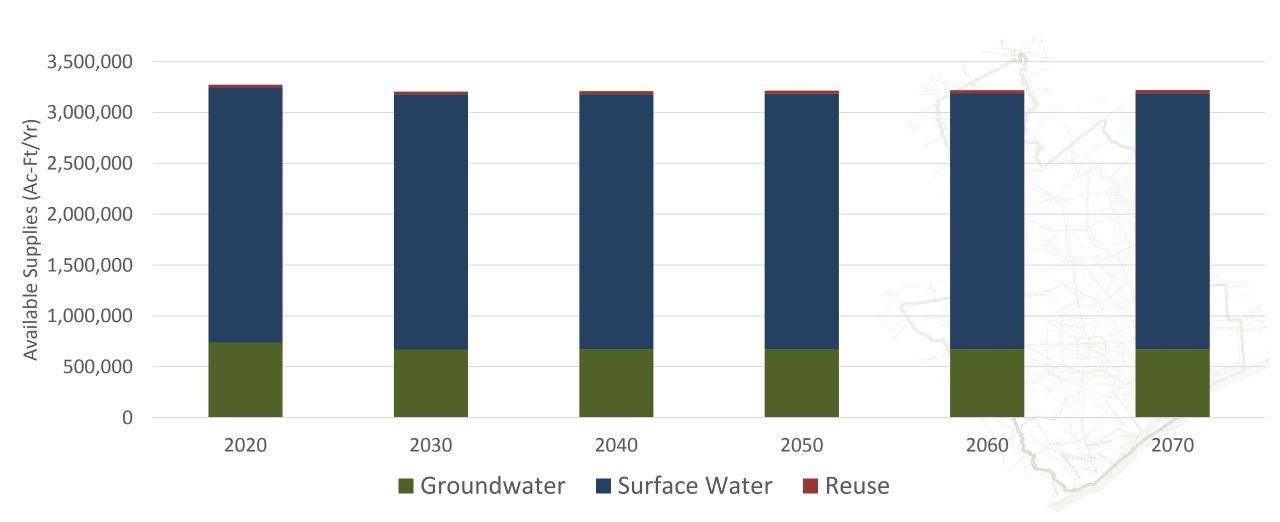
What do we recommend?

#### Demands

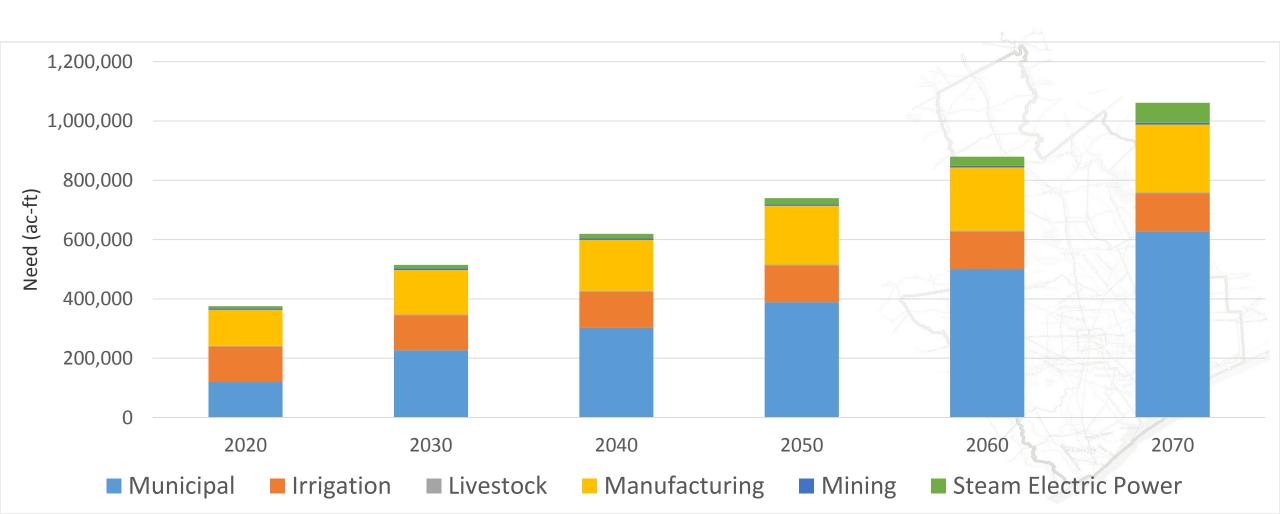




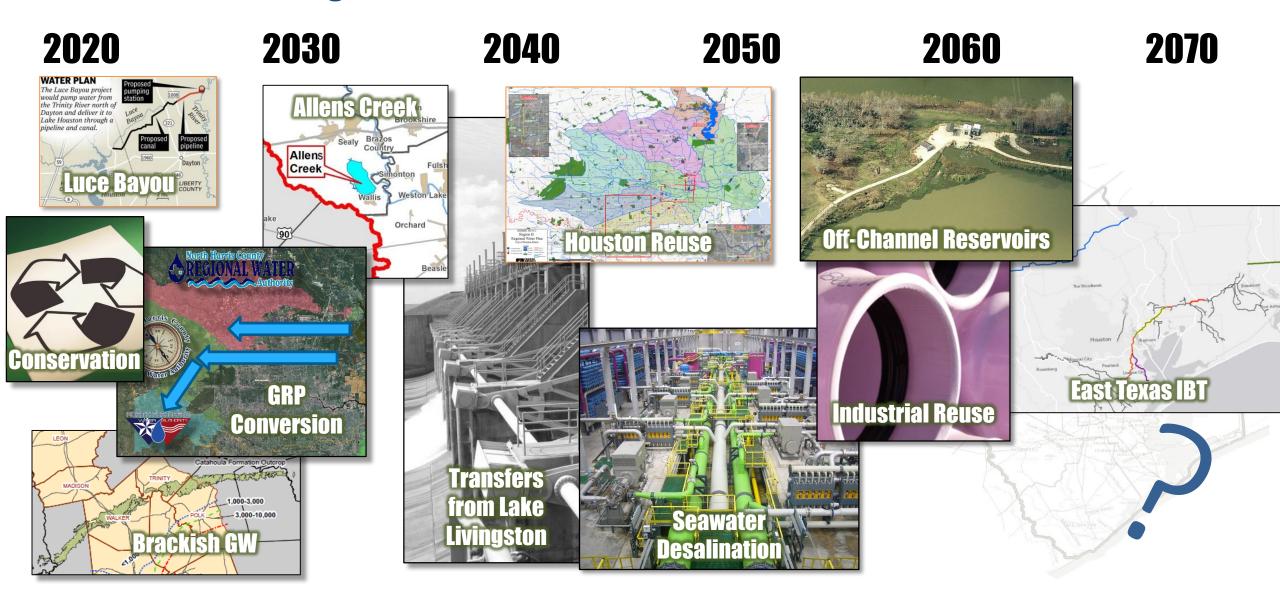
#### Supplies



Needs (Shortages)



Potential Strategies



Timeline

Develop and apply strategies

**Public Input** 









Submit Draft Plan May 2015 Submit Final Plan

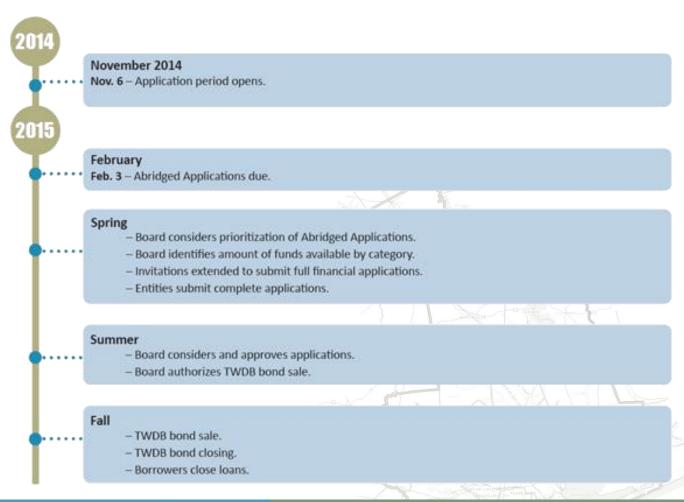
December 2015

#### **SWIFT/SWIRFT**

#### **SWIFT APPLICATION TIMELINE**



- \$2-billion from state's Rainy Day Fund
- Intended to fund almost \$27billion over 50 years
- State Water Plan projects
- Conservation and reuse
- Rural projects





















## **Getting Involved**

#### **How to Get Involved**

- Public process by design
- Regional Planning Group meetings
  - February 4<sup>th</sup> at San Jacinto River Authority
- Outreach stakeholders
  - Survey (population and demand projections, supplies, projects)
  - Directed correspondence
- Public comment period
  - Between IPP and Final Plan submittals

#### Why Get Involved?

- Build upon local planning efforts
  - Enhanced tools from region, state
- Identify gaps in long-term planning
  - Finding regional opportunities
- State funding
  - Identity regional need for infrastructure
  - Eligible for State programs
- TWDB-funded
  - No cost to participate

## Developing the Region H 2016 Regional Water Plan



http://www.regionhwater.org